

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, held at the Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Ron Knight, Vice Chairman, Jonathan Large, Lock Boyce, and Karl Weiss, Board Members

ABSENT: Crystal P. Harris, Chairperson, and Tom Rose, Assistant County Administrator

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Scudder, County Administrator; Alan Black, County Attorney, and Geri Hazelwood, Assistant to the County Administrator/Clerk

The Vice - Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Knight stated that Ms. Crystal P. Harris was absent due to a tragic accident in her family and that she is where she needs to be.

Rev. J R Vipperman gave the invocation requesting special prayers for Ms. Harris's family and for Mr. Rose's family.

On motion by Jonathan Large seconded by Lock Boyce and carried unanimously the Board approved the agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

On motion by Karl Weiss seconded by Lock Boyce and carried unanimously the Board approved the minutes from March 9, 2009 and March 23, 2009 work session.

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

Special Recognition

The Board of Supervisors presented Ms. Billi Ehmann with a plaque honoring her as "Poet Laureate" for the year 2009. Ms. Ehmann read a poem for the Board.

The Board of Supervisors recognized the Board of Equalization for the job they done by reading the following resolution:



COUNTY OF PATRICK
Office of the County Administrator

WHEREAS, The Patrick County Board of Supervisors would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent service on the Board of Equalization. Although this is a difficult and comprehensive task, you carried out your duties exceptionally well and your efforts are sincerely appreciated and;

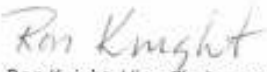
WHEREAS, It is the Board's finding that you were fair and open in listening to the appeals made by County property owners, while at the same time upholding the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia reassessment and equalizing property taxes for Patrick County citizens by not conveniently accommodating individual property owners by granting unwarranted claims and;

WHEREAS, As you know by now, through your experience this was not a simple task to undertake; however it is a necessary public service which to your credit you performed admirably now;

Be It Resolved, this 14th day of April 2009, which the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Patrick County and its citizens, recognizes and thanks the Board of Equalization for their willingness and expertise in assisting Patrick County in this endeavor.



Crystal P. Harris, Chairperson



Ron Knight, Vice-Chairperson



Jonathan Large, Board Member



Karl Weiss, Board Member



Lock Boyce, Board Member

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Reports

Mr. Roger Hayden presented the Board with the following letter of thanks:

REPORT TO THE BOARD

Mr. Large, Thank you for your excellent presentation before Congressman Rick Boucher's Subcommittee; Oversight of the American Recovery And Reinvestment Act: Broadband.

You represented the People of The Dan River District and Patrick County Both with Dignity and Professionalism; Job Well Done!

I am especially honored that you and Jay Scudder, County Administrator, chose the article I wrote about the Claudville Community and the Rural Connectivity Grant failure, as written Testimony to the Congressional Committee. It describes very well the conditions within our Community and the struggles we have had getting attention to our problems. Thank You Congressman Boucher, for setting up this Committee and the kind invitation to let Patrick County be a part of history.

In preparation for the failed Rural Connectivity Grant I surveyed over 100 residents within a 4 Mile radius of The Claudville Post Office and ask for their opinion as to the need for High Speed Internet service.

There was a consensus within the group that; we are entitled to high speed internet service; for some unknown reason, our Community was bypassed, other Communities with a Post Office had Pockets of High Speed Service, and we had none, why? ; Claudville was once the largest Tobacco producer in Patrick yet were denied Virginia Tobacco Funds to subsidize High Speed Internet Connectivity, whereas non Tobacco producing areas received subsidy for Broadband Connectivity; No one listened or seemed to care about providing High Speed Internet Service to our Community.

I assured everyone that I care for our Community, and Mr. Boucher would listen to our concerns and would help rectify this inadequacy.

Never did I expect that the Claudville Community and our Grant Failure would be used as representation of Rural America's demand for High Speed Internet Connectivity.

This would not have happened without the Support of Congressman Rick Boucher, and Chief of Staff Laura Lee. The residents of Claudville Thank You!

Thanks to Supervisor Crystal Harris for accompanying and assisting Mr. Large to Washington. Mrs. Harris recently stepped down as our Supervisor on the Broadband Taskforce and Mr. Large was appointed to serve in her position on the Taskforce. Mrs. Harris has served The Taskforce well since she was appointed in January 2008.

She was an asset, and still is, to our Taskforce. Her help in the development of the Wireless Broadband plan for Patrick County is greatly appreciated. Crystal was one of the first Supervisors that I talked with, some six years ago, that understood, "High Speed Internet is a Critical infrastructure of any Community", just as Roads, Bridges and Water and Sewer. Now our Board of Supervisors has come to realize the importance of High Speed Internet Connectivity to all Patrick County. This Board has now offered full support of our Wireless plan.

Monday April 20th, Tom Rose, EDA Director, and I will attend Congressman Boucher's Conference ; Economic Opportunities for the Ninth Congressional District; Advancing the Deployment of Broadband in Underserved and Unserved Communities in Wytheville. We will present our Patrick County Wireless Project for funding from The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Wireless will provide an alternative source of High Speed Internet Service, and Telephone Service, Thereby, promoting competition. Also it will provide Fire and Rescue, emergency services and Sheriff Department with another means of communication. Wireless is faster, easier to install, more area covered at less cost per unit than Land Line and easily expandable to other areas. Patrick County will own the equipment, lease it to a wireless company to maintain and run. Therefore, the people will have control over it and the County of Patrick will share in the profits.

As it now stands, we get grants, give it to the large Telecommunications Companies to extend Broadband service, and wait until they feel ready to supply service.

The Patrick County Broadband Taskforce asks for a resolution of support from the Board of Supervisors to show unity in County Government in regards to The Patrick County Wireless Plan.

Roger T Hayden, Chairman
Patrick County
BroadBand Taskforce
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HIGH SPEED INTERNET, FOR RURAL PATRICK

The Board thanked Mr. Hayden for all of his hard work on the Broadband project.

Mr. Scudder gave a report on the Patrick County Public Schools FY 2010 Budget Summary.

He commended both Boards for the work done on the budget.

Mr. Scudder gave the Board an update on Jack's Creek Covered Bridge stating that the County qualified for funding to make improvements to the bridge.

Mr. Boyce asked if the County would have to spend any money on the Jack's Creek Covered Bridge renovations.

Mr. Scudder stated no however; it is a reimbursement project.

Public Hearing: Commercial Dog Breeder Ordinance

Mr. Knight opened the public hearing for the Commercial Dog Breeder Ordinance. Mr. Black explained the Ordinance to the Board stating that the Ordinance tracks the State Code and is in compliance with the new laws effective January 1, 2009. He stated that the Board could modify the Ordinance such as the number of dogs a breeder can have. (see packet for ordinance)

The Board had discussion.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Knight closed the public hearing.

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Jonathan Large and carried unanimously the Board adopted the Commercial Dog Breeder Ordinance.

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

Public Hearing: Sheriff's Department – Intent to Apply for Funding with USDA, Rural Development Funding

Mr. Knight opened the public hearing. Mr. Scudder gave an overview of the application for funding stating the funds could be used to purchase public safety vehicles for fire and rescue and the Sheriff's Department. He stated that the funds would be used to purchase public safety vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. He stated the project will be done as a reimbursement; there is a match which is not to exceed the amount in this year's budget.

There were no comments.

Mr. Knight closed the public hearing.

On motion by Jonathan Large seconded by Lock Boyce and carried unanimously the Board approved the resolution as follows;

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
PATRICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The governing body of the PATRICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, consisting of five members, in a duly called meeting held on the 14, day of April 2009 at which a quorum was present RESOLVED as follows:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, in order to facilitate obtaining financial assistance from the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, (the Government) in the development of purchasing public safety vehicles to serve the community, the governing body does hereby adopt and abide by the covenants contained in the agreements, documents, and forms required by the Government to be executed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick be authorized to execute on behalf of PATRICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT the above - referenced agreements and to execute such other documents including , but not limited to, debt instruments and security instruments as may be required in obtaining the said financial assistance.

This Resolution, along with a copy of the above - referenced documents, is hereby entered into the permanent minutes of the meetings of this Board.

Patrick County
(ENTITY NAME)

BY: Jay D. Smith

Attest: Ron Knight

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick in a duly assembled meeting on the 14th day of April 2009.

Heri Howard
Secretary/Clerk

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

Public Comment Period

Mr. Johnny Martin spoke in opposition of doing business with the local Board of Supervisor's businesses stating that we should spend our money elsewhere.

Mr. Boyce stated that we should support our local businesses and that he supports other Board members businesses.

Mr. Weiss stated that he supports doing business here in Patrick County and will continue too.

Mr. Large stated that he also supports businesses here in the county as well as the other members businesses.

Mr. Knight concurred.

Mr. Vice – Chairman closed the public comment period.

Report: Deanna Cox; Robinson, Farmer, Cox, Associates

Ms. Cox stated that the 2008 audit for the County was complete. She stated that the things that needed improving should not reflect poorly on the audit. She referred the Board to the following handout regarding audit recommendation:

The Board had discussion.

The Board thanked Ms. Cox.

Report: Corbin Stone; Robinson, Farmer, Cox, Associates

Mr. Stone presented the Board with a handout and booklet containing Financial Forecast information. (see packet)

Report: Mr. Jon Morris; Executive Director; STEP, INC.

Mr. Morris gave the Board an update on the progress of the new location of STEP in Patrick County. He invited the Board to the groundbreaking ceremony on April 16, 2009. He thanked the Board for being such a good landlord as they have housed their office out of a county owned facility for quite sometime. He spoke of the many more services, programs, and jobs that will be provided to the County.

The Board of Equalization presented each Board member with the Land Books stating that they heard 1,151 appeals. The Board of Equalization thanked the

Board of Supervisors and everyone who helped accommodate them while serving as the Board of Equalization for the County of Patrick.

Mr. Knight asked if the County would be hiring a full time assessor.

Mr. Scudder stated that the hiring of a full time assessor was not in the budget.

Mr. Scudder gave the Board a report on the 2009 Reassessment. (refer to handout in packet)

Mr. Scudder spoke to the Board concerning a resolution for Orange County “Alternative On – Site Septic Systems”.

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Jonathan Large and carried unanimously the Board asked that Mr. Scudder draft a letter of support.

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Scudder stated that the County received recognition as a major venue on the Crooked Road in Showcase Magazine at no charge to the County.

Mr. Weiss stated that Christopher’s Pizza is now a star on the map, a major venue on the Crooked Road.

Mr. Scudder asked if the Board would like to appoint Mr. Jerry Adams to serve another term on the West Piedmont Planning District Board as his term ended March 31, 2009.

On motion by Jonathan Large seconded by Karl Weiss and carried unanimously the Board appointed Mr. Jerry Adams to serve a term of three years ending June 30, 2012.

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Scudder presented a request to the Board to adopt a resolution on the subject of Interbasin Water Transfers.

The Board had discussion.

On motion by Jonathan Large seconded by Lock Boyce and carried unanimously the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
of the
Patrick County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, the citizens of Patrick County want and deserve access to fresh water for good health and for recreational opportunities, and are lucky to live within the Dan/Roanoke River basin area which provides both; and

WHEREAS, the natural and cultural resources of our basin include the entire river system and its drainage area, including surface and ground water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the withdrawal of surface or ground water to supply out-of-basin uses permanently removes water from the Dan River as part of the Roanoke River basin; and

WHEREAS, permanent removal of surface or ground water from the basin reduces water supplies available to serve existing and future residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and recreational uses within the basin; and

WHEREAS, permanent loss of water from the river basin creates negative economic impacts, including negative environmental, recreational, cultural, and aesthetic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the communities of the Dan/Roanoke River basin must preserve existing water resources of the basin to meet their current demands and to ensure availability to support future economic growth within the basin;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 14th day of April 2009, that the Patrick County Board of Supervisors is opposed to the transfer of ground or surface water from the Dan/Roanoke River basin to support uses outside the watershed of the Dan/Roanoke River and any of its tributary streams and rivers.



Ron Knight, Vice - Chairman
Patrick County Board of Supervisors

Mr. Scudder stated that the Board needed to make an appointment to the Blue Ridge Regional Library Board. Mr. Boyce stated that he would like to make an appointment at the next business meeting.

Mr. Scudder stated that Pioneer the new owners of the hospital will be working aggressively over the next year to make necessary renovations and repairs. The County was approved for a TROF grant in the amount of \$190,000.00. Mr. Scudder stated that on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 he would attend a meeting in Farmville, Va. concerning tobacco money for the hospital. Roscoe Reynolds and Bernie Day would be speaking to their constituents on behalf of Patrick County receiving an allotment of Tobacco monies in the amount of \$276,000.00.

Mr. Scudder stated that the Patrick Springs Primary School is in need of repairs to their septic system. A joint meeting with School board members Bobby

Mangrum and Chairman, Bobby Rorrer and Vice-Chairman, Ron Knight and Lock Boyce, Board members to discuss the issues Monday, April 20, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Scudder stated that he and Ms. Harris attended a LEO meeting. At the meeting they were told of available stimulus money for Workforce summer programs. The School board will be over the program. The funds will be used to employ people to help maintain our parks, buildings and grounds. Improving and maintaining the parks will save money in the future on maintenance costs.

Board Appointments

Mr. Jonathan Large would like to appoint Mr. Scott Eutsler to serve on the Public Service Authority for a term of three years beginning April 14, 2009 – June 30, 2012.

On motion by Jonathan Large seconded by Lock Boyce and carried unanimously the Board appointed Mr. Scott Eutsler to serve on the Public Service Authority for a term of three years beginning April 14, 2009 – June 30, 2012.

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

The Board would like to appoint Mrs. Astrid Cole to be appointed to serve on the Piedmont Community Services Board of Directors for a second three – year term beginning July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012.

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Karl Weiss and carried unanimously the Board appointed Mrs. Astrid Cole to serve on the Piedmont Community Services Board of Directors for a second three – year term beginning July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012.

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

On motion by Karl Weiss seconded by Lock Boyce and carried unanimously the Board made the following appointments to serve on the Woolwine Recreation Committee:

President, Rick Worley 930-2695

Vice President, David Collins 930-1285

Secretary, Lee Elgin 930-2448

Treasurer, Andrew Kahle 276-229-9261

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Weiss asked that Mr. Alan Black write a letter confirming the appointments as well as a copy of the Board meeting minutes for the Woolwine Recreation Committee be submitted to the committee.

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Jonathan Large and carried unanimously the Board adopted the following resolution on behalf of Piedmont Community Services Board:

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

Bills, Claims, Transfers, and Appropriations

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Jonathan Large and carried unanimously the Board approved County General Claims as presented this day and as evidenced by check numbers# 91927-92131 General County, 4-7 Inmate Commissary and 2 HEM.

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

The Board took a five minute break.

Other Business

Mr. Boyce stated that he would like to add two things to the November, 2009 referendum:

- 1. to serve liquor by the drink by district**
- 2. countywide meals tax**

Mr. Boyce stated that other counties have some form of land use taxation and would like to have whatever type of land use that best suits the county prepared on or before June 30, 2009.

Mr. Large stated that we can have it in by June 30, 2009; by law we can't have it in effect until 2010.

The Board had discussion.

On motion by Jonathan Large seconded by Karl Weiss to form a committee consisting of two persons from each district one being able to qualify for Land Use Taxation; two a potential to not qualify for the categories of Land Use Taxation.

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Jonathan Large and carried unanimously to have liquor by the drink by district on the referendum for November 2, 2009.

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Karl Weiss and carried unanimously to take to referendum a countywide meals tax.

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Large stated that May 14, 2009 a community workshop would be held in Danville and that all members should attend.

Mr. Scudder stated that on April 20, 2009 that Mark Seffner would be in Wytheville and that the Board members should attend in support of Broadband for the County.

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Jonathan Large and carried unanimously the Vice – Chairman ordered the Board be adjourned until May 11, 2009 commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Voting Aye: Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Knight

Voting Nay: None

, Vice - Chairman

