

January 03, 2023

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 03, 2023 at 5:00 pm beginning at 5:00 pm with Executive (closed) Session (to discuss proposed economic development and county ordinances) followed by the regular meeting at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

Roll all by the Clerk:

Present:

Tim Lovelace
Lou Wallace
David Eaton
Steve Breeding
Carl Rhea
Oris Christian

Lonzo Lester, Clerk
Katie Patton, County Attorney
Rebekah Campbell, Secretary

Absent:

Rebecca Dye

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into Executive (closed) Session to discuss legal matters pursuant to Section 2.2-371(A)(5)(7)(8) – Legal Discussions concerning the proposed Economic Development Project and County Ordinances.

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The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to return to regular session.

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The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended each member of the Board of Supervisors upon the Roll Call certifies that to the best of their knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of

Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters that were identified in the motion(s) by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Board of Supervisors.

Any member of the Board of Supervisors who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) above shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place.

Are there any who believe a departure has taken place? Seeing none, if you agree that the matters heard, discussed, or considered during the closed meeting were pursuant only to the motion(s) by which the closed meeting was convened, please signify by saying aye or yes.

Tim Lovelace – AYE
Lou Wallace – AYE
Carl Rhea – AYE
David Eaton – AYE
Steve Breeding – AYE
Rebecca Dye - ABSENT
Oris Christian – AYE

Invocation by Jacob Musick, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the agenda as amended.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRPERSON

Lou Wallace relinquished the Chair to the Clerk of the Board.

Oris Christian nominated Lou Wallace

David Eaton nominated Steve Breeding

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Steve Breeding that nominations cease and call for the vote.

The vote was:

Aye: Oris Christian, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

Steve Breeding – (3) Three votes: David Eaton, Carl Rhea and Steve Breeding

Lou Wallace – (3) Three votes: Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

TIE VOTE – MOTION FAILED

Lou Wallace continues as Chair until the next meeting.

The Clerk relinquished the Chair back to Lou Wallace.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Carl Rhea nominated David Eaton

Tim Lovelace nominated Oris Christian

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton that nominations cease and call for the vote.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Oris Christian and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

Oris Christian – (3) votes: Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace and Oris Christian

David Eaton – (3) votes: Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding and David Eaton

TIE VOTE – MOTION FAILED

Oris Christian continues as Vice-Chairman until the next meeting.

LONZO LESTER APPOINTED AS CLERK OF THE BOARD AND VICKI PORTER AS DEPUTY CLERK

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Lonzo Lester as Clerk of the Board and Vicki Porter as Deputy Clerk for calendar year 2023.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Oris Christian and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adopt Robert’s Rules of Order for calendar year 2023.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF RUSSELL COUNTY BY-LAWS

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Russell County By-laws.

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE RUSSELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to set the regular board meeting schedule for the 1st Monday of the month beginning at 6:00 pm. (with exceptions for holidays and closed session).

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

The Chair appointed all the members of the Board to serve on the budget committee, the budget meetings will be advertised

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 05, 2022 MINUTES

Motion made by David Eaton, and Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the December 05, 2022 minutes as presented and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Budget Meeting schedule as presented.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by Oris Christian, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$2,926,860.67, including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

**CHARLENE BLANKENSHIP, RACHEL HELTON, DOUG LESTER, HAROLD THOMAS, BETTY SUE HESS AND
MICHELL THARY RE-APPOINTED TO THE DRILL COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Charlene Blankenship, Rachel Helton, Doug Lester, Harold Thomas, Betty Sue Hess and Michelle Tharp to the Drill Community Center Committee for (2) two-year terms, said terms ending December 31, 2024.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, Oris Christian and Tim Lovelace

Nay: None

COUNTY BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Steve Breeding nominated Nate Kiser

Carl Rhea nominated Ron Blankenship

Ron Blankenship – (3): Carl Rhea, Oris Christian and Lou Wallace

Nate Kiser – (3): Steve Breeding, David Eaton and Tim Lovelace

TIE VOTE – NO APPOINTEE CHOSEN

SHILOH LYTTLE APPOINTED TO THE HEART OF APPALACHIA TOURISM AUTHORITY

Motion made David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Shiloh Lyttle to the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

AARON FEESER APPOINTED TO THE CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

David Eaton nominated Aaron Feeser

Motion made by Steve Breeding second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Arron Feeser to the Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board by acclamation for a (3) three-year term, said term ending December 31, 2025.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

Citizens Comment

The Chair opened citizens' comment.

Carter McGlothlin, Lebanon asked that he be reinstated to the Russell County PSA, due to the charges against him going nowhere. He also stated that he was concerned about being denied the opportunity to speak by the Chairman of the PSA at the last meeting.

Charlie Hess, Lebanon asked if the budget meetings were open to the public.

The Chair closed citizens' comment.

County Attorney Reports and Requests

APPROVAL OF A NEW LEASE FOR THE FINNEY SOLID WASTE SITE

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the new lease for Finney Solid Waste Site.

The vote was:

Aye: Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE THE ABORTION CLINIC ORDINANCE

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the advertisement of the proposed Abortion Clinic Ordinance.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

County Administrator Reports and Requests

MOTION TO ABANDON STATE ROUTE 871

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the abandonment of State Route 871.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Oris Christian and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

Abstain: David Eaton, Carl Rhea and Tim Lovelace

MOTION FAILED

APPROVAL OF THE DEQ LITTER PREVENTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,456

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding to approve the DEQ Litter Prevention and Recycling Program in the amount of \$19,456.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE SOUTHEAST VA. REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY SERVICE AGREEMENT

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority Service Agreement.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Oris Christian, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE PRE-AUTHORIZED LIST OF PAYMENTS

Motion made by David Eaton second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the pre-authorized list of payments for 2023 as presented.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO REPAIR THE GLADE HOLLOW PARK DECK

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Glade Hollow Park Deck Repair project at an approximate cost of \$10,000 with the Little League providing the labor.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Oris Christian, David Eaton and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO APPOINT SHILOH LYTTLE AS LIAISON TO THE VIRGINIA AMERICA 250 COMMISSION (VA250)

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Shiloh Lyttle as the liaison (and form a committee) to the Virginia America 250 Commission (VA250).

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO ADJOURN TO RECONVENE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 5:00 PM IN
RICHMOND, VA.**

Motion made by David Eaton, second by Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjourn to reconvene on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm in Richmond, Virginia.

The vote was:

Aye: Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting in the lobby of the Omni Hotel in Richmond, Virginia on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call by the Clerk:

Present:

Steve Breeding
David Eaton
Oris Christian
Rebecca Dye
Lou Wallace

Lonzo Lester, Clerk
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk

Absent:

Tim Lovelace
Carl Rhea

Board members discussed county projects, grants, funding, etc. with legislators.

The Chair adjourned the meeting on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 8:45 am.

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson

