

**VIRGINIA:** At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, held at the Patrick County Administration Building thereof on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** H. Danny Foley, Sr., Chairman; Roger L. Martin, Vice Chairman; Darrell Cockerham, Crystal P. Harris, and David G. Young, 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.

This day came Patsy Akridge, Akridge Insurance Services, Inc., and Ann Turner, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative, to present the Board with a stand-alone health insurance bid proposal and current policy renewal information.

**Stand-alone Bid Proposal:** Ms. Akridge began the discussion by giving a response summary for a stand-alone program for the Board's 109 employees. She advised that bid requests were sent to ten carriers with a deadline of May 17, 2005. She stated that the only firm to respond was Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, which reflected an increase of 14.9% in the current rate. Ms. Akridge noted that the bid proposals were based on the employees' current coverage. She advised that insurance carriers consider the following characteristics when determining a rate: group experience (claims versus premiums); demographics; birth dates; and pooling level. She stated that the employees' claims totaled \$103,000 versus \$116,000 paid in premiums, which equals an 88% loss ratio. She advised that Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield has a policy that if a subgroup leaves the group at any point in time, they cannot re-enter the group; therefore, if Board employees pull away from the School System, they will be unable to join the School System at a later date. Ms. Akridge stated that if the Board's employees entered into a stand-alone program and encumbered a large claim, the group might encounter an increase above 40.4%; therefore, she did not recommend a stand-alone policy for that group. Ms. Turner advised that insurance carriers tend to look at a three to five year cycle of claims, which usually includes a blip (a large claim); for that reason,

she does not recommend a stand-alone policy for the small group.

**Renewal of Current Policy:** Ms. Akridge advised that she had requested a quote from Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for the renewal of the current policy, which includes the School System and Board employees, along with a quote for a stand-alone policy for the School System with a total of 378 employees. She stated that the renewal for the combined group would increase 40.4% and a stand-alone policy for the School System would increase by 49%.

The County Administrator advised that the Board had indicated that it did not intent to increase the County's share in the cost of the employee's premium. Ms. Akridge noted that if the current policy is renewed, the employee only rate would equal \$417.03 with the employer paying \$261.72 and employee paying \$155.00. She stated that employees currently pay \$35.27 per month. Ms. Akridge noted that the School System's insurance coverage goes out to bid every five years, which is scheduled for 2006. The County Administrator noted that this is a very important decision and recommended that the Board receive input from the employees. Mr. Martin asked about the employees' cost for a policy that included children. Ms. Akridge advised that it would cost \$1,043.75. She noted that Anthem reserves the right to change its rates if the group's census changes by more than 10%. She advised that if an employee purchases an individual Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield policy while eligible for group coverage, the employee is not eligible for the individual policy. Mrs. Handy noted that the Board's contract expires October 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Akridge asked that the Board make a decision no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Chairman advised that the Board would continue this discussion at its next meeting.

This day came Don Watts to express his concern about the County's contribution to the Patrick County Music Association. He advised that the contribution to the Association is not a voluntary contribution, it is taken by force and the thought of being forced to pay a guitar player once a month to entertain 200 people is ludicrous. He recommended selling tickets at the door and stated that there is no rhyme or reason to compete with tax dollars against free enterprise. Mr. Watts noted an event that Cecil Hall held recently and stated that he can attract

more outside people during one event than the Association could attract in one year. He advised that the Association's shows mostly attract local people and showcase local talent. He noted that he has sung and played at these shows and has enjoyed it; however, it should not be funded with tax dollars.

On motion by Darrell Cockerham, seconded by David G. Young and carried, the Board convened into Executive Session to discuss legal matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended].

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

Voting Nay: None

On motion by Darrell Cockerham, 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: Foley, Martin, Cockerham, Harris, and Young

Voting Nay: None

The Board held a discussion concerning the Proposed 2005 - 2006

**Fiscal Year County Budget. The County Administrator noted that the Board indicated that it would not raise taxes and has made considerable cuts to the General County Fund. She reviewed the following list of proposed cuts that were discussed at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Work Session:**

<b>\$851,796</b>	<b>Original deficit</b>
<b>-\$465,911</b>	<b>Cuts from General County Fund Requests</b>
<b>-\$7,000</b>	<b>Adjustment in Compensation Board Reimbursement</b>
<b>-\$19,277</b>	<b>Transfer from Capital Depreciation Fund</b>
<b>-\$5,000</b>	<b>Hazardous Incident Reimbursement</b>
<b>-\$1,000</b>	<b>Electronic Monitoring Reimbursement</b>
<b>-\$8,000</b>	<b>Extra Anticipated Interest on General County Fund (per Treasurer)</b>
<b>-\$1,400</b>	<b>Voting Machine Reimbursement</b>
<b><u>-\$3,641</u></b>	<b>Admin. Assist. Salary moved from Emergency Mngt. to Bldg. Inspection.</b>
<b>340,567</b>	
<b>+\$4,000</b>	<b>Music Association Re-instatement</b>
<b><u>+\$10,000</u></b>	<b>Treasurer, Commissioner, and Clerk (Re-instatement)</b>
<b>\$354,567</b>	
<b>-\$10,000</b>	<b>Possible Reduction in Social Services Budget</b>
<b>-\$10,000</b>	<b>Possible Additional Fees at Transfer Station (White Goods Fee/Increase in Tire Fee)</b>
<b>-\$258,812</b>	<b>Previously Proposed Reduction in School Budget</b>
<b><u>-\$100,000</u></b>	<b>Additional Sales Tax Expected to be Generated (Walmart and Food Lion)</b>
<b>\$24,245</b>	<b>Extra Funds</b>

**Mr. Martin advised that he has received many calls concerning the Music Association and stated that churches and Veteran organizations, which charge fees for their events, are upset. He stated that the Association could charge a fee. Mr. Young proposed a fee of \$1.00 per person. Mrs. Harris advised that many citizens who have called her stated that the dates of the Association's events interfere with events that have been held for many years. Mr. Martin stated that he had received calls from citizens who feel very strongly against a contribution to the Association. The Chairman noted that the few calls that he had received were in**

favor of the Music Association. The Board inquired about possible real estate tax from the local hospital. Janet Rorrer, Commissioner of the Revenue, advised that the County should receive approximately \$19,800, which has not been included in the 2005-2006 proposed budget. The Chairman asked for the Board's comments concerning the \$100,000 proposed sales tax revenue from the Walmart and Food Lion projects. Mr. Martin stated that if the County does not have the money, he does not agree with including it in the proposed budget. Mr. Young advised that every budget is based on projected revenue and this money is truly projectable revenue. Mr. Burnette noted that the projected completion date for the Walmart project is December/January. Mr. Young suggested a contribution of \$100,000 to the School System. Mrs. Handy noted that the Board could earmark that contribution by category. The Chairman recommended a contribution of \$50,000 to the School System earmarked for debt service, increase the Contingency Fund, and raise the amount of Capital Equipment for the fire departments by \$2,000. Mr. Martin suggested increasing the Contingency Fund. Mrs. Harris stated that before the County increases its contribution to fire and rescue departments, all existing equipment needs to be inventoried. Mr. Cockerham advised that each county department should keep an inventory of its tools and equipment. Mrs. Handy noted that an inventory of assets costing \$5,000 or more is kept for auditing purposes. The Board agreed to place the \$44,245 excess funds in the Contingency Fund.

On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Darrell Cockerham and carried, it is hereby ordered that a synopsis of the budget for informative and planning purposes for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 be advertised for a Public Hearing on Friday, June 17, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., as provided in Section 15.2-2506, 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

Voting Aye: Cockerham, Harris, and Young

Voting Nay: Foley and Martin

The Board rescheduled its next regular monthly meeting for Friday, June 17, 2005 commencing at 3:00p.m.

**Mr. Cockerham noted that he had met with Michael Burnette, Patrick County Public Service Authority, and the Carroll County PSA last week. He advised that the Patrick County PSA received valuable information concerning public service authorities at that meeting.**

**The Assistant County Administrator advised that the Patrick County Economic Development Corporation is required by law to file annual reports with the State Corporation Commission on the make up of the Board. He stated that currently, the terms on the EDC have lapsed and/or been incorrectly made. On behalf of the EDC, Mr. Burnette requested that the Board of Supervisors make several appointments to the EDC.**

**On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Darrell Cockerham and carried, the Board hereby makes the following appointments to the Patrick County Economic Development Corporation effective immediately and terminating at the specified date:**

<b>Glenn Roycroft</b>	<b>August 11, 2007</b>
<b>Bill Clark</b>	<b>August 11, 2006</b>
<b>Gail Harding</b>	<b>August 11, 2008</b>
<b>Arlen Smith</b>	<b>August 11, 2007</b>
<b>Terry Dalton</b>	<b>August 11, 2005</b>
<b>Steve Swartz</b>	<b>August 11, 2008</b>
<b>David Young</b>	<b>December 31, 2005</b>
<b>Carolyn Beale</b>	<b>December 31, 2005</b>

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

**Voting Nay: None**

**On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Darrell Cockerham and carried, the Board hereby reappoints Gail Harding to the Patrick County Economic Development Authority for a four-year term retroactive to August 12, 2004 and terminating August 11, 2008.**

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

**Voting Nay: None**

**On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Darrell Cockerham and carried, the Board hereby reappoints Terry Dalton to the Patrick County Economic Development Authority for a four-year term commencing August 12, 2005 and terminating August 11, 2008.**

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

**Voting Nay: None**

**On motion by David G. Young, seconded by Darrell Cockerham and carried, the Board hereby appoints Steve Swartz to the Patrick County Economic Development Authority for a four-year term effective immediately and terminating August 11, 2008.**

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

**Voting Nay: None**

**On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by Darrell Cockerham and carried, the Board hereby approves the issuance of a check in the amount of \$67,000.00 for capital improvements to the Blue Ridge Rescue Squad to fund an addition to the squad's facility contingent upon a contractual agreement between Patrick County and the Blue Ridge Rescue Squad earmarking the funds solely for building addition expenses.**

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

**Voting Nay: None**

**Ordered that the Board be adjourned until June 17, 2005 at 3:00p.m.**

**, Chairman**