

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, held at the Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building on Monday, August 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Ron Knight, Vice – Chairman, Crystal P. Harris, Roger Hayden, and Lock Boyce, Board Members

ABSENT: Karl Weiss, Chairman

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

Others present were: Nancy Lindsey, The Enterprise; Tom Bishop, Chamber of Commerce

Call to order: Ms. Crystal P. Harris acting Chairperson

Mr. Tom Bishop provided the invocation

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

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Roger Hayden and carried unanimously the Board approved the agenda.

Voting Aye: Boyce, Hayden, Knight, Harris

Voting Nay: None

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Ron Knight to approve the minutes of June 28, 2010, July 12, 2010, and July 26, 2010 as presented and carried unanimously.

Voting Aye: Boyce, Hayden, Knight, Harris

Voting Nay: None

Ms. Harris opened the public comment period.

The Board received input from Mr. Johnny Martin, Peter's Creek District; he spoke to the Board concerning useless spending and the need for good jobs, he stated that there is no need to purchase a grinder for the jail, nor do we need to spend \$5,000 taxpayer money to help people who have been injured on the job which could impact their worker's compensation benefits.

Mr. Hayden asked that Mr. Scudder check and make sure that a grinder is necessary. He asked that the request to give an employee \$5,000 to assist in paying insurance be tabled until further research had been done to insure that the employee's worker's compensation would not be terminated. He stated that NAFTA is where the people's jobs went.

Mr. Boyce stated the importance of installing a grinder pump to prevent future problems with the new jail. He stated that they are installing clean outs behind each commode to help also. Mr. Boyce did check with Hartford insurance and legal representatives concerning the \$5,000 contribution to an employee on worker's compensation. They told him that it could be a conflict and cause wages to decrease however; an honorary contribution is exempt. He suggested putting an honorary system in place in Patrick County for employees hurt in the line of duty. He was glad to report that the individual has been released back to work as of today. According to Mr. Boyce children who live in Patrick County should go out of state and out of the Country to experience the world after school and then maybe they would want to return to Patrick County and enrich our County with the knowledge they have obtained. He stated that even if a company came to Patrick County wanting to employ 300 to 400 people, we would not have that many employable people. He stated that Caterpillar was building a new facility in Winston Salem and that people could carpool from Patrick County with a 45 minute commute for good paying jobs. The Board has very little impact on the economy; we just need to lower taxes, improve public safety, and our schools to attract industries to come here.

Mr. Knight and Mr. Hayden complemented Mr. Boyce on the comments that he made.

Mr. Knight stated that he had a Master's Plumbing License for 16 years and the grinder pump is absolutely necessary.

Ms. Harris stated that Mr. Weiss was on vacation and due to Mr .Knight not feeling well she is acting Chairperson for the meeting.

Mr. Hayden stated that we could expand jobs to people who work from home making products and selling them online by providing them with the technology they need, broadband. The county will be covered at 95% by the end of the year. He acknowledged Ms. Mabel Hayden, wife; who was in attendance.

Mr. Harris closed the public comment period.

## REPORTS

### Ms. Janet Rorrer Commissioner of the Revenue, PPTRA

Ms. Rorrer asked that the Board pass a resolution to set the percentage computation at 50% instead of the earlier projection of 51% for allocation of PPTRA relief to county citizens.

The Board had discussion.

Mr. Hayden stated that he is opposed to any car tax.

On motion by Mr. Knight to pass a resolution to set the percentage computation at 50% for allocation of PPTRA relief seconded by Lock Boyce and carried 3 to 1.

### **Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) Resolution of the Patrick County Board of Supervisors**

Be it resolved, this 23rd day of August, 2010 that the Board of Supervisors does hereby set the percentage computation at 50% for allocation of PPTRA relief to county citizens at a specific amount to be offset against total taxes otherwise due, further, the Commissioner of the Revenue is authorized to adjust the percentage computation after running the personal property books in late August/September if needed.

Voting Aye: Boyce, Knight, Harris

Voting Nay: Hayden

The Board thanked Ms. Rorrer.

#### Mr. Jay Scudder, County Administrator, Report

Mr. Scudder asked the Board to support the FY 2011 contract for Piedmont Community Services; it needs to be acted upon by September 30, 2010. There is no additional responsibility to the County. This is to meet the needs of the County and act on our behalf.

Mr. Scudder referenced House Bill 30, which specified that the Board adopt regulations to increase annual fee for solid waste facilities. The environmental fees have gone up from last year \$500 to \$895 this year, and \$2,000 last year to \$3,580 this year in fees.

The Blue Ridge 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be September 10, 2010. Mr. Tom Rose and Ms. Wilma Pendleton have been working on this along with Mr. Tom Bishop and the kick off date is today August 23, 2010. They have asked that the Board pass a resolution showing support. All communities are participating.

Mr. Scudder asked the Board members to be thinking about attending the VACo conference held each year at The Homestead. The conference allows the Board to network with others throughout the state and to find out what is going on legislatively. He encouraged all members to attend. He stated that Mr. Hayden serves on the Technology Committee. He stated that he has been asked to serve on the Community Development Committee. He asked the members to decide if they would like to attend as soon as possible so reservations could be made.

UPDATES:

Mr. Jay Scudder stated at the last meeting the Board had asked that a letter and resolution be prepared asking that all disabled veterans in and out of state be giving free hunting and fishing license. Based upon research the state of Virginia charges a onetime fee for a hunting license which includes five different stamps however; it does not cover out – of – state disabled veterans. It was Mr. Weiss' request that it apply to out – of – state disabled veterans a no fee as well as in state.

Mr. Scudder stated that the seepage had been repaired per the Department of Environmental Quality. He stated that he received written documentation from Olver stating such. The letter will be filed and open for review by DEQ.

ACTION ITEMS:

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Ron Knight and carried the Board approved the following items:

The Board does hereby approve the proposed FY 2010 – 2011 Piedmont Community Services Performance Contract with the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, as reviewed and outlined at this meeting.

Voting Aye: Boyce, Hayden, Knight, Harris

Voting Nay: None

**Resolution for Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Disabled  
Veteran's**

WHEREAS, The Patrick County Board of Supervisors voted on August 9, 2010 to send a resolution to the Virginia General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, to request the State to exempt disabled veterans from paying for a hunting and fishing license in and out of state; and

WHEREAS, these veteran's have suffered fighting for their country and are deserving whatever help the State can give them; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick County Board of Supervisors ask Delegate Ward Armstrong to take this request to Richmond

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon authorization the free license would apply to both in and out of state disabled veterans.

Voting Aye: Boyce, Hayden, Knight, Harris

Voting Nay: None

### Resolution for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway



#### COUNTY OF PATRICK *Office of the County Administrator*

##### 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLUE RIDGE PARWAY

WHEREAS, the 469-mile Blue Ridge Parkway joins Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains National Parks and was built over a 52-year period from September of 1935 until its completion in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Parkway has remained the most visited unit in the National Park Service system since the 1940s and contributes to the region's prosperity, bringing more than \$2.3 billion annually to the local economies; and

WHEREAS, the Parkway is one of the most biologically diverse places in the temperate portion of our planet, containing more species of trees than all of Europe, a number of protected species of plants, and hundreds of historic structures; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Parkway shall continue its legacy by developing and sharing engaging information about the importance of this exceptional natural and cultural resource, involving local communities through events that focus attention on the history and stewardship of this treasure, and advancing a new generation of advocates who embrace Parkway values, speak out regarding future challenges, and actively work for a sustainable and healthy Blue Ridge Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Parkway is also home to hundreds of historic structures and is a place where visitors come to make memories and enjoy the recreational opportunities that abound there; and NOW, THEREFORE, WE the Patrick County Board of Supervisors, on August 23, 2010 do hereby recognize the 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY in the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA and we call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

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Chairman of the Board

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Voting Aye: Boyce, Hayden, Knight, Harris

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Boyce would like to appoint Ms. Greta Payne to serve as Peter's Creek District representative on the Social Services Board; she will replace Ms. McConnell who will be going back full time nursing and will no longer be able to serve on the Social Services Board. He stated that he is still looking for a representative for the Planning Commission.

On motion by Lock Boyce to appoint Ms. Greta Payne to a term of four (4) years on the Social Services Board seconded by Roger Hayden and carried unanimously.

Voting Aye: Boyce, Hayden, Knight, Harris

Voting Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARING: 7:00 pm Abandonment of road

Mr. Donnie Conner representative of the Doby's Primitive Baptist Church; he thanked the Board and VDOT for all of their help. He presented the Board with pictures showing the church as it is now and a projection of what the church will look like once the addition is added onto the church. The church will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wanted to have a celebration and by adding a fellowship hall would give them the space they needed to do so. The cost may be an issue with that due to all of the money it will take to build it. The addition onto the church would cause it to come out into the road which is why the church is requesting the road be abandoned which should have been done years ago.

No one signed up to speak during the hearing.

Ms. Harris closed the Public Hearing.

The Board had discussion.

On motion by Lock Boyce to make a resolution to abandon right – of - way of old route #631 between existing state route #631 and existing state route #643 seconded by Roger Hayden and carried unanimously

Voting Aye: Boyce, Hayden, Knight, Harris

Voting Nay: None

The Board wished Mr. Conner good luck in getting the additional funds needed construct the addition to the church.

ADJOURN:

On motion by Ron Knight seconded by Lock Boyce and carried unanimously the Board adjourned until September 13, 2010.

Voting Aye: Boyce, Hayden, Knight, Harris

Voting Nay: None

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Crystal P. Harris, Acting Chairperson