

COUNTY OF BATH, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
BATH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Room 115

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Bath County, Virginia, Claire A. Collins, Chairperson; Clifford A. Gilchrest, Vice Chairman; Bruce McWilliams; Henry "Kevin" Fry; Phillip "Bart" Perdue; Lady and Gentlemen Supervisors; Michael M. Collins, County Attorney; and Ashton N. Harrison, County Administrator.

Claire A. Collins, Chair called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion made by Supervisor Gilchrest, with a second from Supervisor Fry, and adopted 5 in favor, 0 against, the Board went into closed meeting in the Upper Level Conference Room Pursuant to Code of Virginia of 1950 as amended section 2.2-3711.A.7 Consultation with Legal Counsel.

Supervisor Perdue made a motion, with a second from Supervisor Gilchrest which was adopted 5-0, in favor of coming out of closed meeting and returning to the regular meeting and to certify as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Bath County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Bath County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bath County Board of Supervisors certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (1) Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which the certification resolution applies and (2) Only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed and considered by the Bath County Board of Supervisors.

Ayes: Clifford Gilchrest, Claire Collins, Bart Perdue, Bruce McWilliams and Kevin Fry

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chair Collins called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Perdue offered the invocation.

Chair Collins asked the Board if they wished to approve or amend the agenda and the minutes from the October 13, 2015, Board of Supervisors meeting.

Supervisor Gilchrest moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Supervisor McWilliams seconded the motion which was adopted 5-0.

Supervisor Perdue made the motion to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2015, Board of Supervisors meeting as submitted. Supervisor Fry seconded the motion which was adopted 5-0.

Public Comment

Mrs. Sharon Lindsay, Rockbridge Regional Branch Manager, thanked the Board of Supervisors for their service to the County and for their continued support of the library system . Mrs. Lindsay invited the public to attend the library's annual cookie night on December 8, 2015.

Board Comment

Supervisor Gilchrest recognized the significance of veteran's day and expressed gratitude to all those who serve or have served in the military.

Chair Collins said there are many causes to celebrate in the community. Chair Collins recognized the veterans in attendance at the meeting. Chair Collins congratulated the B-league football coaches, players and cheerleaders for winning the superbowl. Chair Collins said she attended the 50th anniversary celebration of Total Action for Progress recently and was excited to report that TAP recognized local Pinehurst resident Danny Cardwell. Chair Collins presented the Board with a plaque from Virginia Cooperative Extension program thanking the County for the generous support provided to cooperative extension over the years. Chair Collins congratulated all newly elected Constitutional Officers and Board Members.

Proclamation recognizing Burnsville Rescue Squad

Supervisor Perdue made the motion to adopt the following proclamation recognizing the Burnsville Rescue Squad. Supervisor Fry seconded the motion which was adopted 5-0.

A Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Bath Recognizing the Burnsville Rescue Squad for Their Outstanding Performance at the 81st Annual Statewide EMT Contest

Whereas, Bath County relies exclusively on volunteers to provide fire and rescue services to the community; and

Whereas, these volunteers spend an extraordinary amount of their personal time training in order to perform at peak levels; and

Whereas, the Burnsville Rescue Squad won first place at the 81st Annual Statewide EMT Contest; and

Whereas, their performance reflects greatly upon Bath County and the importance of volunteer fire fighters and rescuers to our community; and

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Bath issues this Proclamation to recognize the Burnsville Rescue Squad for their extraordinary commitment to training and performance; and

Furthermore, to thank them for representing not only themselves but the whole of the Bath County Bath County and Its citizens.

Real Estate Reassessment Update

Mr. Steven Wampler, Wampler and Eanes Appraisal Group, said his firm completed the initial sales study in August. Mr. Wampler said he currently has one person working in the field and has completed about 953 parcels. He said it is still very early in the process but at this time with approximately 16% of the parcels complete the preliminary work suggests a stable environment.

2015 Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA)

Supervisor McWilliams made the motion to accept the PPTRA rate of 35.48% for 2015. Supervisor Perdue seconded the motion which was adopted 5-0.

Boards and Commissions

Supervisor Fry made the motion to appoint Claire A. Collins for a term to expire August 1, 2017, and James W. Bryan III for a term to expire August 1, 2018, to the Bath County Airport Authority. Supervisor Gilchrest seconded the motion which was adopted 4 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention (Chair Collins).

Actions from Closed Session

County Attorney Michael Collins said he was asked by the Board at a prior meeting to look into a funds appropriation made in 2011 by the previous Board for work to be done on the grounds of the Bath County Retirement Commission. Mr. Collins said a sink hole needed to be filled or stabilized to deter problems that might arise from the unprotected area. Mr. Collins said the funds were appropriated in 2011 but to date the project had not been bid or contracted. Mr. Collins said although he did not have access to the Retirement Home Commission's bank account he had been assured all the funds were still being held in their account. Mr. Collins said the funds were never authorized to be spent or transferred but were appropriated as part of the budget for the specific project of repairing/stabilizing the sink hole.

Supervisor McWilliams made the motion to direct the County Attorney to work with the Retirement Home Commission to retrieve the funds to be put back into the County budget until the new Board decides what they would like to do. He said the project may need to be

reassessed. Supervisor Perdue seconded the motion which was adopted 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention (Supervisor Gilchrest, who is a member of the Retirement Home Commission).

Consent Agenda

Supervisor Gilchrest made the motion to approve the payment of invoices, additional invoices, requests for transfers and appropriations, accept correspondence and monthly reports as submitted. Supervisor Perdue seconded the motion which was adopted 5-0.

Public Comment

Mrs. Mary Susan Blankenship, Bath County Retirement Home Commission member, said the \$64,000 is in the Commission's bank account and will remain there until spent. Mrs. Blankenship said the Commission is in the process of securing bid specifications and expects to have them within a month. Mrs. Blankenship said if the minutes are reviewed she believes it will be found that the minutes state the funds were undesignated.

Mr. Richard Byrd, Valley Springs District, said he agreed with the County Attorney that the funds were appropriated by the Board of Supervisors and requested by the Retirement Home Commission. Mr. Byrd said that is the appropriate process. The funds are appropriated and stay in the county coffers until requested at which time the funds in question were released as undesignated funds. Mr. Byrd said the Board of Supervisors at that time were concerned that someone might get hurt by falling into the hole and the county could be liable for millions of dollars.

Board Comment

Supervisor Gilchrest said a representative from healthcare.gov would be available at the Millboro clinic to help with enrollment. Supervisor Gilchrest said of Bath County's approximately 4,800 citizens 1,200 are enrolled in Medicare, and 750 are enrolled in Medicaid. Supervisor Gilchrest said last year approximately 4.5% or 200 citizens enrolled in healthcare.gov.

Supervisor Fry said reflecting on the recent countywide elections he hoped everyone would concentrate on what's best for the county and move forward.

Supervisor McWilliams congratulated those who were successful in their campaign. Supervisor McWilliams said the candidates all seemed to agree on one thing that economic development and economic diversity is important for the future of the County.

Chair Collins said the newly elected President of VACo said she hoped everyone who is in an elected office would serve with respect and honor, and to talk to not at each other. Chair Collins said citizens only get the government for which they didn't show up to vote for. Chair Collins said at the VACO conference participants were asked to put a post it note on their county with stating the most important thing for the future. She said almost every county put economic development.

Supervisor Perdue made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Fry seconded the motion which was adopted 5-0.

Chairperson Collins adjourned the meeting.

Ordered that this Board do now stand adjourned until 7:00 p.m., December 8, 2015 for the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Ashton N. Harrison, Clerk

APPROVED:

Claire A. Collins, Chairperson