

**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, August 14, 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 H. Danny Foley, Sr. 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 H. Danny Foley, Sr. and carried, the minutes of the July 10, 2006 meeting and work notes of the July 24, 2006 work session were approved.

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

Voting Nay: None

The Chairman opened the Public Comment Period. The Chairman asked for any comments from the public. One citizen spoke during this session.

(1) Gloria Hilton addressed the Board regarding proposed wind turbines in Patrick County. She provided the Board with information and a DVD regarding the effects of wind turbines on humans, birds, and bats. She advised that she has researched the issue and could not find any statements attesting that windmills do not kill birds or bats. She stated that the two of the three landowners who want the windmills do not live in Virginia. Mrs. Hilton stated, "finally, Mr. Martin, most of the

people I know and have met in Patrick County are knowledgeable folks and they are loaded with good common sense. They may not have doctorate degrees but they are not without intelligence. I think that people have put their trust and their faith in you and they have elected you to serve the people.” The Chairman asked Mrs. Hilton to stop characterizing him. Mrs. Hilton stated that there might be citizens who have not researched the issue; however, landowners would appreciate the Board listening to their ideas.

The Chairman closed the Public Comment Period.

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. USDA Report on Coyote Damage Control Program: The County Administrator presented the Board with notification from the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services regarding the Virginia Cooperative Coyote Damage Control Program for Fiscal Year 2005, with a copy filed with the papers of this meeting. Mrs. Handy noted that last year, the Board spent a considerable amount of time discussing the coyote problem in Patrick County. She advised that Chad Fox, USDA District Supervisor, hand delivered the document to her office last week and that according to the document, Congressmen Goode and Boucher were successful in earmarking part-time funding during federal fiscal year 2006, which was used for salary and to equip a part-time wildlife specialist to help resolve coyote predation on livestock. She stated that Mr. Fox would be glad to attend a Board meeting to answer any questions that the Board may have. Mr. Foley stated that limited funding was obtained this year and that it may be possible to acquire more funding next year. The Chairman noted that coyotes are crossing with domestic dogs.

B. Request to Proceed with RFP for New Bookkeeping System: Donna Shough, Bookkeeper, in attendance. The County Administrator presented the Board with a draft Request for Proposal for Software and Implementation Services for an Integrated Financial System to be used by the County Bookkeeper. She advised that Donna Shough, Bookkeeper, did an excellent job preparing the RFP. Mrs. Handy stated that the deadline in the draft RFP is August 31<sup>st</sup>; however, she suggested extending the deadline and requested authorization to solicit proposals for the new system.

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Jonathan Large and carried, the Board does hereby direct the County Administrator to advertise a Request for Proposal for Software and Implementation Services for an Integrated Financial System.

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

Voting Nay: None

C. Audit Report for Clerk of Circuit Court: The Board is this day in receipt of correspondence from the Auditor of Public Accounts advising that audits and reviews of accounts held by the Clerk of Circuit Court of the County of Patrick, were in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, and other procedures and policies. Said advisement is noted.

D. Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building Maintenance Issues: Teddy Doss, Maintenance Director, in attendance.

1.) Veterans' Memorial Building Doors: The County Administrator noted that the Board has held several discussions regarding the need to repair or replace the handicap entrance doors on the first floor of the Veterans' Memorial Building. Mr. Doss advised that the cost to install a new door with a door opener would cost \$4,680.00 and just a door opener would cost \$2,600.00. He stated that the center post in the doorway could be removed in order to widen the opening, which would comply with handicap accessibility guidelines.

On motion by Jonathan Large, seconded by David G. Young and carried, the Board does hereby authorize the Maintenance Director to replace the door on the first floor of the Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building with a new door and door openers at a total cost of \$4,680.00.

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

Voting Nay: None

2.) Mold and Mildew Problem in Board Room: The County Administrator noted that the Board Room had been professionally cleaned, including the wallpaper. She advised that the wallpaper is peeling off of the wall in places, which the Maintenance Department has tried to correct several times. Mrs. Handy stated that the room is used for Board meetings and court sessions; therefore, the room needs to look professional. She requested authorization to proceed with the removal of wallpaper and curtains, paint the walls, and install mini blinds at the windows. She noted that the large curtains are hard to keep clean and trap dust and mold. Mrs. Harris inquired about the source of the mold and mildew. Mrs. Handy advised that the

building's HVAC system appears to be the source. Mr. Doss stated that it would be expensive to install a dehumidifier in the current system. Mr. Large noted that removing the curtains from the windows would allow sunlight to enter the room, which may reduce the moisture in same. Mr. Young stated that there might be some kind of window dehumidification system that could be installed. He asked Mr. Doss to obtain estimates for mini blinds, removing the wallpaper, and painting the walls. The Board referred the issue to the Building Committee for a decision.

3.) School Board request for handicap parking spaces: The County Administrator presented the Board with a letter from the School Board requesting permission to designate the two upper corner parking spaces between the School Board Office and the Veterans' Memorial Building as handicap parking spaces and to cut a wheel chair access to the curb and walkway between the two buildings. She advised that according to the letter, the School Board would provide the wheel chair curb access to the parking lot as a renovation to make the School Board Office handicap assessable, which would also serve the Veterans' Memorial Building.

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Jonathan Large and carried, the Board does hereby approve the School Board's request to designate the two upper corner parking spaces between the School Board Office and the Veterans' Memorial Building as handicap parking spaces and to cut a wheel chair access to the curb and walkway between the two buildings to serve the School Board Office and the Veterans' Memorial Building.

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

Voting Nay: None

4.) Repairs to concrete at Old Courthouse: Mr. Large stated that the concrete under the steps at the old Courthouse is chipping, which was probably caused by skateboards. Mr. Doss advised that his department repaired the concrete steps and that they would look into Mr. Large's concern.

E. DEQ's Reply to the 2005 Annual Report on County Landfill: The Board was given a copy of DEQ's reply to the Patrick County Closed Landfill, Permit #70 2005 Annual Report. Mrs. Handy advised that according to DEQ's notification, the County is in compliance with DEQ guidelines. Said notification is noted.

F. State Tax Distribution Error Regarding Education Funding: The County Administrator presented the Board with an article from VACo's County Connections and an email from VACo concerning the state tax distribution error

regarding education funding. She advised that according to the article, the State overestimated sales tax distributions by \$130 million for education for FY 2007 and \$150 million for FY2008. She stated that Governor Kaine has proposed legislation to correct same, which may be acted upon by the General Assembly before Labor Day. She noted that no action by the Board is required at this time.

**G. STEP Request:** The County Administrator presented the Board with a letter from STEP, Inc. advising of it's upcoming forty years of service celebration. She stated that the organization is requesting the Board to consider making a donation to STEP, Inc. to help fund the celebration ranging from \$300 to \$3,000. Mrs. Handy advised that the Board could personally contribute funds or authorize a donation from the County.

**H. 2006 Legislative Summary:** The County Administrator presented the Board with the 2006 Legislative Summary for its review. She noted that the document is a summary of the actions taken by the General Assembly last spring.

**I. 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.

J. **Mileage Rate Reimbursement Revisited:** The County Administrator reminded the Board that the State increased the mileage rate reimbursement; therefore, the County must reimburse employees \$0.445 per mile when attending a state mandated event, such as training sessions. She advised that several surrounding localities have adopted the State's new mileage rate. Mrs. Harris stated that the County has to "watch our mileage".

The Assistant County Administrator gave the Board a power point presentation on Results Stuart and Rich Creek Corporate Park Shell Building Upfit Project, with a paper copy of the presentation filed with the papers of the meeting. Mr. Burnette advised that Results Stuart is expected to invest \$1.2 million and is scheduled to begin operations on September 18<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the County would build out the RCCP Shell Building to house the new business, which totals 10,000 square feet and includes furniture and cubicles. He presented the following project budget for anticipated expenditures: design \$19,000; floor slab \$49,300; build out \$794,100; cubicles and furniture approximately \$60,000; propane tank approximately \$4,000; signage approximately \$7,000; for an approximate total of \$933,400. He presented the following project budget for anticipated revenues: TICRC Allocation Grant \$300,000; rent \$270,300, which equals 3 years at \$9.00 per square feet per year);

for a total of \$570,300. He advised that the project shortfall that would need to be financed totals \$363,100 and noted that the Tobacco Regional Opportunity Fund grant to TICRC would be submitted this week, which might decrease the shortfall amount. He stated that the Patrick County Economic Development Authority is requesting the Board to approve a Support Agreement from BB&T, which was submitted to the County Attorney for review, so that the project could be completed. The Chairman inquired about the total amount to be guaranteed. Mr. Burnette noted that the Board has held several discussions regarding the two-phase project in Executive Session and that he could not give a great deal of details regarding same. He stated that the project would encompass a \$1.5 million construction loan and noted that Phase I would cost approximately \$940,000 and that Phase II may not take place. He advised that the financing would be on a three-year balloon, with three years of normal monthly payments with the option to refinance into a longer-term note if needed. He stated that he is hopeful that the County would be able to fund a large portion of the projected shortfall with the TROF grant. He noted that Results Stuart is “on the hook” for \$270,000 in rent, with two months rent due upfront as a security deposit. Mr. Large inquired about capping the project at \$933,000. Mr. Burnette advised that the Board could cap the project and recommended a cap of \$1million for Phase I in case there are any future change orders. Mr. Young inquired about the size of the propane tank for the facility. Mr. Burnette advised that a 500-gallon propane tank would be purchased, which would be used to power the backup generator for the building. He noted that the cost of the generator is included in the proposed expenditure budget.

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the Board does hereby approve the execution of a Loan Guarantee and / or Support Agreement between the County and BB&T and on behalf of the Economic Development Authority for financing of the build out of the Rich Creek Corporate Park Shell Building in relation to the Results Stuart project.

Voting Aye: Martin, Young, Harris, and Large

Voting Nay: Foley

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

The Tourism Director discussed various tourism initiatives with the Board.

A. Mayo River Rail Trail Project: The Tourism Director advised that an agreement has been reached and a contract has been awarded to Anderson and Associates for a trail plan study in regards to the proposed Mayo River Rail Trail project. She stated that the study would include a preliminary engineering report, which would provide the recommended trail alignment, estimated project design and construction cost, preliminary identification of environmental areas of concern, possible land acquisition needs based upon the trail alignment proposed. She further stated that a grant application would be made to the Transportation Enhancement Program seeking federal funding for design and construction of same. Mrs. Frisco presented the Board with correspondence from the Patrick County School System; Dan River Basin Association; Sandra Tanner, Tourism Development Specialist and Councilperson for the Town of La Crosse; The Mountain Rose Inn; and Wolf Creek Farm in support of the proposed trail. She advised that according to the letter from Superintendent Judy Lacks, the school system would like to partner with the County on this project and that the services offered by the school system, in the form of student designed and implemented trail projects, would provide an in-kind service which may be required for grant funding. She noted that the Dan River Basin Association is willing to partner with the County in a consulting role or in grant preparation to aid in securing funds for the project. Mr. Young stated that partnering with other organizations would be very advantageous to the County and the project. The Chairman stated that the School Board's offer is "out of this world". Mrs. Frisco advised that the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries is "ecstatic" about the proposed trail.

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the Board does hereby authorize the Tourism Department to partner with any organization that would be willing to offer in-kind services during the planning stage of the proposed Mayo River Rail Trail project.

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

Voting Nay: None

Mrs. Harris commended the local bed and breakfasts for their assistance in promoting tourism in Patrick County. Mrs. Frisco stated that it is wonderful to have a strong communication system with local accommodations.

A number of bills and claims against the county were presented and examined. Supervisor David G. Young made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, which was seconded by Supervisor H. Danny Foley, Sr. Chairman Roger L. Martin moved to amend Supervisor Young's motion to prevent approval of future appropriations for the Patrick County School System until it submits a line item budget to the Board and provides accountability. Mr. Young stated that the Code of Virginia does not require the school system to provide a line item budget. The Chairman stated, "so the Board is satisfied with no accountability or no line item budget on the School Board; so the amendment dies from the lack of a second".

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. 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. 26066 - 26230

On the General County Fund: Warrants No. 83646 - 84078

On E-911 Communications Fund: Warrants No. 1136 - 1151

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

Voting Nay: None

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. 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 August 2006: General County Fund - \$596,000.00; Social Services (VPA) Fund- \$152,753.67; CSA Fund \$34,375.00; E911 Communications Fund- \$10,869.44; County School Funds - \$2,000,000.00; and School Construction Fund - \$500,000.00  
**TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS- \$3,293,998.11**

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

Voting Nay: None

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. and carried, it is hereby ordered that Carolyn I. Tatum, Treasurer, transfer the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$500,000.00) from the General County Fund to the County School Fund to meet costs for August 15, 2006 contingent upon the definite need for funds and availability in the General County Fund.

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

Voting Nay: None

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. 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>
Commonwealth Attorney	\$3.00	Telephone
Sheriff – Law Enforcement	\$50.00	Telephone
Sheriff – Law Enforcement	\$1,250.00	Overtime-Grant AL0652075
Emergency Services	\$100.00	WPPD Hazard Mitigation Plan
Emergency Services	\$31,637.50	Homeland Security Grant
Tourism	\$25,950.00	Covered Bridge Restoration Project
Tourism	\$100.00	Covered Bridge Festival
Tourism	\$25.00	Covered Bridge Festival
Economic Development	\$14.80	Meals / Lodging
Non-Departmental	\$250.00	Lobbyist for Rt. 58 (Whitt Clement)
Non-Departmental	\$910.00	Purchase of Fireworks Display
Non-Departmental	\$3,135.00	Multi-Peril Insurance
Non-Departmental	\$1,537.00	Motor Vehicle Insurance
Non-Departmental	\$734.00	Public Official's Liability Insurance
Non-Departmental	\$1,113.20	State-Local Hospitalization

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. 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>
DMV Agent	\$117.10	Office Supplies	Travel (Mileage)
Economic Development	\$6.00	Office Supplies	Office Equipment

Mr. Large presented the Board with an application for the Patrick County Recreation Park Grant from the Mountain Top Recreation Park in the amount of \$8,450. He advised that the park repaired the tennis and basketball courts. Mr. Young asked if the park used a bidding process for the repairs. The County Administrator advised that the guidelines for the grant application did not state that a bidding process was required. Mr. Young stated that the Board wants each park to get the “most bang for the buck”, which could be obtained through a bidding process. Mrs. Harris stated that the park has always been frugal with their money and she felt that was the case with this request.

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. and carried, the Board does hereby approve the Patrick County Recreation Park Grant Application from Mountain Top Recreation Park in the amount of \$8,450 for repairs made at the park.

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

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Large advised that the Patrick County Recreation Commission met last week at which meeting he received a 2006 DeHart Park Pool update, with a copy filed with the papers of the meeting. He stated that the staff at the pool did a good job and noted that 254 students participated in group swimming lessons ranging in ages from six months to adult. He advised that it was a great program and was utilized by a lot of citizens. He stated that bylaws for the Commission were approved at the meeting, with a copy filed with the papers of the meeting. He advised that the Commission also discussed the upcoming soccer and flag football seasons and the

**\$10.00 fee that would be charged for each child per sport to help fund recreation in the County, which had been previously discussed by the Board.**

**The Tourism Coordinator continued with her report.**

**B. Rocky Knob Committee: The County Administrator noted that for some time, Patrick County has been involved in the development of the Rocky Knob area through a committee that was formed by Congressman Rick Boucher. She advised that localities are being asked to appoint a representative to the Blue Ridge Heritage Committee and recommended that the Board appoint a position rather than a person so that the committee would not have to amend its bylaws if there were any staff changes. The Tourism Coordinator noted that the committee would meet again the end of August.**

**On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the Board does hereby appoint the Tourism Coordinator to serve on the Blue Ridge Heritage Committee on behalf of Patrick County.**

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

**Voting Nay: None**

**Mr. Young began a discussion regarding the proposed Fair Tax. He noted that the proposed tax, which has been discussed nationwide through the news media, basically adds sales tax on “everything in this country” and eliminates the Internal Revenue Service. He advised that based on the information that he has obtained, the proposed tax would result in a significant savings to a majority of taxpayers in this country, the downsizing of the federal government, and an increase in governmental revenue. He stated, “I can’t find a down side on it”. Board Members Martin and Young presented the Board with a resolution supporting the proposed Fair Tax and asked the Board to consider adopting same and forwarding it to our Delegates, Senators, and Congressmen. The Chairman stated that every family would receive a tax rebate under the proposed tax. Mrs. Harris asked that the Board be allowed time to study the proposed resolution. Mr. Young said that he wants the Board to study it and stated that local governments need to advise the public of issues of this type. The Chairman stated that the proposed tax would apply to new items only and that earnings would not be taxed. Board Members Martin and Young asked that each Board Member study the issue, which would be discussed further at the next meeting.**

**The Board recessed for twenty minutes.**

**The Board reconvened into regular session.**

**Mr. Large advised that he received several calls regarding all-terrain Vehicle (ATV) and dirt bike traffic and other nuisances that resulted from people camping in the Ararat area during the recent Kibler Valley River Run. He noted the fatal all-terrain vehicle accident that occurred that weekend and advised that he had invited several of the residents to attend the meeting to share their concerns with the Board. He stated that Sheriff Hubbard has a plan that should resolve the problem during future river runs.**

**The Chairman asked for any comments from the public. Four citizens spoke during this session.**

**Dewey Nelson expressed his concern regarding the behavior of people in the Ararat area during the weekend of the Kibler Valley River Run. Mr. Nelson stated, “we are not here this afternoon to say anything negative about the Ruritan Club and their event that they put on, but we do have a problem as a result of some things that happened”. He noted that the Ruritan Club has held the river run event for approximately twenty-five years and the problem with people’s behavior after dark “seems to get a little worse and worse every year”. He advised that the people who are creating the nuisance are not the canoers, but people who come to “party” and they arrive on the Thursday night before the river run and stay until the following Sunday. He stated that many of the ladies in the community like to take walks in that area; however, due to the crude and reckless behavior of the campers, they avoid the area during that period. He reiterated that the Ruritan Club and the participants of the river run are not part of the problem and stated that the community needs the Sheriff’s assistance to resolve this matter.**

**Chris Smith expressed his concern regarding ATV and motorcycle traffic and the use of alcohol in the Ararat area during the weekend of the Kibler Valley River Run. He advised that a young child was riding a tube down the river unsupervised, which is “an accident waiting to happen”. He stated that the campers “run the road” late at night and have no regard for anyone’s property. He noted that the Ruritan Club would also like to see this issue resolved because it is becoming difficult to shuttle river run participants and visitors to and from the event because of the campers.**

David Brandon, President of the Red Bank Ruritan Club, addressed the Board regarding the Kibler Valley River Run event. He advised that the river run is a major fundraiser for the club and is held on the last Saturday in July, which is the same day as Floyd Fest. He stated that the Club has no control over the campers and recommended additional police patrol of that area. He advised that the Ruritan Club would help resolve this issue in any way possible.

Tom Bishop addressed the Board on behalf of the Red Bank Ruritan Club regarding the annual Kibler Valley River Run. He advised that a privately owned three-acre tract, which is kept locked down, is used by the organization during the event. He noted that camping is not allowed on the site; however, people are camping on the City of Danville's property. He requested that either the State Police or the Sheriff's Department patrol the area during the event. Mrs. Harris suggested that in the future, the Red Bank Ruritan Club contact the Sheriff's Department before the event and advise them of the river run and the approximate beginning and ending times for same. The Chairman stated that the problem seems to be outside of the event.

Sheriff Hubbard addressed the Board regarding his department's plan to resolve problems that occur during the week of the Kibler Valley River Runs. He stated that he was made aware of the problem on the Sunday afternoon following the most recent race and that he contacted Trooper T.J. Meade regarding same. He advised that Trooper Meade would contact his sergeant to see if the State Police could assist in patrolling the area in the future. He noted that the Floyd Fest, which is held during the same weekend of the river run, requires a certain number of law enforcement officers on site because of their ABC License. He suggested a strong presence of law enforcement officers in the area comprised of State and Local Police and possibly ABC Officers, which would begin on the Thursday before the event. He asked that landowners post "no trespassing" signs on their land on the Wednesday before the event and remove them the following Wednesday. He advised that a "safe road check" would be conducted during that time period. He noted that he would meet with the Red Bank Ruritan Club to discuss what problems they encountered and what could be done to resolve same. He stated that he spoke with Phillip Slate, City of Danville, about the possibility of installing a repeater on the tower that is owned by the City, which would provide complete communication coverage of Kibler Valley and parts of Ararat. Mrs. Harris noted that the County received a communications grant to

install additional towers. Mr. Large commended the Sheriff for his pro-active approach to this problem.

Mr. Large stated that members of the Patrick County Dixie Youth All-Stars team, which will be playing in the upcoming Nation Championship, sent him a copy of The Robesonian from Lumberton, North Carolina regarding the financial support that the Lumberton County Commissioners gave to their Dixie Youth All-Stars team in 2004. He stated that it would be appropriate for the Board to congratulate and show its appreciation to the Patrick County Dixie Youth All-Stars Team, which won the State Championship for the second time in recent years. Mrs. Harris suggested that the Board present the All-Stars team with a proclamation. Mr. Large stated that at minimum, the Board should recognize the team and present a proclamation to same.

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, duly seconded by Jonathan Large and carried, the Patrick County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the following resolution of commendation:

**WHEREAS**, the Patrick County Dixie Major League All-Stars have excelled in their efforts by winning the state baseball championship and the right to compete in the world series contest, and

**WHEREAS**, the Patrick County Dixie Major League All-Stars will travel to Tennessee during the next few days to represent not only Patrick County, but the great Commonwealth of Virginia, as a whole, in this competition, and

**WHEREAS**, the Patrick County Board of Supervisors along with the citizens of Patrick County take great pride in this group of youth and its many accomplishments, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board also recognizes the commitment shown by coaches, parents and family members, and many others who have provided support through various aspects of involvement with the team,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Patrick County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge and support the efforts of the Patrick County Dixie Major League All-Stars and to express appreciation for the positive recognition it has brought to the area,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors extends its best wishes for a successful journey and competition, and encourages the team in its quest to gain the Dixie Youth World Series title.

**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 convened into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; prospective business [Section 2.2-3711(A)(5), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; and legal matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended].**

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

**Voting Nay: None**

**On motion by David G. Young, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. 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**

A public hearing having been properly advertised was held this day to receive comments on the proposed ordinance to establish fees for disposal by the public for garbage at the Patrick County Transfer Station. The Chairman opened the hearing and asked for public comment. Howard Belcher, Transfer Station Supervisor, in attendance. Four citizens spoke during the public hearing.

David Sheley spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance to establish fees for disposal by the public for garbage at the Patrick County Transfer Station. He advised that he picks up trash along the road in the Dobyys Community and that if the fees are imposed at the Transfer Station, he would have to pay to dispose of the litter that he collects.

Adelle C. King expressed her concern regarding the recycling program in the County. She advised that many Patrick County residents do not understand how “very urgent and important recycling is”. She noted that the copy of the proposed ordinance that was given to the public included a \$6.00 fee per bag and that all previous discussions proposed a \$3.00 fee. The County Administrator advised that \$6.00 was a typo and that the proposed ordinance would include a \$3.00 fee.

Ellen Fulcher expressed her concern regarding the staff’s holiday schedule at the Transfer Station and spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance to establish fees for disposal by the public for garbage at the Patrick County Transfer Station. She stated that the staff at the Transfer Station “has more holidays than the average workingman has”. She advised that it would not take long for a family with children to collect six bags of garbage. She noted that a lot of widows live in her neighborhood and that they dispose of their garbage one bag at a time and if the fees are instituted, they would have to pay \$3.00 per bag or pile it up at home where dogs could “take their round for it”. She stated that it is her opinion that citizens should not be charged to empty their garbage and that “we should be commended for trying to keep the County clean”. She advised that the amount of litter alongside the roads would increase if the proposed ordinance were adopted.

John Johnson expressed his concern regarding the proposed ordinance to establish fees for disposal by the public for garbage at the Patrick County Transfer Station. He advised that he consolidates his household garbage and usually makes one trip per month to the Transfer Station. He stated that a contractor had suggested letting “contractors and businesses absorb the cost”, which could be included in their bids to their customers. He stated that it was his understanding that the County

would receive some unexpected tax revenue from Walmart and suggested using those funds to help support the Transfer Station.

The Chairman stated that the Board would take those comments under advisement. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Young advised that the Board researched the use of green boxes, which would cost the County close to \$6million. He stated that convenience centers would cost approximately \$100,000 each and that Patrick County would need at least six centers, which would result in an increase in the Real Estate tax by more than a penny per center. He advised that the Board has also considered the use of a decal. He noted that the Transfer Station costs Real Estate taxpayers approximately \$500,000 annually; however, not all of those taxpayers utilize the facility. He stated, “nothing is a done deal at this point”. He advised that the County must increase its recycling rate, which is monitored by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Mr. Johnson asked if the County currently recycles glass. Howard Belcher advised that the County must pay to have glass disposed of; therefore, the County does not recycle same. Mrs. King advised that paying to have glass recycled might be cheaper than having it hauled off with household garbage due to it’s weight. Mr. Young stated that the County must reduce the overall cost at the Transfer Station and noted that it is expensive to operate the facility under the environmental laws. He stated that he would like to see a solution to the problem that is fair for every citizen. Mrs. Harris said that she is concerned that littering might increase. Mr. Large noted that there is nothing in place at this time to regulate users at the facility or to collect and account for the money that is collected at same. He advised that in other localities, citizens have to provide a tax ticket as proof that they own property in that locality before they could dispose of trash. The Chairman stated that the Board would continue discussion of the proposed fees at the Transfer Station at another meeting. Mr. Belcher stated that if the County does institute a fee, we recommends creating it on a per vehicle basis. He noted that it would be helpful if the County could find a company that would pay for recyclable materials that are collected at the facility. Mr. Large asked for Mr. Belcher’s opinion regarding a private company running the Transfer Station. Mr. Belcher advised that the private company would be responsible for the entire landfill, including leaks that may come from same. Mr. Young stated that the Board had planned to adopt the ordinance tonight; however, the Board would defer action on same until the next regular meeting.

**Mrs. Handy advised that she is formally tending her plans to retire as Patrick County Administrator as of January 31, 2007, which would total thirty-two years of service to the County. She stated, "it has been my absolute honor and privilege to have been an employee of this County for that period of time and to have served the wonderful citizens of this County and to have worked with so many fine Board Members. I've worked with all the Administrators that this County has ever had. I've worked with many excellent employees. I appreciate the Board's trust in me and allowing me to serve. I think its time for me to move on to a new adventure in life." The Chairman thanked Mrs. Handy for her hard work and many years of service to the County. Mr. Young stated that the Board sincerely regrets, with deep sadness, Mrs. Handy's intention to retire in January. He noted that Mrs. Handy has served the people of this county for over thirty years. He stated that the County is fortunate to have someone who is capable of taking Mrs. Handy's place and that "it's important to recognize ability when its already present within our organization".**

**On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the Board does hereby accept the statement of impending retirement of Regena H. Handy as County Administrator; further, the Board appoints Michael D. Burnette, current Assistant County Administrator, to the position of County Administrator effective February 1, 2007.**

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

**Voting Nay: Large**

**On motion by Roger L. Martin, seconded by David G. Young and carried, the Board does hereby reduce its number of meetings to one regular meeting per month to be held on the second Monday of each month commencing at 2:00 p.m.; further, work sessions may be scheduled on an as needed basis.**

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

**Voting Nay: None**

**The County Administrator advised that the Sheriff's Department would receive a grant in the amount of \$40,350 for the construction and installation of steel evidence holding lockers; evidence vault shelving; and extra security, high capacity, vault track carriages. She requested authorization advertise a request for bids for same.**

**On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by David G. Young and carried, the Board does hereby authorize the County Administrator to advertise a request for bids for the construction and installation of steel evidence holding lockers; evidence vault shelving; and extra security, high capacity, vault track carriages for the Patrick County Sheriff's Department.**

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

**Voting Nay: None**

**Ordered that the Board be adjourned until September 11, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.**

**, Chairman**