

**VIRGINIA:** At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, held at the Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building thereof on Monday, April 10, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Roger L. Martin, Chairman; David G. Young, Vice Chairman; H. Danny Foley, Sr., Crystal P. Harris, and Jonathan Large, Board Members; Regena H. Handy, County Administrator; Michael Burnette, Assistant County Administrator; Eric Helms Monday, County Attorney; and Mary Beth Roberson, Assistant to the County Administrator.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

The County Attorney gave the invocation.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a Moment of Silence in honor of U. S. military personnel serving abroad.

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the agenda for the meeting was approved.

Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large

Voting Nay: None

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the minutes of the March 13, 2006 meeting and work notes of the March 27, 2006 work session were approved.

Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large

Voting Nay: None

The Chairman opened the Public Comment Period.

This day came Ginny Smith regarding Lover's Leap in the Meadows of Dan community. Ms. Smith advised that she is owner of Blue Ridge Hollow Cabin, a member of an Agriculture and Tourism group, and a member of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce. She said that Lover's Leap is a disgrace to this County due to the trash and the graffiti on the rocks, rock wall and sign post, which is missing a sign. She advised that a sofa has been thrown over the side of the mountain. Ms. Smith

inquired about the use of prisoners to assist in the clean up. She stated, "I would just like to have the backing of the County in this project to get this taken care of and maybe have a sign put back up to discourage writing on the walls and everything and maybe put a write up in the paper and ask citizens to help us with this problem because it really does look bad on our County". Mrs. Smith advised that the trashcans at Fred Clifton Park are not being emptied on a regular basis and suggested placing a trashcan on the right-hand side of Lover's Leap. Mrs. Harris stated that she has never seen Lover's Leap look as bad as it does now. Ms. Smith advised that the longer people are allowed to deface the area, the worse it will get. The County Administrator advised that the County hires an individual on a seasonal basis to mow and pick up trash as the Fred Clifton Park; however, emptying trashcans could be done year around, if needed. Mr. Young stated it is his opinion that a community group would have more success than using prisoners. Ms. Smith noted that people have begun to put graffiti on the covered bridges.

The Chairman asked for any additional comments from the public; none were made and the Public Comment Period was closed.

This day came Deanna Cox, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, to present the Patrick County Financial Statements Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006. She advised that GASB 40 was enacted this year, which is a new reporting guideline that increases disclosure for the locality on investment risk, interest rate risk, and custodial credit risk. She noted that the audit includes a Management's Discussion and Analysis, which is put together by the County Administrator. Mrs. Cox advised that the County's Fund Balance looks pretty good right now; however, it includes approximately \$2.4 million of bond proceeds that have not yet been spent. She encouraged the Board to try to grow the Fund Balance to get to a minimum funding of a reserve, which is 10% of the locality's recurring expenditures. She noted that the County's net asset balance is a little over \$5 million, which includes the \$2.4 million in bond proceeds. Mrs. Cox advised that there are several management comments resulting from the audit, which have not yet been shared with the Board of Supervisors or the School Board. She advised that she would prefer to speak with the School Board about the comments before she addresses them publicly; therefore, she would

not go into detail regarding the comments until the School Board has an opportunity to address same. The Chairman stated that he would like to have “blunt language and a complete explanation” of what is wrong and what it’s going to take in the auditing firm’s estimation to fix it. Mrs. Cox stated that as an overall group, there was not a concern about funds being spent incorrectly; however, there were instances where purchasing procedures were not followed or things were not done adequately enough for the firm to substantiate them. She advised that the first management comment refers to accounts receivable for the Transfer Station. She stated that Rural Services does not remit tipping fees for transfer station services in a timely manner. She noted that the same comment appeared in the prior year’s management comments as well. Ms. Cox stated that the County Administrator’s Office has begun taking steps to resolve the matter. She advised that one of the concerns regarding the School Board was significant enough to cause the firm to qualify the actual opinion in the audit. She stated that in trying to substantiate the information that the School Board gave the firm for assets purchased, construction projects, and expenditures, they were not able to adequately match expenditures with projects, which prevented the firm from matching them with related School Board debt. She stated that a significant amount of money was involved in terms of construction contracts and the firm qualified the opinion stating that they could not substantiate same. Mrs. Cox advised that part of the problem is procedural and a lack of training and know-how as to how to provide the auditors the needed information in a usable form. She stated that nothing was intentionally done wrong, but the method and the process were not sufficient. Mrs. Cox explained that she plans to come back in May to work with the School Board to get a process in place so that this problem does not reoccur in the 2006 audit. The Chairman read the following statement from the Independent Auditor’s Report: Management of the Component Unit School Board has not adequately capitalized construction expenditures by project funding through long-term debt which affects the governmental activities of the primary government through the major capital projects fund. He quoted that as such, completed projects cannot be capitalized as completed nor can depreciation on completed projects be calculated. He stated that there is a “hole” there. Mrs. Cox advised that the statement refers to what she had been discussing, which is the opinion qualification. She stated, “Everything in the County is okay except for this one piece.” She advised that the firm could not determine the

exact amount of money that is off. She noted that the School Board has all the documentation as to what the money was spent on; however, the firm could not match expenditures with the applicable project. She advised the firm must be able to relate each project with the associated debt, which affects the presentation of the financial statements. She stated that there is a good possibility that the firm could have figured out the problem in a couple more months; however, this process had already been extended into February. She noted that the firm would attempt to correct the problem in the coming year. The Chairman advised that in the past, the School Board has had projects with overruns and noted that the Board will be taking a vote on the School's long-term debt later in the meeting. He stated that the problem seems to be a lack of good record keeping and accountability. Mrs. Cox advised that the problem might have been caused because one person was not designated to handle all of the record keeping for the projects and directed to follow them to completion. She noted that a variety of people were trying to pull together needed information for the audit and that the employee who handles the accounts payable was out on maternity leave during the auditing process. She stated that there was a "hole" big enough that the firm did not believe that a clean opinion could be given. The Chairman asked if the missing information could be found. Mrs. Cox stated that she believes that it could and that she would come back in the near future to review and identify all of the School Board's invoices. She noted that in order for the firm to be able to present the financial statements to the Board on a timely basis, the firm was not able to do an in depth review of all of the invoices. The Chairman read the following Financial Statement Finding: Expenditures of the Component Unit School Board are not properly posted to the general ledger. Internal controls should be in place that will provide reasonable assurance that all vendor payments are properly posted to the School Board general ledger. He advised that his interpretation of the statements is that no one really knows how much money the School Board has spent or how much they have left. Mrs. Cox said that would be a logical conclusion. She noted that the County does not have an integrated accounting system that would allow "everything to flow through to one spot"; therefore, the firm must compare the figures from the School Board's accounting system with the figures from the Treasurer's Office. She stated that the School Board did not realize that their figures were "way off" until she advised them of same. She noted that it took the School Board approximately one month after the firm

left the field to figure out that certain things had not been posted and canceled checks had not been removed. She advised that the firm had a problem with the reconciling of the general ledger for the School Board. She stated that procedures should be implemented to ensure that the figures that are generated by the School Board match the Treasurer's figures, which should be done on a monthly basis. She noted that mistakes do happen and the monthly reconciliation between both organizations would "bring to light" any errors that may have occurred. Mr. Large asked if Mrs. Cox is suggesting that the County purchase an integrated software system to prevent this problem in the future. Mrs. Cox stated that most localities have acquired a county-wide integrated software system that provides a year-round comprehensive financial report. She noted that in Patrick County, the Treasurer, School Board, Social Services, and County Administrator each have their own component of the financial statement, which do not come together until the audit process begins. She stated that an integrated accounting system is very useful; however, it's very expensive. The Chairman advised that people are the key to the whole thing. He stated that the public's money is being spent but no one knows where it is going. He advised that the general ledger and accountability have to be strengthened. Mrs. Cox noted that there were several cases where the School Board did not follow the State's procurement policy and that a public hearing was not held prior to an amendment to the School Board's Budget. She advised that the final management comment relates to segregation of duties in the Treasurer's Office. She stated that the collection of revenue by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer may be checked at the end of the day by the same person. She noted that the firm has no concerns about this issue; however, they are required to report same. She stated that this situation occurs due to limited staffing. Mrs. Cox stated that the staff that keeps the County's accounting records generally do a very good job. She noted that for a locality this size, it's pretty amazing to find that many competent people to do this "stuff". She advised that the employees are very pleasant to work with. Mr. Large asked if a monthly meeting between the four departments would resolve the problem. Mrs. Cox stated that the Treasurer is the focal point. She advised that it is important for the School Board, Social Services, and County Administration to meet with the Treasurer individually on a regular basis. She noted that the School Board typically did this in the past, but she is unsure why it did not happen in 2005. Mr. Large asked if a monthly review would be helpful. Mrs. Cox

stated that it would be a great addition to the current procedures that are in place; however, she recommended conducting a review on a quarterly basis. The County Administrator advised that the County's bookkeeper always balances with the Treasurer on a monthly basis. Mrs. Cox stated that the Patrick County Treasurer's Office is very attentive. She advised that the County typically keeps very good records.

The County Administrator reported on the activities of her office for the preceding month, as required by Section 15.2-407 (B), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

A. FY 2006-07 Budget/General Assembly Action Update: The County Administrator advised that the County continues to wait for an adoption of a State budget by the General Assembly and for any final revenue figures that would be provided by same. She stated that a draft County budget, which is based on the figures that the County has, would be ready in the near future for review by the Budget Committee.

B. Employee Health Insurance: The County Administrator noted that last year, the County solicited bids for health insurance for County employees due to a large increase in Anthem's premiums. She stated that the County selected Mamsi to provide insurance coverage for its employees. Mrs. Handy advised that the Insurance Committee, which is comprised of School Board Personnel, County Bookkeeper, and the County Administrator, met last week to discuss various issues relating to the current insurance provider. She noted that the employees' main concern was the lack of participating providers that many of the employees have seen for numerous years. She stated that there have also been many concerns with the drug card. Mrs. Handy advised that the Committee decided to go out for bid for health insurance again this spring. Mrs. Harris stated that bidding out employee health insurance would be a good idea. Mrs. Handy advised that the County's experience factor had improved considerably since last year.

C. Authorization to change Deferred Compensation Status: The County Administrator advised that an employee would like to withdraw money from the Deferred Compensation Fund; however, David Hoback, former County Administrator,

is still listed as the agent for the program. Mrs. Handy requested that the Board appoint her as trustee for the Oppenheimer Fund Account.

On motion by David G. Young seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the Board does hereby certify that David R. Hoback, former County Administrator, no longer serves as trustee of the Oppenheimer Fund Account for the County of Patrick; further, the Board hereby appoints Regena H. Handy, County Administrator, as trustee to change the registration on the Oppenheimer Fund Account on behalf of Patrick County.

**Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large**

**Voting Nay: None**

Mrs. Harris advised that certain documents pertaining to call letters for the rescue squads still reflect Mr. Hoback as County Administrator.

**D. Formal Approval of Burning Ban Poll Vote:** The County Administrator advised that a burning ban was invoked by the County last Thursday and that formal approval is needed for same. She noted that the Virginia Department of Forestry recommended that the ban be maintained until there is a significant amount of rainfall and the trees have totally bloomed out. Mrs. Harris stated that she and Mr. Foley had requested that a burning ban be enacted a month ago.

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by David G. Young and carried, the Board hereby formally approves the following poll vote taken by telephone on April 6, 2006:

Declaration of Emergency

Due to Dry Weather / Wind Conditions

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Patrick County, Virginia hereby find:

- 1.) Limited rainfall and precipitation received in the County during recent weeks and high wind conditions have caused grasslands and woodlands to be extremely dry.
- 2.) Un-controlled, open fires pose a serious threat to life and property while the current dry conditions exist.
- 3.) After consultation with the Virginia Department of Forestry, Emergency Management recommends that an emergency declaration prohibiting any person to set fire to, or procure another to set fire to any woods, brush, logs, leaves, grass, debris, or

other flammable material within the boundaries of Patrick County, be adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Patrick County Board of Supervisors does hereby issue a DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO DRY WEATHER AND WIND CONDITIONS in accordance with Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia and hereby evoke the provisions of the Patrick County Emergency Operations Plan and other related State law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this order is effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 6, 2006 and it shall remain in effect until further notice by the Patrick County Board of Supervisors.

**Polled telephone vote of the Patrick County Board of Supervisors by the County Administrator on Thursday, April 6, 2006.**

**Voting Aye: Foley, Harris, and Large**

**Voting Nay: None**

**Unable to Contact: Martin and Young**

**Mr. Large advised that residents in Ararat and Claudville were not notified of the ban. He stated that he supports the ban; however, his concern was that the residents were not aware of same. The County Administrator advised that her office contacted the Mount Airy News, WSYD, and WPAQ. Mr. Large recommended the addition of WBRF 98.1 to the contact list. Mr. Foley recommended that the County contact local fire departments about posting the burning ban on their signs. Mrs. Harris suggested posting flyers at convenience stores and restaurants throughout the County. The County Administrator advised that the County does not enact a burning ban until it is absolutely necessary because it can create problems for some residents and businesses.**

**E. Transfer Station Hours: The County Administrator advised that for the past several years, the hours of operation on Wednesdays were extended until 7:00p.m. during Daylight Savings Time. She noted that the Transfer Station began the extended hours last Wednesday.**

**F. Road Name Changes: The County Administrator presented the Board with a letter from the E-911 Coordinator advising of proposed road name changes in the County. Mrs. Harris advised that the request should be sent to the E-911 Committee.**

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by Jonathan Large and carried, the Board does hereby direct the County Administrator to forward the road name changes request from the E-911 Coordinator to the E-911 Committee for its consideration.

Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large

Voting Nay: None

**G. Discussion of Maintenance Issues:**

1. *Voting Precincts Improvements:* The County Administrator noted that changes / improvements need to be made at the voting precincts in the County to bring them up to accessibility compliance and handicap regulations, which is required by the State. She advised that the County's Maintenance Department has been working on several of the improvements; however, the Department would not be able to complete some needs such as paving and creating handicap parking spaces. She stated that a few of the projects would cost approximately \$5,000 each. Mrs. Handy requested authorization to seek bids / quotes for the projects that could not be completed by the Maintenance Department. Mr. Young noted that the Capital Depreciation Fund could be used to pay for repairs made to County owned facilities. Mrs. Handy advised that she would contact the owners of the facilities that are not owned by the County before repairs are made to same.

On motion by Jonathan Large, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the Board does hereby authorize the County Administrator to solicit bids / quotes for improvements / repairs to voting precincts, which are required by the State of Virginia, that cannot be completed by the County Maintenance Department.

Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large

Voting Nay: None

2. *HVAC Repairs:* The County Administrator advised that a compressor for the HVAC System for the Veterans' Memorial Building needs to be replaced. She stated that three quotes have been received. The Chairman asked about the age of the current system. The County Administrator advised that one of the two compressors had been replaced; however, she could not confirm which compressor was changed. The Chairman inquired about a possible warranty on same. Mrs. Handy advised that she would ask the Maintenance Director to attend the

upcoming work session to discuss the compressor issue along with the flood canal cleanup and Veterans' Memorial Building door repairs.

H. Formal Acknowledgment of Wind Farms Press Release: The County Administrator noted that the Board had provided the press with a news release on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> regarding a contact from a company discussing a possible wind farm in Patrick County. Mr. Foley stated that wind farms could be harmful to Patrick County and that the Board should proceed slowly with this issue. He suggested adopting an ordinance on an emergency basis to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed wind farms and to delay the construction of same. The Chairman stated that he disagrees with passing an ordinance at this time because more information is needed. Mrs. Harris stated that she would like to have input from the public regarding this issue. The County Attorney advised that because Patrick County does not have a zoning ordinance, the Board could not restrict the construction of wind farms. He stated that a building permit is the only thing that a company would need to build a wind farm in the County. Mr. Monday advised that the Code of Virginia allows localities to adopt an emergency ordinance, which is enforceable for sixty days. The Chairman stated that he would like to see some discussion regarding the advantages and disadvantages of wind farms before an ordinance is passed. He stated, "What you're saying is that people cannot use their land for what they want. I violently disagree with it. I don't think we know what we are doing". He said that there are a lot of things to consider. Mr. Foley advised that if the Board adopts the proposed ordinance, it would be able to discuss the issue further and the construction of a wind farm would be prohibited for sixty days. The Chairman stated that he would like to table the issue until the work session. Mr. Large stated, "My biggest concern is that the company hasn't come back to this Board or to the public and done what they said by answering some questions". The Chairman advised that the Assistant County Administrator had visited a locality that had a wind farm. He asked Mr. Burnette to inform the Board of what that locality had told him regarding same. In response to specific questions from the Chairman, Mr. Burnette advised that the wind farms in that locality did not kill a large number of birds, the locality is receiving some tax revenue, the farms draw tourists somewhat, and the wind is actually louder than the fans when standing thirty to forty yards away from same. Mr. Martin advised that wind farms are using energy that is relatively free. He

stated, "I think we've got to get a lot more information before we say no. This emergency ordinance is putting a lot of impact on other things that we may not be aware of right now". Mr. Burnette advised that wind farms have "a lot of good and a lot of bad". He recommended that each Board member visit a wind farm to see it firsthand. The Chairman suggested amending Mr. Foley's motion to say that the Board would consider the ordinance rather than an outright ban. Mr. Foley advised that if the Board does not act at this juncture in time, a second wind farm could be constructed as well. Mr. Young stated, "I have a problem with any piecemeal attack at a problem. We had a retreat recently and we talked a great deal about this County's need for a long-range land use planning. And if we are going to enact such an ordinance on an emergency, temporary or whatever kind of basis, I see no reason for a sixty day ordinance to exempt anything above 100 feet tall". He recommended amending Mr. Foley's motion to direct the Board to immediately empower the Planning Commission to begin working on a Comprehensive Plan to address this and other problems that the Board knows will exist in Patrick County. Mr. Young stated, "The motion is that this thing goes into effect for sixty days and the Planning Commission goes to work immediately to determine what a long-term fix is and to remove the exception for anything'. The Chairman stated, "If we do put in an ordinance on this, that we make it an intricate part of a zoning ordinance". Mr. Monday advised that the following amendments to Mr. Foley's motion were proposed: (1) remove telecommunications' exception; and (2) direct Planning Commission to begin working on a long-term land use plan. Mr. Young made a motion to remove the telecommunication's exception from the original motion, which was seconded by Mr. Martin; however, Board members Foley, Harris, and Large voted nay to same. Mr. Young made a motion to direct the Planning Commission to begin consideration of land use planning and possible zoning, which was seconded by Mr. Martin; however, Board members Foley, Harris, and Large voted nay to same. The County Attorney advised that the third amendment stated that any future ordinances adopted would be a part of a comprehensive zoning ordinance. He stated that zoning is the only way that the Board can prevent the construction of structures of a particular height. He noted that Mr. Foley's motion would designate the entire County as a tall structures district and the only specific prohibition would be structures of a certain height. Mr. Monday stated, "Mr. Martin's motion would be to consider a comprehensive zoning ordinance, which I assume

would involve designating certain areas of the County as agricultural areas, certain as commercial, certain as industrial, certain as residential and doing significantly more of planning and restriction in terms of the types of structures or development that would be permitted in certain areas and not permitted in other areas”. Mr. Young stated, “I think the Planning Commission should look at this whole thing”. Mr. Martin proposed a resolution that if a formal, permanent ordinance is adopted after sixty days, that it would become part of a comprehensive zoning ordinance, which was seconded by Mr. Young; however, Board members Foley, Harris, and Large voted nay to same.

On motion by H. Danny Foley, Sr., seconded by Jonathan Large and carried, the Board does hereby adopt the following:

Pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2280, be it ordained that, the entire area of Patrick County is designated the Tall Structures Zoning District; within this District no structure shall be permitted to be constructed exceeding one hundred (100) feet in height, excepting structures that are erected and used exclusively for the purposes of telecommunication. This prohibition shall be without any other exception and there shall be no variances, nor conditional or special use permits granted from this ordinance; this ordinance is adopted on an emergency basis in conformity with Code of Virginia Section 15.2-1427(F); further, this ordinance will be properly advertised for adoption as a regular ordinance in accordance with the Code of Virginia, and that prior to this Board’s voting on its formal adoption, the public be invited to comment upon it.

Voting Aye: Foley, Harris, and Young

Voting Nay: Martin and Young

Mr. Large stated, “My intent was not to take it out of the Planning Commission but to buy time as to let the public speak and this company come back and speak to the public regarding this project”. Mr. Young advised that the Board needs the Planning Commission looking at long-range comprehensive plans for development in this County. He stated that the Planning Commission cannot begin working on a plan until the Board votes to approve same.

The Board recessed for fifteen minutes.

The Board reconvened into regular session.

I. **Follow-up from Board Retreat:** The County Administrator thanked the Board for attending the two-day Strategic Planning Session, which was held March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated that Randy Arno, Weldon Cooper Center, did a wonderful job facilitating same. She advised that Mr. Arno will create a summary of the retreat for the Board. Mrs. Handy noted that during the planning session, the Board agreed to meet again in June.

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. and carried, the Board does hereby direct the Planning Commission to begin work immediately on a long-range comprehensive plan for Patrick County; further that the Planning Commission review ordinances in localities, which are similar in size and make to Patrick County, to assist with same.

Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large

Voting Nay: None

J. **Citizen Request to Consider Cemetery Fencing Requirement:** The County Administrator advised that a citizen had requested that she present a proposed cemetery fencing requirement to the Board. She stated that plastic cemetery flowers contain wire, which is harmful to cattle if eaten. Mrs. Handy advised that according to the citizen, the plastic flowers that are blown into the fields by the wind could be caught up into hay bails or eaten directly by the cows. Mr. Young stated that the public needs to be aware that they are liable for damages that are caused by the flowers that are left in a cemetery. He advised that if the public is made aware of the problem, they might “police” themselves better. Mr. Large suggested that the request be sent to the Planning Commission for review of same.

K. **Noted for Record Receipt of Department Head Reports:**

(1) Sheriff: The report of Patrick County Sheriff David Hubbard of prisoners confined during the previous month in the County Jail was this day presented, which report was examined as required by Section 53-178, 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and found to be correct.

(2) Building Inspector: A report of the activities of Jason Brown, County Building Inspector, for the preceding month, including a list of the number of new and used mobile homes for which permits were issued during the past month, was presented and examined. Said reports are approved and ordered filed with the papers of this meeting.

**(3) DMV Agent: A report of office activities of Shirley Rorrer, Patrick County Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Agent, was presented for the Board's information. Said report is noted and ordered filed with the papers of this meeting.**

**(4) Treasurer: A trial balance of the records of Carolyn I. Tatum, Patrick County Treasurer, as of the last day of the previous month and a statement of depositories made during the same month was submitted. Said report is noted.**

**(5) Animal Control Officer: A report of the activities of C. Leon Handy, County Animal Control Officer, were presented and examined for the preceding month. Said report is noted and ordered filed with the papers of this meeting.**

**(6) Maintenance Supervisor: A report of activities of Teddy Doss, Maintenance Supervisor was presented and examined for the preceding month. Said report is noted and filed with the papers of this meeting.**

**(7) Emergency Management: A report of the activities of Michael Hudson, Emergency Management Coordinator, was presented and examined for the preceding month. Said report is noted and ordered filed with the papers of this meeting.**

**(8) Tourism Director: A report of the activities of Jeannie Frisco, Tourism Director, was presented and examined for the preceding month. Said report is noted and ordered filed with the papers of this meeting.**

**(9) Recreation Director: A report of the activities of Clyde Crissman, Recreation Director, was presented and examined for the preceding month. Said report is noted and ordered filed with the papers of this meeting.**

**(10) Economic Development Director: A report of the activities of Michael Burnette, Economic Development Director, was presented and examined for the preceding month. Said report is noted and ordered filed with the papers of this meeting.**

**The Assistant County Administrator proposed that the Board pass a resolution of appreciation to Sprint for its contribution for the Board's recent Strategic Planning Session. Mr. Large requested that the Board adopt a resolution of appreciation for Randy Arno, Weldon Cooper Center, as well.**

**On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the Board does hereby express its deepest appreciation to Sprint for its donation to the Patrick County Board of Supervisors to assist with costs of a recent strategic planning retreat held by the Board and to Randy Arno, of Weldon Cooper Center, for facilitating this event for the Board.**

**Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large**

**Voting Nay: None**

**The County Attorney stated that he did not have any items to discuss in open session.**

**On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by David G. Young. and carried, the Board convened into Executive Session to discuss prospective business matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(5), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; personnel matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; and annexation issues [Section 15.2-2907 (D), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended].**

**Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large**

**Voting Nay: None**

**On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by David G. Young and carried, the Board reconvened into regular session, based upon the following:**

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

**WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law,**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Patrick County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Patrick County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies.

**Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large**

**Voting Nay: None**

On motion by H. Danny Foley, Sr., seconded by David G. Young and carried, the Board does hereby appoint John Reynolds as a member of the Jamestown 2007 Committee to replace Faye Williams, resigned, and represent the Mayo River District.

**Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large**

**Voting Nay: None**

This day came Bobby Mangrum, Patrick County School Board Budget Committee Member, to request approval for interim financing for a literary loan that was approved by the Board in December 2005. Mr. Mangrum advised that the Committee failed to request approval for the interim loan when the literary loan was approved. The Chairman requested additional information regarding the project. Mr. Young noted that a large portion of the project related to American Disabilities Act modifications at several schools. Mr. Young inquired about the low bidder for the engineering portion of the project. Mr. Mangrum advised that Conrad Knight submitted the low bid. Mr. Martin noted that Mr. Knight has been involved in many of the school's projects. Mr. Mangrum advised that because Mr. Knight has been involved in a number of the school's construction projects in the area, he already has

many of the needed drawings for same. The Chairman asked Mr. Mangrum if Patrick County's Financial Statement for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005 had been presented to the School Board. Mr. Mangrum advised that he has reviewed the audit and that it would be an item of discussion at the upcoming Board meeting. The County Administrator advised that Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates presented the audit to the Board earlier in the meeting. The Chairman stated that there are a few items in the audit that he would like to research before voting on the interim financing request. He inquired on the school's long-term debt. The County Administrator advised that the long-term debt is approximately \$7million. Mr. Young stated that due to the payments that will be made this year, the total long-term debt would be approximately \$6.5 million if there is no additional financing. Mr. Mangrum advised that in regards to long-term debt, Patrick County is in good shape when compared to surrounding counties. He stated that in regards to the recent audit, one of the problems relates to depreciation on some capital projects. He advised that he does not have any answers regarding same at this time. The Chairman advised that he would like to know how to cure the problem. Mr. Mangrum stated, "my question regarding that one is what projects, what are the projects we're talking about, how much are we talking about, and what went wrong and then we'll go from there". The Chairman asked what would happen if there is a massive overrun with the project that was approved in December. Mr. Young noted that the Board had discussed the project in much detail and placed a cap on the total cost of the project in December. Mr. Mangrum advised that if the project cost exceeds the cap of \$1.5 million, the School Board would have to request additional funds from the Board of Supervisors.

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. and carried, the Board does hereby approve the Patrick County School Board's request to accept the interim financing package from Patrick Henry National Bank in the amount of \$1.5 million for facility renovations at all seven (7) Patrick County Schools.

Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large

Voting Nay: None

Mrs. Harris asked if the full School Board would be willing to meet with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the issues that were pointed out in the audit. Mr. Mangrum stated that he would meet with the Board regarding that issue and the entire budget; further, that he would like the two boards to sit down and discuss these

matters. Mrs. Harris suggested meeting after the School Board has had an opportunity to discuss the audit. Mr. Mangrum advised that he welcomes a list of questions from the Board prior to the proposed meeting. He stated that the questions from both Boards would be similar. The Chairman advised that there are some things that need to be addressed and brought out into the open. Mr. Large suggested holding the proposed meeting during the April 24<sup>th</sup> work session. Mr. Mangrum requested that the proposed meeting be scheduled in the evening so that it would not interfere with the School Board members' workday. Mrs. Handy noted that a public hearing would be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. regarding the proposed issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount up to \$1,650,000 by Patrick County for the purpose of financing or refinancing the improvement and renovation of school buildings and related facilities for the County of Patrick.

A number of bills and claims against the county were presented and examined. The Chairman inquired about pool repairs in the amount of \$6,117. The County Administrator reminded the Board that they had given representatives from the Stuart Parks and Recreation Commission authorization to proceed with repairs to the pool. Mr. Young stated that he would like to have a headcount of the people who utilize the facility this summer. On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the bills and claims were ordered paid and the following warrants were issued in payment of same:

On the General County Fund:	Warrants No.	25394 - 25564
On the General County Fund:	Warrants No.	82329 - 82660
On E-911 Communications Fund:	Warrants No.	1078 - 1092
On Asset Forfeiture Fund:	Warrants No.	N/A
On Law Library Fund:	Warrants No.	N/A

Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large

Voting Nay: None

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the requests for appropriations are approved, as presented, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, Virginia, that the following appropriations be, and the same hereby are, made for the month of April, 2006: General County Fund - \$682,000.00; Social Services (VPA) Fund- \$132,300.00; E911 Communications Fund- \$17,515.71; and County School Funds - \$2,000,000.00; **TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS- \$2,831,815.71**

**Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large**

**Voting Nay: None**

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, it is hereby ordered that Carolyn I. Tatum, Treasurer, transfer the amount of Forty-three Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars and Forty-six Cents (\$43,210.46) from the E911 Fund to the General County Fund, for payment of expenses incurred.

**Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large**

**Voting Nay: None**

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the following requests for additional appropriations are hereby approved.

**Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large**

**Voting Nay: None**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>For</u>
E-911	\$6,340.00	Wireless Mapping
Board of Supervisors	\$2,022.00	AEP Negotiations Assessment
Board of Supervisors	\$644.40	Legal Fees (Hospital)
Board of Supervisors	\$591.99	Travel (Meals/Lodging)
County Administration	\$1,388.40	Wal-Mart Adjacent Property
County Administration	\$473.81	Telephone
County Administration	\$859.31	Office Supplies
County Administration	\$7.46	Office Supplies
County Administration	\$717.61	Vehicle/ Equipment Supplies
Commonwealth Attorney	\$38.84	Postal Services

<b>Sheriff's Department</b>	<b>\$6,039.40</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles &amp; Equipment</b>
<b>Sheriff's Department</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>Overtime Salary: High School Security</b>
<b>Sheriff-Law Enforcement</b>	<b>\$11,837.08</b>	<b>Vehicle/Equipment Supplies</b>
<b>Vol. Fire Departments</b>	<b>\$6.29</b>	<b>Repair &amp; Maint: SCBA Compressor</b>
<b>Ambulance &amp; Rescue Services</b>	<b>\$9,296.00</b>	<b>Senate Bill 10: EMS Funding</b>
<b>Animal Warden</b>	<b>\$2,516.09</b>	<b>Vehicle &amp; Equipment Supplies</b>
<b>E-911 Dept. (Salary &amp; Benefit)</b>	<b>\$1,529.11</b>	<b>Salaries</b>
<b>Animal Pound</b>	<b>\$176.13</b>	<b>Part-time Salaries</b>
<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>\$26.61</b>	<b>Postage</b>
<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>\$263.76</b>	<b>Fuel / Maintenance</b>
<b>Transfer Station</b>	<b>\$2,355.48</b>	<b>Hospitalization Insurance</b>
<b>Transfer Station</b>	<b>\$71.31</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
<b>Transfer Station</b>	<b>\$712.44</b>	<b>Vehicles &amp; Equipment Supplies</b>
<b>Transfer Station</b>	<b>\$79.24</b>	<b>Vehicles &amp; Equipment Supplies</b>
<b>Transfer Station</b>	<b>\$84.00</b>	<b>Uniforms / Wearing Apparel</b>
<b>Transfer Station</b>	<b>\$88.03</b>	<b>Other Operating Supplies</b>
<b>Transfer Station</b>	<b>\$946.00</b>	<b>Scrap Tire Disposal</b>
<b>Maint. Of Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>\$682.35</b>	<b>Vehicle &amp; Equipment Supplies</b>
<b>Maint: Maintenance Facility</b>	<b>\$199.98</b>	<b>Heating Fuel</b>
<b>Maint: Maintenance Facility</b>	<b>\$65.25</b>	<b>Water, Sewage,&amp; Garbage</b>
<b>Maint: Maintenance Facility</b>	<b>\$80.73</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
<b>Maint. Of Library</b>	<b>\$704.82</b>	<b>Heating Fuel</b>
<b>Maint. Of Library</b>	<b>\$106.67</b>	<b>Repair / Maintenance</b>
<b>Maint. Park Facilities</b>	<b>\$2,250.81</b>	<b>Repair / Maintenance</b>
<b>Maint: Sheriff (VA Restaurant)</b>	<b>\$344.51</b>	<b>Electrical Services</b>
<b>Maint: Sheriff (VA Restaurant)</b>	<b>\$136.00</b>	<b>Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>
<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>\$725.64</b>	<b>Auto Expenses: Pied. Community Serv.</b>
<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>\$532.73</b>	<b>Auto Expenses: Little Ivy Group Home</b>
<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>\$340.83</b>	<b>Auto Expenses: Horizons</b>
<b>Mental Retardation</b>	<b>\$1,129.49</b>	<b>Auto Expenses: PARC Workshop</b>
<b>Tourism</b>	<b>\$120.72</b>	<b>Crooked Road Kiosk</b>
<b>Tourism</b>	<b>\$273.53</b>	<b>Marketing</b>
<b>Tourism</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>Covered Bridge Festival</b>
<b>Tourism</b>	<b>\$5,160.00</b>	<b>Covered Bridge Restoration Project</b>
<b>Tourism</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>Crooked Road Kiosk</b>
<b>Non-Departmental</b>	<b>\$17.07</b>	<b>Ararat Watershed Project</b>

Non-Departmental	\$315.50	Auto Expenses: Social Services
Non-Departmental	\$17.11	Public Service Authority

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the following requests for transfer of funds are hereby approved.

Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Foley, Harris, and Large

Voting Nay: None

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
E-911	\$500.00	Vehicle Maintenance	Office Supplies
E-911	\$1,000.00	Address Maintenance	Road Sign Maintenance
Board of Supervisors	\$47.03	Travel (Conv & Education)	Hospitalization Insurance
Board of Supervisors	\$78.31	Travel (Conv & Education)	Advertising
Board of Supervisors	\$79.00	Travel (Conv & Education)	Other Operating Supplies
Board of Supervisors	\$148.85	Travel (Conv & Education)	Travel (Mileage)
County Administration	\$6.85	Hospitalization Insurance	Postal Services
County Administration	\$15.00	Hospitalization Insurance	Code Books & Supplements
DMV Agent	\$194.67	Internet / Credit Card Line	Travel (Mileage)
DMV Agent	\$1,273.85	Internet / Credit Card Line	Cap.Outlay:Computer Equip.
Treasurer	\$100.00	Part-time Salaries	Telephone
General District Court	\$40.00	Dues	Office Supplies
General District Court	\$10.91	Maint. Service Contract	Office Supplies
J&DR Court	\$365.00	Telephone	Supplies/ Maint. Of Copier
Comm. of the Revenue	\$120.00	Cap. Outlay Equipment	Office Supplies
Sheriff -Law Enforcement	\$3,754.02	Misc. Equipment	Vehicle & Equipment
Sheriff -Law Enforcement	\$600.00	Misc. Equipment	Vehicle & Equipment
Sheriff	\$940.00	Overtime	Part-time Salaries
Sheriff –Law Enforcement	\$116.71	Office Supplies	Misc. Expenses
Sheriff –Law Enforcement	\$170.00	Travel (Meals/Lodging)	Expenses for Training
Sheriff – Maint. Of Jail	\$168.62	Wearing Apparel-Prisoners	Personal Supplies-Inmates
Building Inspection	\$1,009.70	Hospitalization Insurance	Vehicle/Equipment Supplies
Animal Warden	\$61.10	Office Supplies	Uniforms / Wearing Apparel
Animal Warden	\$23.40	Travel (Meals/Lodging)	Uniforms / Wearing Apparel
Animal Warden	\$30.00	Travel (Conv/Education)	Uniforms / Wearing Apparel
Animal Warden	\$39.92	Dues	Uniforms / Wearing Apparel
Animal Pound	\$136.50	Other Operating Supplies	Travel (Mileage)
Maint: County Administration	\$35.35	Fire Alarm Monitoring	Repair / Maintenance

Maint: County Administration	\$5.38	Fire Alarm Monitoring	Telephone
Maint: County Administration	\$12.18	Fire Alarm Monitoring	Maint. Contract for Elevator
Maint: Comm. Center/PHCC	\$106.68	Rug Rental/Cleaning Supp.	Repair / Maintenance
Maint: Courthouse / Jail	\$8.97	Rug Rental/Cleaning Supp.	Repair / Maintenance
Maint: Courthouse / Jail	\$238.40	Elect. Doors, Cameras, etc.	Fire Alarm Monitoring
Maint: Animal Pound	\$230.47	Repair & Maintenance	Rug Rental / Cleaning Supp.
Maint: Rotary Field	\$103.63	Repair & Maintenance	Rug Rental / Cleaning Supp.
Maint: Transfer Station	\$65.12	Repair & Maintenance	Rug Rental / Cleaning Supp.
Maint: Transfer Station	\$84.00	Repair & Maintenance	Uniforms & Wearing Apparel
Transportation For Elderly	\$181.50	Vehicle/Equipment Supplies	Motor Vehicle Insurance
Recreation Department	\$370.22	Rec. Equipment & Supplies	Vehicle & Equipment Supp.
Economic Development	\$300.00	Telephone	Postal Services
Economic Development	\$330.65	Dues	Postal Services
Economic Development	\$127.83	Marketing	Travel (Meals/Lodging)
Tourism	\$179.83	Telephone	Travel (Mileage)
Tourism	\$347.29	Telephone	Travel (Meals/Lodging)

Ordered that the Board be adjourned until its Work Session commencing at noon on April 24, 2006.

, Chairman