

STRATEGIC PLANNING

PATRICK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 24, 2010

The Patrick County Board of Supervisors convened their work session on May 24, 2010, at the Patrick County Veterans Memorial Building, Patrick County, Virginia. One of the purposes of the meeting was to discuss the future of Patrick County.

Members present included, Mr. Karl Weiss, Chairperson, Mr. Ron Knight, Vice – Chairperson, Mr. Roger Hayden, Mr. Lock Boyce, and Ms. Crystal P. Harris.

Staff Present: Mr. Jay Scudder, County Administrator, Mr. Alan Black, County Attorney , and Ms. Geri Hazelwood, Clerk to the Board.

Absent: Mr. Tom Rose, Assistant County Administrator

Additionally Ms. Nancy Lindsey, Reporter for the Enterprise, Mr. Tom Bishop, Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Richard Rogers, Reporter for WHEO.

Facilitator: Mr. Jay Scudder, County Administrator

Chairman Weiss called the Board's work session to order.

Mr. Tom Bishop gave the invocation.

Mr. Hayden led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Weiss called for a moment of silence for US Military serving here and abroad.

The Board had dinner.

The Board approved the Agenda as amended.

On motion by Lock Boyce to approve the amended agenda to go immediately into executive session to discuss Legal Matters 2.2-3711 (A) (7) seconded by Ron Knight and carried unanimously.

Roll Call:

Knight: aye

Boyce: aye

Hayden: aye

Harris: aye

Weiss: aye

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.

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Ron Knight to reconvene into regular session carried unanimously.

Voting Aye: Hayden, Boyce, Knight, Harris, Weiss

Voting Nay: None

The Board thanked Mr. Bobby Rorrer.

Public Hearing Notice of Intent to Apply for Grant Funding, USDA, Rural Development Police Vehicle Purchase

The Chairman opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. as previously advertised.

Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding and Notice of Public Hearing; Patrick County hereby provides notice that it intends to file an application for grant funding with USDA, Rural Development for assistance in police vehicle purchase. A public meeting on the proposed project will be held on May, 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone requesting information on this project or to offer comments should attend this meeting, which will be held at the Patrick County Veterans Memorial Building, 3rd floor Boardroom, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart, Va.

According to Mr. Scudder the Sheriff and Rick Boucher found this grant through USDA. He stated that we have the same opportunity as last year to apply for the grant funds to purchase patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. The money that was budgeted for the purchase of vehicles is in the Sheriff's budget by leveraging these funds as match.

There was no comment from the citizens.

The Chairman closed the public hearing/comment.

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Roger Hayden to approve the resolution as presented and carried unanimously:

RESOLUTION OF MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS

PATRICK COUNTY
(Name of Association)

106 RUCKER ST
STUART, VA 24171

(Address, including Zip Code)

RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of this Association be and it hereby is authorized and empowered to take all action necessary or appropriate -

1. To obtain for and on behalf of the Association through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or any other Governmental agency:
 - (a) A loan in a sum not to exceed \$ 74,060;
 - (b) A grant in a sum not to exceed \$ 75,000;
 to be advanced by the lender or grantor in one or more advances at such time or times as may be agreed upon.
2. In case of a loan or grant or both -
 - (a) For the execution of such application or applications (including exhibits, amendments and/or supplements thereto) as may be required;
 - (b) For the execution and delivery to the lender or grantor of all such written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such loan or grant; and
 - (c) In its judgment to carry out the terms of this resolution.
3. And in case of a loan -
 - (a) To obligate this Association for the repayment of the loan at such rates of interest and on such other terms and conditions as the Governing Board shall deem proper;
 - (b) To pledge, hypothecate, mortgage, convey, or assign property of this Association of any kind and in any amount now owned or hereafter acquired, as security for any or all obligations (past, present and/or future) of this Association to such lender; and
 - (c) From time to time to pay, extend, or renew any such obligations.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Geri Hazelwood of the above named Association, hereby
(Secretary) (Acting Secretary)
 certify that said Association on the 24th day of May, 2010, had 5
(Number)
Board of Supervisor; that five
(members) (stockholders) or (shares of voting stock outstanding)
 constituted a quorum; that five said members or stockholders or shares of voting stock were present at a meeting of the members or stockholders duly called and held on the 24th day of May, 2010; that the foregoing resolution was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of five said members or stockholders or shares of voting stock; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this day 24th of May, 2010
Geri Hazelwood
 Secretary of Patrick County

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Voting Aye: Hayden, Boyce, Knight, Harris, Weiss

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Chairman opened the public comment period at which time one citizen spoke, Mr. Charles Vivier. He presented the Board with the following information:

WASTE TRANSFER

- Waste transfer is presently paid for with some tipping fees, but the major portion of the cost is supported with local taxes (real estate, personal property, vehicle license fees, consumer utility taxes, machinery & tools taxes, local sales taxes, etc.
- Local taxes are short of supporting PC expenses and debt service.
- We are loosing state revenues that support local programs.
- **Additional local revenues must be found.** Additional revenues will not be in danger of being used frivolously in these times of threatened impending insolvency.
- Fee-for-services government can become a slippery slope if you think about penny pinching citizens at every turn, however,
- **Certain functions of government such as provisions for water, sewer and garbage are identified with fees-for-service programs with additional support from general funds.**

ZERO-BASED BUDGETING

- Mentally go back to ground zero just after the transfer station was built for the common good of the citizens of the county.
- The investment in the land, the building and the building maintenance became a general obligation even if it were never used and therefore part of the station budget should supported from local taxes.
- **Thereafter, there should be a charge for every ton of trash that is brought in for transfer. That makes everyone share equally.**
- The projected operating costs of \$627,000 include \$470,000 to Waste Management Inc to transfer and truck wastes out to Amelia land fill.
- The existing tipping fee revenues of \$276,000 don't even cover the \$470,000 paid to WMI
- A \$50 tipping fee per ton will barely equate with WMI charges to haul away, so the county is simply trading dollars.
- \$50.00 divided by 2,000 pounds per ton = \$50 / 20 hundreds pounds = \$2.50 per 100 pounds which is probably the weight of a family's worth of garbage brought by car.
- If a garbage truck holds 8 tons = 16,000 #s = 160 family cars lined up, then it is more economical to receive one truck instead of processing 160 cars. **Therefore \$3 per car is reasonable.** Consider the reverse of 8 tons of bulk fertilizer purchased as 400 bags of 40# each.

5/24/2010 Charles Vivier

WASTE COLLECTION

- **It should become our goal that all residential garbage is picked up at the curb and private trips to the dump are kept to a minimum.**
- Uncovered trash on open vehicles is subject to blowing off onto the roadway and is dangerous and undesirable. However, all littering problems will not be solved by any collection methods.
- Residential trips to the dump would generally be less convenient and less economical to citizens, especially in view of impending fees.
- While some people get better than curb service from their collectors, the general public should welcome curb service as a quality of life improvement comparable to sliced bread.
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- **Grayson County's waste collection system can be a model for Patrick County.** GC compares in size and population with PC.
- GC mandates curb service from everyone but provides exceptions with strict interpretation and multiple signatures of authority.
- GC controls all residential billing and bills for every residence. The \$13 monthly fee per unit is billed as a line item on the semi-annual tax bill. The landowner, not the tenant, is billed for each residential unit.
- GC issues collectible liens for non-payment.
- The GC uses part of the \$13 to pay the tipping fee to the regional LF.
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- **I'm NOT advocating at this time that PC government have a waste collection department with its own equipment, although that is the GC system.**
- Rural Service will continue in business but will become a competitive bidding contractor instead of a franchisee.
- RSI will not bill residences but will be paid **part of the fee** on a per unit basis by the County and know what its projected revenue will be.
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- **RSI will pick up any and every residential garbage can.**
- The current system is NOT working if the intention was to get the citizens to use the franchisee instead of traveling to the dump. RSI collects from about 1500 of the existing 9000 residential units.
- ~~Disadvantages~~
- **PC government gives up certain elements of control by using RSI.**
- PC employees could otherwise stop along the road and pick up fallen bags of trash, etc.; could service special events, etc.
- PC employees could handle requests for special collections that can't be handled with a standard garbage truck (appliances, etc.).
- PC would be held to higher standards for employee benefits.

5/24/2010 Charles Vivier

The Board thanked Mr. Vivier.

The Board discussed charging residential fees (opposed), enforcing policy that is in place at the Transfer Station, RSI services, expanding the tax base "equalized taxation", recycling and how to improve it through a joint effort with the public schools by educating the youth and providing places for disposal of recyclables throughout the county by using grant funds obtained through the county recycling initiative. The Board discussed that a lot of money is not made from recycling, but it is the right thing to do.

Mr. Chairman closed the public comment period.

Mr. Scudder started the planning session by recommending the following:

- Series of sessions with the public to look at opportunities for the county
- Planning Commission members and Board members from each district to hold community meetings
- Open forum topics for the future
- Particulars over the next couple of years
- One on one periodically
- Projects the Board is currently working on

The Board discussed things they would like to see for the future of Patrick County:

- “Good” jobs; “jobs outside the box”
- Population growth
- Improved standard of living
- Improved way of life
- Move in “right” direction
- Increase tourists spending within the County
- Fiscal soundness
- Balanced economy that benefits everyone
- Create and maintain “opportunity”
- Infrastructure maintenance and improvements
- Zoning
- Support existing businesses while simultaneously expanding and encouraging new businesses
- Market small businesses

- preservation of historic and scenic beauty of Patrick County
- Maintain and improve what we have
- More recreational opportunities
- Create “destination” tourism in Patrick County
- Create jobs that pay “living wages” for families
- Create “technology” jobs within Patrick County
- Maintain and preserve the scenic beauty and “character” of Patrick County
- Keep taxes low, but progressive
- Maintain “good” and higher educational opportunities
- Improve, maintain and expand “skilled” workforce

Mr. Scudder asked the Board for their input on how the capital projects jail, Patrick Springs Water and Sewer Project, and the school construction are progressing.

The Board stated that concerning the jail it should have been done along time ago, but if it had we would not be in the place we are now. We were able to get 25% reimbursement from the state for the last time on this type of project. The timing actually worked out to be a good thing for the county.

Mr. Scudder gave the Board three factors that are an important part of what this Board has dealt with.

1. Timing
2. Obligation
3. Responsibility

The citizens were in support of the school projects in a better economic time.

The Board discussed the making necessary repairs to the county buildings.

Mr. Scudder stated that the maintenance issues are being worked on.

Mr. Hayden asked Mr. Scudder to schedule a time to talk with Lisa Hughes concerning the designated bike trail, signage, share the road, Virginia byway, and expanding Squirrel Spur as Virginia byway.

Mr. Boyce stated that the Board is committed to the projects, however; no additional projects of any kind until we are in better situation economically because we cannot fund them.

Mr. Boyce and Ms. Harris stated that we need to look at all ideas for landfill fees.

The Board discussed combining, selling, and making changes to the county owned buildings.

Mr. Black asked Mr. Scudder to clarify in his report on the transfer station fees whether the charge was for 30 lb bags or 30 gal bags, cars or trucks.

He stated 30 gal trash bags.

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Roger Hayden, the Board convened into Executive Session to discuss legal matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; and personnel matters [Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended].

Voting Aye: Boyce, Hayden, Knight

Voting Nay: Harris, Weiss

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On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Ron Knight to reconvene, where only legal matters and personnel matters were discussed.

Roll Call:

Boyce: aye

Hayden: aye

Knight: aye

Harris: aye

Weiss: aye

On motion by Lock Boyce to immediately adopt the amended employment contract for Mr. Jay Scudder seconded by Ron Knight and carried 3 to 2.

Harris: no

Hayden: aye

Boyce: aye

Knight: aye

Weiss: no

On motion by Crystal P. Harris to adjourn until June 14, 2010 seconded by Lock Boyce and carried unanimously.