

VIRGINIA: At a Business Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, held at the Patrick County Veteran' Memorial Building on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Roger Hayden, Chairperson; Lock Boyce, Vice – Chairperson; Crystal P. Harris, Ron Knight, Karl Weiss Board Members

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Rose, County Administrator; Geri Hazelwood, Assistant to the County Administrator/Clerk; Donna Shough, Finance Officer; Department heads and Constitutional Officers.

Others present were: Nancy Lindsey, The Enterprise; Tom Bishop, Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, Richard Rogers, WHEO

Mr. Chairperson called the meeting to order.

Mr. Chris Corbett provided the invocation.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Karl Weiss followed by a Moment of Silence in honor of past and present U. S. military personnel serving domestically or abroad.

The Patrick County Fire and Rescue Association Representative Mr. Chris Corbett; gave a brief history of the Association.

Mr. Dollerhite, Captain; Stuart Fire Department, asked that the Board not cut the capital allocations because it is planned in advance every nine years for fire and every six years for rescue. If cuts need to be made, make them to the commercial budget and not to capital improvement program.

The Board thanked Fire and Rescue and all the volunteers for the job they do. The Board stated they could not afford a paid service.

The Board discussed the need of a mobile compressor which would help countywide in any fire situation. Mr. Allen presented the Board with a handout with explanation. The cost for the mobile compressor would be \$44,000.00.

The Board concurred to increase line item # 3327 on p. 157 of the budget by \$44,000.00 to cover the expense of the mobile compressor.

Mr. Boyce asked if they would consider cutting the \$5,000.00 for Fire and Rescue Appreciation Day. The Board took no action.

The Board discussed p. 158 Ambulance and Rescue, Vesta did not receive their Capital Improvement funds for 2007-2008, that funding was put in for 2011-12.

On p. 163 of the Sheriff's budget the board added \$9,000 per year for the maintenance serviced by Southern Air.

Building Inspection on p. 174, they showed a decrease due to partial salary for Tabitha Caine now being covered under County Administration. The Board talked about raising building fees but took no action.

The Board discussed Soil & Erosion and over the next few years will need to prepare to replace Mr. Vernon.

The Board took a break from 7:30 – 7:40pm

Mr. Boyce asked that on p.185, line 6051; be eliminated. He would like to see an adoption fee of \$50.00 and to have a \$25.00 reclaim fee implemented, and to see the uniform allowance increase to \$350.00 and to have the same uniforms as the Sheriff's Department, consensus of the Board. According to Wanda they had four reclaims in one week, it is state mandated to keep them without a collar for seven days twelve days with a collar, housed at no charge.

On motion by Lock Boyce to eliminate payment to vets for spaying and neutering by doing away with line #6051 for a total of \$1,600.00 seconded by Ron Knight and carried 3 to 2.

Voting Aye: Knight, Boyce, Hayden

Voting Nay: Harris, Weiss

Mr. Weiss had concerns that voting on something that has not been advertised to the public would not be right. He did not know where we as a County stand legally and Mr. Black was absent.

The Board discussed a reclaim fee further, the first three days \$25.00 over three days \$10.00 and after that \$65.00 until the animal is adopted.

On motion by Lock Boyce to implement a reclaim fee of \$25.00 per animal at the pound seconded by Ron Knight and carried 3 to 1 -1 abstain to put in as a recommendation to see added as the vote on the budget as a whole.

Voting Aye: Knight, Boyce, Hayden

Voting Nay: Harris

Abstain: Weiss

The Board discussed raising fees at the Transfer Station. The majority of the Board has no consideration of drop off boxes, nor charging fees at the Transfer Station, There was no action taken by the Board.

The Board discussed the budget for the Commonwealth Attorney on p. 213; the budget was increased due to the anticipation of relocating to the former Sheriff's Department to cover expenses. If the move does not take place the monies wood be taken out of the budget to reflect such change.

Under Parks and Recreation, p.217 line #6079 the Board had questions concerning the match of team monies. Mr. Rose stated that he would look into it.

Mr. Boyce stated that he was opposed to the County contributing any funds to the Blue Ridge Heritage.

On motion by Roger Hayden to take the \$3,500.00 from the Board's salary cut \$18,500 and donate it to the Caring Hearts Free Clinic

Motion dies for a lack of a second.

Mr. Rick Ward, Regional Library presented the Board with a breakdown of spending. (see packet)

The Board had discussion.

On motion by Lock Boyce to restore the funding back to last year's funding 2010 level seconded by Ron Knight and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None

The Board took a break at 9:35 pm

The Board discussed Economic Development and replaced p. 254 with updated information concerning a GOF grant for Ten Oaks paid \$100,000.00 match County money over a three year period of time and the cost to make the repairs to the Rich Creek Park

lower entrance, once repaired and brought up to VDOT standards VDOT will add it to the right of way. Mr. Rose stated that there would be a closed bid process for those repairs.

The Board discussed the Tourism budget p. 259 was replaced with updated information. The Board asked for another sheet reflecting the totals of tourism line items 3330 – 5619 lumped together under marketing for a total of \$49,000.00 and showing the reduction of line items 5655-6049 for a total savings of \$12,000.00. Mr. Rose stated that 40 percent goes to the general fund and 60 percent goes directly into marketing.

The Board decided to stop and continue discussion of the budget on March 14, 2011. Mr. Boyce stated that he would help to get the last of the easements for the PSWS project.

Mr. Hayden discussed the dismantling of the tower on Bull Mountain per the National Park Service and to deliver it to the County maintenance building free of charge as stated in the contract. According to Mr. Hayden the Board should explore all options when it comes to County property. The tower cannot be used for cellular service; it is not capable of handling the load.

On motion by Roger Hayden seconded by Lock Boyce to grant authority to the National Park Service to disassemble the County owned tower on Bull Mountain and deliver such disassembled tower to the Patrick County maintenance area at no charge to Patrick County for future use, with the blessing of the Patrick County Planning Commission and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None

Adjourn

On motion by Roger Hayden seconded by Lock Boyce Lock Boyce to adjourn until Wednesday, March 14, 2011 at 6:00pm and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None