

Patrick County Board of Supervisors

Work Session

Third Floor – Veterans’ Memorial Building, Stuart, Virginia

10:00 a.m. – Monday, February 27, 2006

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.

Call to Order: Chairman Roger L. Martin.

Items for Consideration:

I. Report and Discussion of Road Matters with VDOT Official: This day came Lisa Price Hughes, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), to discuss matters pertaining to the primary and secondary road systems in Patrick County.

a. *Citizen Request/ Charlie Bowman:* This day came Charlie Bowman to address the Board regarding safety issues at the intersection of Routes 58 and 680 in Patrick Springs. Mr. Bowman advised that many citizens have contacted him inquiring about possible improvements to same. He noted that within the last three weeks, he had spoken with the Virginia State Police, local Sheriff’s Department, and area merchants regarding this issue. He suggested installing red flashing stoplight signals and rumble strips at the intersection. Mr. Young advised that the Board had previously discussed and requested the installation of caution lights. Mrs. Hughes advised that VDOT plans to install caution lights; however, it is not included in this year’s budget. Mr. Young noted that the new Walmart store would be opening in the near future and inquired about its affect on the intersection’s traffic count. Mrs. Hughes advised that the intersection’s traffic count would increase, which might warrant a stoplight in that area. Mr. Bowman commended the Virginia State Police for their patrol of the area. Mrs. Hughes noted that the future stoplight at the intersection of Routes 58 and 694, which would be purchased by Walmart, had to meet VDOT’s traffic count requirements.

b. *Bob White Road*: Mrs. Hughes advised that the low bidder for the Bob White Road project was J.C. Joyce Trucking and Paving.

c. *Paving Contract Bids*: Mrs. Hughes reported that bids for the County's paving projects were opened and the contract was awarded to Adams Construction. She noted that the County would have a large paving schedule this year, which would total approximately \$2million. She noted that asphalt would be used to resurface the roads.

d. *Pilson Sawmill Road Curve*: Mrs. Harris asked if Mrs. Hughes had contacted the citizen on Pilson Sawmill Road who had reported a concern about a curve on same. Mrs. Hughes advised that she had not contacted the citizen; however, she did look at the area. She stated that VDOT must wait until additional rockwork, which requires a large piece of equipment, is scheduled for that area.

e. *Shough Lane*: Mrs. Hughes advised that a guardrail had been installed on Shough Lane.

f. *Anthony Drive*: Mr. Foley inquired about a drainpipe on Anthony Drive. Mrs. Hughes advised that VDOT would have to "build it up".

g. *Route 631 Culvert*: Mr. Young advised that a culvert on Route 631 is "giving way".

h. *Turning Lane near Hardee's*: Mr. Young inquired about the possible use of the turning lane near Hardee's as a two-way turning lane. Mrs. Hughes advised that the lane could be used as a two-way turning and that new arrows could be painted to reflect same.

i. *Route 58 Bypass in Meadows of Dan*: The Assistant County Administrator advised that Clark Eden, Eden and Associates, had attended the February regular meeting regarding possible changes at the intersection of Route 58 and Light Ridge Road in the Meadows of Dan Community. He stated that he would like for Mrs. Hughes to meet with County Officials and Mr. Eden at the site to discuss the issue. Mrs. Hughes agreed to attend same.

j. *Retaining Wall on Johnson Street*: The Chairman stated that the retaining wall on Johnson Street, at the intersection of Johnson Street and Route 58, hinders motorists' line of sight. Mrs. Hughes advised that a signal would be installed at the intersection when the Route 8 Connector Road is constructed.

II. Worksite Wellness Program Proposal: This day came Joan Wages, Patrick County Extension Office, regarding a proposed worksite wellness program for county employees. Mrs. Wages gave a power point presentation, with a paper copy of the presentation filed with the papers of the Board. She advised that she had been approached by the E-911 Coordinator about creating this type of a program. Mrs. Harris stated that the program is a good idea if county employees are interested in same. The County Administrator noted the high cost of health insurance and stated that it would be advantageous for the County and its employees to promote a healthy lifestyle from a health and financial standpoint. Mr. Young stated that this program is a good start to improve physical health. The Board authorized Mrs. Wages to survey county employees to see if there is interest in same.

III. Update and discussion of amendments to various county ordinances: The Chairman advised that possible revisions to county ordinances would be discussed at the March regular meeting. Mr. Young stated that the Board needs to enact the revisions to the Building Permit Ordinance and asked if the Code of Virginia requires advertisement and the holding of a public hearing for same. The County Attorney advised that he would research the issue.

IV. Proposed 2006-2007 County Budget: The County Administrator advised that budget requests are due March 15, 2006 and that her staff would then compile a draft budget to be reviewed by the Budget Committee. She noted that budget requests are being received on a daily basis.

V. Further Consideration of Items Previously Discussed:

a. *Memorandum of Understanding with GCS Communications:* The County Administrator noted that she had presented the Board with a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with GCS Communications at the last meeting for maintenance of radio and console equipment owned by E-911, Sheriff's Department, and fire and rescue departments in the County. Mrs. Harris advised that she approves of the proposed agreement; however, it should be sanctioned by the E-911 Committee before the Board accepts the agreement. The Board directed that the

Proposed Memorandum of Understanding be sent to the E-911 Committee for its consideration.

b. *Strategic Planning Retreat:* The Assistant County Administration advised that the plans for the upcoming Strategic Planning Retreat are moving forward and noted that it has been scheduled for March 31st and April 1st and will be held in the boardroom in the Veterans' Memorial Building.

c. *Meadows of Dan Bypass Concerns:* The County Administrator noted that the Board discussed the Meadows of Dan Bypass concerns during the VDOT report earlier in the meeting.

VI. Various Tourism Issues:

a. *Crooked Road Kiosk:* Tourism Coordinator Jeannie Frisco advised that the Crooked Road kiosk unveiling would be held on March 31st at 10:00a.m. She presented the Board with a copy of the invitation for the event. She asked the Chairman to be the keynote speaker at the unveiling. Mrs. Frisco reported that the Maintenance Department has constructed a majority of the kiosk at this time. She stated that she and the Maintenance Director recommend hiring a professional landscaping firm to beautify the area around the kiosk, which would cost approximately \$728.00. She requested authorization to seek quotes from professional landscaping firms.

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. and carried, the Board does hereby authorize the Tourism Coordinator to seek quotes from professional landscaping firms for the Crooked Road Kiosk Project in Meadows of Dan with a maximum bid of \$728.00 and with the understanding that the contract would be awarded to the lowest bidder if the bid is less than \$728.00; further, the landscaping must be completed before March 31, 2006.

b. *Covered Bridge Festival:* Mrs. Frisco presented the Board with advertisement rate information regarding the upcoming Covered Bridge Festival, with a copy filed with the papers of the Board. She recommended expending \$1,233.00 for radio ads and \$752.08 for newspaper ads.

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Jonathan Large and carried, the Board does hereby approve the expenditure of up to \$2,000 for radio and newspaper advertisements for the Covered Bridge Festival.

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

Voting Nay: None

Mrs. Harris inquired on the progress of bridge repairs. Mrs. Frisco noted that during the February regular meeting, the Board approved the proposed Client and Engineer Professional Services Agreement between the County and Mattern & Craig, contingent upon the County Attorney's review and approval of same. The County Attorney advised that he had reviewed the agreement and approves of same. Mrs. Frisco stated that the bridges' sheathing is being removed temporarily so that the engineering firm could conduct a field inspection.

The County Administrator advised that Nancy Lindsey's mother had passed away this morning; therefore, Gail Harding is standing in her place. The Chairman asked that Ms. Harding extend the Board's condolences to Ms. Lindsay.

VII. Meeting Schedule: The regular meeting for the month of March is scheduled for Monday, March 13th beginning at 2:00 p.m. and the work session will be held on Monday, March 27th commencing at 10:00 a.m.

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by and David G. Young carried, the Board convened into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; real property [Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; prospective business matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(5), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; legal matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), 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 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

On motion by H. Danny Foley, Sr., seconded by David G. Young and carried, the Board does hereby re-appoint Jerry Adams as a citizen representative to the West Piedmont Planning District Commission Board for a three (3) year term commencing April 1, 2006 and ending March 31, 2009.

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

Voting Nay: None

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. and carried, the Board does hereby re-appoint Sindy Fain as a representative to the Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council for a three (3) year term ending January 2009.

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

Voting Nay: None

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by Jonathan Large and carried, the Board does hereby authorize the advancement of the Patrick Springs Water and Sewer Project, which includes Patrick Springs and the West of Town area with voluntary acceptance of water and sewer service; further, the Board authorizes the Assistant County Administrator to obtain the necessary User Agreements and an updated Preliminary Engineer Report and the use of an attorney to complete any necessary documents needed by the Patrick County Public Service Authority.

Voting Aye: Martin, Harris, and Large

Voting Nay: Foley and Young

On motion by Jonathan Large, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the Board does hereby direct that by the March regular meeting, the Board will form a Patrick County Parks and Recreation Committee and will announce and appoint one member from each magisterial district, one member from the Patrick County School Board, and one member from the Board of Supervisors; further, bylaws would be created.

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

Voting Nay: None

Ordered that the Board be adjourned until March 13, 2006 at 2:00p.m.

Work notes prepared and submitted by

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