

August 07, 2023

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 07, 2023 beginning with Executive (closed) Session 4:00 pm 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED)**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into Executive (closed) Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(5)(7)(8) – Legal Discussions concerning a Proposed Economic Development Project – Moss III.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian  
Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

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

The vote was:

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

**CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION**

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 Supervisors 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 - yes  
Lou Ann Wallace - yes  
Carl Rhea - yes  
Steve Breeding - yes  
David Eaton - yes  
Rebecca Dye - yes  
Oris Christian - yes

Invocation by Caleb Johnson, 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 presented.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **Presentation**

**Ernie McFadden** – Russell County IDA discussed economic projects.

### **New Business**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 10, 2023 MINUTES**

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the July 10, 2023 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$2,440,136.40 including withholdings and reoccurring.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **Committee Appointments**

#### **PATRICK BRUNTY AND JONI LESTER RE-APPOINTED TO THE CPMT**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Patrick Lester and Joni Lester to the Community Policy Management Team for three (3) year terms, said terms ending August 07, 2026.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

## **Citizens' Comment**

The Chair opened Citizens' Comment.

**Sandy Hess**, Swords Creek reminded the Board that the Pro-Life Resolution should have a plaque in the government center, she also commented that the bylaws need to be amended to allow a question and answer period for citizens.

**Judy Hamilton Sullivan** requested that the county needs a new animal control shelter or at the very least upgrades to the current one. Also, she thinks the County needs a new animal control officer.

**Randy Burke**, Lebanon thanked the Board for their support of Marc Mero. He thinks that we need to stop the dispensaries in this county before marijuana is legalized. He also commented that a question and answer period at the board meetings would be helpful.

The Chair closed Citizens' Comment.

## **County Administrator Reports & Requests**

### **APPROVAL OF A \$45,470.42 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT PAYMENT**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept a National Opioid Settlement payment in the amount of \$45,470.42.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **APPROVAL OF A VDOT - RESOLUTION RURAL RUSTIC ROAD DESIGNATION**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a VDOT Resolution – Rural Rustic Designation for Routes:

- Route 606, Blanche Davis Road
  - o From Route 609 to 1.20 miles south of Route 609, Length = 1.20 miles
- Route 636, Kents Ridge Road
  - o From 1.90 miles north of Route 640 to 3.20 miles north of Route 640, Length = 1.30 miles
- Route 671, Honaker Chapel Road
  - o From US 58 Alt to 1.30 miles west of US 58 Alt, Length = 1.30 miles
- Route 678, Lower Copper Creek Road
  - o From Route 606 to 1.00 mile east of Route 606, Length = 1.00 mile
- Route 679, Thomas Warner Road
  - o From Route 613 to 1.50 miles west of Route 613, Length = 1.50 miles
- Route 679, Tumbez Hollow Road
  - o From Route 613 to Route 824, Length = 0.90 mile
- Route 746, Stoney Point Hollow Road
  - o From Route 71 to End State Maintenance, Length = 1.17 miles

- Route 801, Steel Hollow Road
  - o From Route 668 to End State Maintenance, Length = 0.30 mile
- Route 824, Walt Drive
  - o From Route 679 to End State Maintenance, Length = 0.40 mile

The vote was:

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

#### **APPROVAL OF A VDOT RESOLUTION – HIGHWAY SYSTEM CHANGES – PUCKETT’S HOLE BRIDGE**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Oris Christian duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a VDOT Resolution – Highway System Changes – Project 0652-083-315, C501, B635 (Puckett’s Hole Bridge).

The vote was:

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

#### **APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR A FULL TIME COUNTY BUILDING & MAINTENANCE POSITION**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to advertise a full-time County Building & Grounds Maintenance Position.

The vote was:

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

#### **APPROVAL TO MOVE THE BOARD MEETING TO SEPTEMBER 05, 2023**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to set the September Board of Supervisors meeting on September 05, 2023 due to the holiday.

The vote was:

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

#### **APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE \$500 VET FEST, \$300 POSITIVELY GYMNASTICS AND \$300 DANTE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to make the following donations: Russell County Vet Fest - \$500, Positively Gymnastics - \$300 and Dante Community Association - \$300.

The vote was:

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

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

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Clerk of Board

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Chairperson