

December 02, 2019

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, December 02, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia. An Executive (closed) session was prior to the meeting at 5:00 pm.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

Roll Call by the Clerk:

Present:

Tim Lovelace
Lou Wallace
Carl Rhea
David Eaton
Steve Breeding
Harry Ferguson
Rebecca Dye

Lonzo Lester, Clerk
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk
Katie Patton, County Attorney

Absent:

None

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Motion made by Harry Ferguson, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into (closed) executive session pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(5) of the Code of Virginia to discuss legal and personnel matters pursuant to 2.2-3712(A), (3), (7) and (8).

The vote was:

Aye: Harry Ferguson, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and David Eaton

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Harry Ferguson, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to return to regular session.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

Invocation by Cuba Porter, Lakeview Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the agenda as approved.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

Presentations

The Russell County Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution was read by Steve Breeding.

APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY RESOLUTION FOR RUSSELL COUNTY

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

Senator Ben Chafin commended the Board on passing this Resolution.

Debbie Melton, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission addressed the Board concerning the DHCD Belfast Water Line Extension Grant.

APPROVAL OF THE BELFAST WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT GRANT FROM DHCD

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Department of Housing and Community Development Grant for the Belfast Waterline Extension Project.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO TAKE A (5) FIVE MINUTE RECESS

Motion made by Harry Ferguson, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to take a (5) five-minute recess.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson
Nay: None

APPROVAL TO RETURN TO THE MEETING

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

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson
Nay: None

Presentations continued:

William Puckett, RCSD gave a brief presentation on the upgrade of radio equipment for the Sheriff's department. He stated that the cost to upgrade and finish moving the E-911 Center would cost approximately \$550,000. He added that they were on a strict timeline with the quotes for the upgrade and the Board needed to act as soon as possible.

The Chairperson appointed Steve Breeding and Tim Lovelace to a committee to study the radio equipment upgrade and the E-911 Center relocation expenses.

APPROVAL TO UPGRADE RADIO EQUIPMENT AND MOVE THE E-911 CENTER

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the necessary expenditures contemplated on the Motorola Contract requested by the Sheriff's Office to ensure trade in value price deductions and other necessary expenditures deemed appropriate by the committee.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson
Nay: None

Board Appointments

TONY DODI RE-APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY IDA

Steve Breeding nominated Tony Dodi. Hearing no other nominations Tony Dodi was re-appointed by acclamation to the Russell County Industrial Development Authority for a (4) four-year term, said term ending December 31, 2023.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson
Nay: None

DONNIE CHRISTIAN APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY IDA

Tim Lovelace nominated Donnie Christian. Hearing no other nominations Donnie Christian was appointed by acclamation to the Russell County Industrial Development Authority for a (4) four-year term, said term ending December 31, 2023.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

RICHARD LOCKRIDGE RE-APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY IDA

David Eaton nominated Richard Lockridge. Hearing no other nominations Richard Lockridge was re-appointed by acclamation to the Russell County Industrial Development Authority for a (4) four-year term, said term ending December 31, 2023.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

DONNIE RAMEY RE-APPOINTED TO THE CMCSB

Steve Breeding nominated Donnie Ramey. Hearing no other nominations Donnie Ramey was re-appointed by acclamation to the Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board for a (4) four-year term, said term ending December 31, 2023.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

LINDA CROSS RE-APPOINTED TO THE HIGHWAY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tim Lovelace nominated Linda Cross. Hearing no other nominations Linda Cross was re-appointed by acclamation to the Russell County Highway Safety Committee for a (2) two-year term, said term ending December 31, 2021.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

MAXIE SKEEN RE-APPOINTED TO THE SOUTHWEST VA. EMS COUNCIL

Carl Rhea nominated Maxie Skeen. Hearing no other nominations Maxie Skeen was re-appointed by acclamation to the Southwest Va. EMS Council for a (4) four-year term, said term ending December 31, 2023.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson
Nay: None

APPROVAL TO TABLE THE HOA APPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to table the HOA appointments until the January 2020 meeting.

The vote was:

Aye: Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Harry Ferguson and Rebecca Dye
Nay: None

APPROVAL TO TABLE THE DSS BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to table the Department of Social Services Board Appointments until the January 2020 meeting.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 04, 2019 MINUTES

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the November 04, 2019 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

Aye: Tim Lovelace, Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Harry Ferguson and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$504,980.42, including withholdings and reoccurring.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Harry Ferguson, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton and Rebecca Dye
Nay: None

Citizens Comment

The Chair opened Citizens Comment period.

Eric Deskins, Lebanon commented that there has been some misinformation concerning the Second Amendment Resolution. He was interested in what the legal ramifications may be.

Nate Kiser, Russell County Republican Party Chair stated that the Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution really has no legal standing. He encouraged everyone to register to vote, he also commented that this was only the beginning of the fight. He thanked the Board for their support.

Jim Lyttle, Chair of the Tourism Advisory Committee stated that he is very troubled by the tabling of the HOA appointments.

The Chairperson closed Citizens Comment period.

County Administrator Reports and Requests

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 03, 2019 ABSTRACT OF VOTES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the November 03, 2019 abstract of votes from the general election.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF HARRY FERGUSON FROM THE SERVICE CONTRACT COMMITTEE

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the resignation of Harry Ferguson from the service contract committee.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

The Chairperson appointed Steve Breeding and Rebecca Dye to the Service Contract Committee.

AUTHORIZATION OF AN RFP FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DANTE DEPOT RENOVATION

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize an RFP for Architectural/Engineering Services for the Dante Depot Renovation.

The vote was:

Aye: Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Harry Ferguson and Rebecca Dye

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF VDOT RTE. 681 NOTICE OF INTENT

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a VDOT Rte. 681 Notice of Intent to discontinue from the Secondary System of State Highways.

The vote was:

Aye: Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Harry Ferguson and Rebecca Dye

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A DCJS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT GRANT IN AMOUNT OF \$57,028

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Violence Against Women Act from the Department of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$57,028.00

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR FY 2020

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Virginia Department of Health Local Service Agreement for FY 2020.

The vote was:

Aye: Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Harry Ferguson and Rebecca Dye

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A CPRWMA REQUEST FOR A LOVE WORK APPLICATION LETTER OF SUPPORT

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority request for a letter of support for a LOVE work application program.

The vote was:

Aye: Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Harry Ferguson and Rebecca Dye

Nay: None

COUNTY PAYROLL DATE SET FOR DECEMBER 20, 2019

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to set the payroll date for County employees on December 20, 2019 due to the Christmas holiday.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF \$20.00 GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve \$20.00 gift certificates for County employees.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Harry Ferguson and Rebecca Dye

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A PLAT FOR DAVID KINDER

Motion made by Harry Ferguson, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a plat for David Kinder as requested by the Russell County Planning Commission.

The vote was:

Aye: Harry Ferguson, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding and Rebecca Dye

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FOR \$1822.61

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve an invoice in the amount of \$1822.61 to be paid from the Sheriff's Department Virginia State Compensation Board funds.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FOR \$1041.90

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve an invoice in the amount of \$1041.90 to be paid from the Sheriff's Department Virginia State Compensation Board funds.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FOR \$29.48

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve an invoice in the amount of \$29.48 to be paid from the Sheriff's Department Virginia State Compensation Board funds.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding and Rebecca Dye

Nay: None

AUTHORIZATION OF A LETTER TO VDOT REQUESTING THAT FUNDING NOT BE REDUCED

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a letter to be sent to VDOT asking that funding not be reduced.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye, Harry Ferguson and Steve Breeding

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO ADJOURN TO RECONVENE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 AT 5:00 PM

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjourn to reconvene on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson

Nay: None

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson