

VIRGINIA: At a work session of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, held at the Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building on Monday, September 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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: Mr. Chairman

Mr. Tom Bishop provided the invocation

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

On motion by Roger Hayden to amend the agenda to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters after the update on the PSWS project seconded by Lock Boyce and carried 4 to 1.

Voting Aye: Boyce, Hayden, Knight, Weiss

Voting Nay: Harris

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Ron Knight to amend the agenda to discuss Halloween during topics of discussion and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Chairman opened public comment period with no one signed up to speak, he closed the comment period to the public.

Mr. Roger Hayden spoke to the Board concerning personal property taxes.

On motion by Roger Hayden to reduce the personal property rate from \$1.71 to \$1.26 effective on the personal property 2011 tax ticket seconded by Lock Boyce.

Mr. Black and Mr. Scudder suggested that the Board wait until next year to decide on tax cuts because if they cut personal property tax as proposed it would cause a \$700,000.00 shortage that the Board would have to make up.

The Board had discussion. The Board agreed that taxes need to be cut but that it needs to be discussed during next year's budget planning sessions.

Voting Aye: Hayden

Voting Nay: Boyce, Harris, Knight, Weiss

The motion failed 4 to 1.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

With Mr. Scudder leaving, the County must advertise the County Administrator's position in the VML/VACO and major publications as well as local, Roanoke, and Winston Salem Journal.

Mr. Scudder suggested hiring a consultant or retired County Administrator to help with the process and fill in as interim which could cost approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000.00.

The Board discussed hiring a consultant; most members were opposed to spending the money it would take to hire a consultant.

Mr. Weiss stated that Mr. Rose had led the County on two different occasions. We have people at home who can do the job.

The Board suggested that the ads be placed as soon as possible.

On motion by Karl Weiss that we do our own advertising for 30 days in the VML/VACO, The Enterprise, seconded by Ron Knight and carried 4 to 1.

Voting Aye: Boyce, Knight, Harris, Weiss

Voting Nay: Hayden

Mr. Weiss asked if the Board should name interim.

Mr. Black stated that if the Board wanted to hire interim then a vote would be necessary.

Mr. Boyce stated that he thought it would be a waste of money.

On motion by Lock Boyce in the event of a vacancy of the County Administrator the Assistant County Administrator moves in as interim and is able to sign off on bills seconded by Ron Knight and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None

The Board had discussion on the process of reviewing the applications.

On motion by Roger Hayden that all members review all applications in closed session at a regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting with all applications to be sent to the Chairman, Karl Weiss; seconded by Lock Boyce and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None

VACO CONFERENCE:

Mr. Hayden, Mrs. Harris, and Mr. Rose will be attending the VACO Conference November 7 – 9 2010. Mr. Weiss stated that he would let Mrs. Hazelwood know if he would be attending by October 6, 2010.

HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY

The Board had discussion and based on the Sheriff's recommendation the Board decided to celebrate Halloween in Patrick County on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 5:00 until 9:00 pm. seconded by Roger Hayden and carried unanimously.

On motion by Crystal P. Harris to celebrate Halloween on Saturday night between 5:00pm – 9:00 pm seconded by Roger Hayden and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None

UPDATE:

Mr. Scudder gave the Board an update on the PSWS project stating that the customers will be able to use the services within the next few months. Mr. Terry Tilley, Town Manager who was present stated that the Town of Stuart and the County will need to work closely together on the billing. Phase II of the project is requiring a new environmental or a simple amendment to the original environmental review which is a little old. Mr. Scudder stated that when he received an update on the clearance that he would notify the Board as soon as he knows something.

The Board took a 10 minute break at 7:15pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Ron Knight and carried unanimous the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters section 2.2 – 3711 (A) (1).

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

Voting Nay: None

The Board reconvened at 8:25 pm.

On motion by Ron Knight seconded by Lock Boyce to reconvene from executive session where only personnel matters personnel matters section 2.2 – 3711 (A) (1) were discussed and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None

ACTION:

On motion by Lock Boyce to conclude our contractual obligations agreement pursuant to the compensation referenced in the letter provided to the Board with Mr. Scudder seconded by Roger Hayden.

Mr. Boyce stated that there is no severance pay for Mr. Scudder.

Mr. Hayden reported on the courthouse repairs and complemented on the trees that were cut down and stated that someone is going to prune the remaining trees. The tree at the monument needs to be taken care of when the

other trees are pruned. The generic figure on the top of the statue reflects people who served in the civil war. The Monument would not have been erected if it were not for the women's book club. It was erected to represent all who served in the civil war.

Mr. Weiss stated that the Meadows of Dan Park has purchased lights for the field and need the funds that were to be used for the Mayo River Park. They will only be eligible for the amount promised to them which is \$4,400.00.

The park usually pays the bill and then the county reimburses the park.

The batting cage at Mt. Top Park was destroyed and a \$1,345.00 check from the insurance company was issued to the County. Mt. Top Park would like to have the funds to replace the damaged batting cage.

On motion by Crystal P. Harris seconded by Lock Boyce that the \$1,345.00 be given back to Mt. Top Park and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Knight spoke of the Mayo River District Park Committee that dissolved. The money that was set aside for the Mayo River Park was to be distributed to the different parks evenly; these funds have helped a lot of the parks. The way times are now, I just didn't feel like now was the time nor do we have the funds to build a brand new park.

Mr. Hayden stated that Dan River Park has benefited from the funds.

Mr. Weiss stated that a lot of the people from Mayo River District use the other parks for leisure.

Mr. Hayden thanked Judge Clark and Sheriff Smith for their help in the Courthouse repairs.

ADJOURN:

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Roger Hayden and carried unanimously the Board adjourned until October 18, 2010.

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

Voting Nay: None

Chairman, Karl V. Weiss