

**VIRGINIA:** At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, held at the Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building thereof on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** David G. Young, Chairman; Jonathan Large, Vice Chairman; H. Danny Foley, Sr., Crystal P. Harris, and Roger L. Martin, Board Members; Michael Burnette, County Administrator; Jeannie Frisco, Assistant County Administrator; Eric Helms Monday, County Attorney; and Geri Hazelwood, Assistant to the County Administrator.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

The County Attorney gave the invocation.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a Moment of Silence in honor of U. S. military personnel serving abroad.

On motion by Jonathan Large, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the agenda for the meeting was approved.

Voting Aye: Large, Foley, Harris, and Young

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Martin

**THE FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIZED MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 BOS MEETING. VERBATIM MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST ON CD AT THE COST OF MATERIALS.**

The Chairman opened the Public Comment Period. The Chairman asked for comments from the public. Four citizens spoke during the section.

1. Lavonda Kirkman came before the Board and presented a letter that addressed questions, gave suggestions, and voiced concerns about the racetrack in the Ararat community. Ms. Kirkman was concerned that people have now been exposed to a tremendous amount of noise in the late-night hours; heavy traffic that is unsuitable for a narrow, unmarked road; and dust, these issues are causing much

pain and suffering to area residents. Ms. Kirkman proposed that the Board review her letter with considerable thought understanding of what has happened to the community. She asked that after all liabilities are considered and if the track is allowed to continue, work to set a reasonable cutoff time for the race, sound barriers around the track, or have all cars run with mufflers to help with noise control. (Copy of letter filed with Board packet in County Administrators Office).

2. Steve Montgomery came before the Board with many of the same concerns as Ms. Kirkman. His main concern was the noise and the late night hours, as well as the traffic and his children cannot sleep until late at night. He suggested putting mufflers on the cars.

3. Gary Nester, Owner of the Rolling Thunder Raceway, came before the Board and stated that he had worked with Charles Vernon Soil and Erosion Control Officer for the track. He also went before the planning committee. He stated that there were officers from the Sheriff's Office in uniform on the premises during the races. He stated that he wanted the track to be a family oriented place of entertainment. He stated that he would invite any family, church group or organization to come out and enjoy the races. Mr. Nester brought letters that were written on his behalf from citizens who were excited about the new track. He stated he would do what he could to have neighbors instead of enemies. (Copy of letters filed with original Board packet in County Administrators Office).

4. James Lawson stated how much he enjoys the racetrack. He stated that it is only one night a week. He lived beside a race track for several years and it does not bother him.

The Board discussed the problems that the public brought to their attention concerning the Rolling Thunder Raceway. Some of the possible solutions that the Board discussed were planting mature 6ft. Leyland Cypress trees to provide sound barriers. They also discussed putting mufflers on the cars to reduce the noise level. They discussed the possibility of starting the races at an earlier time so they could finish earlier. In Patrick County there is no zoning, no property maintenance code and no noise ordinance. Before the racetrack was constructed the public was made aware of it.

Mr. Young stated that the Board would consider all of the matters

that have been brought to the Board's attention and with Mr. Nester's help they will try to solve problems, as they are solvable, and they will keep up with what is going on.

After all the comments were received and heard the Board adjourned the meeting to tour PCHS.

Mr. Chairman called the meeting back to order after the visit to the Patrick County High School.

**VDOT REPORT : Ms. Lisa Price Hughes, Resident Engineer**

This day came Ms. Hughes, Resident Engineer, to discuss matters pertaining to the primary and secondary road systems in Patrick County.

Ms. Hughes stated that the first item on her agenda is the Rt. 8 Connector. According to Ms. Hughes, the right-of-way has been approved and VDOT can begin acquiring right-of-way. There are 19 parcels and the advertised date for construction is February 2009. Ms. Hughes updated the Board regarding guardrails in Meadows of Dan "Five or six of those worst locations of the guardrails on Lovers Leap are going to be worked on the second week of September. The district traffic engineer usually put together a 12 County guardrail contract. "said Hughes as she further indicated VDOT may be able to get some of those guardrails on the contract this fall. Ms. Hughes discussed status of the unpaved roads in the county. "These updates are based upon the newest latest counts. VDOT has 143 miles of unpaved road but only 35 miles of that is eligible for paving, which means the count, is over 50" said Hughes.

Mr. Young asked how much it costs for VDOT to maintain a road with the count of 10 or lower. He asked if it was feasible to keep a road like that in the system. Ms. Hughes stated that the roads would still have to maintained; cost may be a little less since you do mow as often and it doesn't have the wear of vehicles as much. Mr. Young asked if the state ever terminates roads like this with counts such as 2,5,7. Ms. Hughes stated VDOT has not initiated that type of thing in several years the best she could remember. Mr. Young asked if it is a state maintained road and it is a dead end, isn't there supposed to be sufficient area to

turn around in without backing into someone's property?" Ms. Hughes answered yes, but some of them we don't." Mr. Young voiced his concern regarding the inability to turn around on such roads. Ms. Hughes indicated that it has caused problems for them with snow removal as well. Mr. Martin stated that it is more expensive to move equipment than it is to fix the road. Mr. Martin asked if on occasion when people move off the road couldn't VDOT just continue maintenance. Ms. Hughes indicated that "yes, you can." Mr. Young voiced concerns about spending a good deal of money on roads that may get 10 or 20 cars a day on average. Mr. Young stated that that we might be much better off and serve so many more people to pave them all. Ms. Harris informed Ms. Hughes that the road off of Pilson Sawmill Road does not have anyone living on it but VDOT scrapes the road because it is in their system. Mr. Young indicated that he didn't realize there were so many roads that had so little traffic in Patrick County. "Obviously when you have roads that have counts of 50 or 60 and are dirt and then have other roads that are being scraped that have 10 or 20 cars a day not to mention cleaning of the ditches, cutting banks back, and so forth, it looks like that maintenance money would be much better spent on those more heavily traveled roads. Mr. Young asked about the roads under the six-year plan and referred to the hand out regarding the ones that are blacked" are they the ones on the plan now?" Ms. Hughes went through the plan and pointed out which ones could be done as a rural rustic road.

Ms. Frisco addressed the Board and Ms. Hughes that she had received a call she received from a citizen regarding that his road is currently unpaved, and is not in the VDOT system. Ms. Frisco indicated she was speaking of Churchill Lane in Woolwine. Mr. Bill Blake indicated that approximately 10 years ago there was a petition signed by residents wanting Churchill Lane to come into the six-year plan. Ms. Frisco contacted Ms. Hughes as well Ms. Harris and made them aware of this information. Ms. Hughes indicated the road is not currently in the six-year plan nor in the VDOT system. Ms. Frisco indicated "there is currently a subdivision looking at or potentially wanting to build or has built." There is also a hunt club on this road along with seven or eight other houses and Mr. Blake would very much like for the road to be looked at. Ms. Hughes indicated that this project could be a rural addition project but it is not currently on the six-year plan. "The board can allocate up to 5% of their yearly construction budget to fund

the improvement; however, over the last four years this board has chosen not to do so.” said Hughes. Mr. Young indicated that for it to become a state road there has to be a sufficient right of way. Ms. Frisco indicated the residents are willing to provide such a right of way. Mr. Young stated that the right-of-way would have to be transferred to VDOT. Ms. Hughes stated that they would have to transfer the right of way to Patrick County and then Patrick County would transfer it to VDOT.

Ms. Harris stated that she thought Alfred Brammer put it on the rural addition. Ms. Hughes stated that Dave Hoback used to keep a list of the rural addition requests. She stated that the BOS have not allocated the money to rural addition since 2002. Ms. Harris stated “we have brought this road up several times.” She spoke of a letter that may have been written by Regena Handy to Mr. Blake. Ms. Frisco stated that if it was correspondence and the board took action or somehow recorded it in the minutes, she was unable to locate it. Ms. Hughes stated that she may have a letter concerning information for Churchill Lane, and would forward to Ms. Frisco.

Mr. Young stated that in normal circumstances it is up to the subdivision or the property owners to bring that road up to VDOT standards before the state would accept it. Ms. Hughes stated that this is correct and stated that she thought it was brought in before the Board adopted the subdivision ordinance so it does qualify as a rural addition.

Mr. Foley asked about Willis Green. Ms. Hughes stated that was one of those roads that would qualify as a rural addition. Mr. Young stated that we could allocate 5% to any road at this time because we have so many pressing issues at the time. Ms. Hughes indicated she doesn't think that 5% would even touch it. Ms. Harris requested Ms. Hughes take a look at Churchill Lane and give an update at the next meeting. Mr. Young asked what kind of a count is on the road. Ms. Hughes stated that the way they bring in new roads is by saying that each house has 10 trips a day with five people and it is way over that.

Mr. Large asked about Hooker's Creek Road. Ms. Hughes stated that it was in the top 60 count. Mr. Large asked if it was on the six-year plan and Ms. Hughes stated that it was not. She stated that they would have to wait until the public hearing on the six-year plan and they may be able to add a few projects. Ms. Hughes stated that they were going to take a look at the bridge in Patrick Springs as

well as the intersection at Wayside and Big A. Mr. Young stated that the intersection at Wayside and Big A is very important to be taken care of before someone gets hurt. Ms. Hughes stated that federal funding could be used for Wayside and the Big A intersection.

Mr. Foley asked about Mountain View Church Road and Pleasant View.

Ms. Hughes stated that intersection would qualify for federal funds. Mr. Young stated that most of the roads on the six-year plan come to the Board from groups of concerned people during the road hearing in October. Mr. Young stressed his concern once again for the Wayside and Big A intersection, although it is not in his district, it needs to be taken care of. "It is a very dangerous location" said Young. Ms. Hughes stated that on the six-year plan the Board has always prioritized by traffic count and if the right-of-way was there the Board would work together add the roads looking at each district "it is good that you have done that." said Hughes. Ms. Hughes had no further business to discuss.

Ms. Frisco asked the Chairman for the floor to address Ms. Hughes. She spoke of how she had attended a West Piedmont Planning District meeting and one of the subjects they talked about in the VDOT presentation was the bike lanes and the transportation enhancement funding. Ms. Frisco had a couple of questions that she asked Ms. Hughes to respond on. Ms. Frisco indicated this was basically to get in the minutes and the media accurately because some of the candidates have chosen the Mayo River Rail Trail as their forum. Ms. Frisco asked if the Transportation Enhancement Funds that are earmarked can be used for school construction and high-way projects such as four-laning of Rt. 58. Ms. Hughes stated no, those funds cannot be used for those things." Ms. Frisco asked what could be the use of these funds. Ms. Hughes stated that there are several criteria that has to do with the project, "it has to deal with transportation as far as recreational opportunities." Ms. Frisco reiterated alternative mode of transportation." Ms. Hughes agreed. Ms. Frisco asked if there was a certain amount allocated each year for transportation enhancement funding. Ms. Hughes stated yes. Ms. Frisco asked who the funding was allocated by. Ms. Hughes stated it comes from federal funds which are available and allocated out by the state. Ms. Frisco stated that if Patrick County did not apply for the Transportation Enhancement Funds would another project have received the funding? Ms. Hughes

stated “yes, another project would have received the funds.” Ms. Frisco asked if land could be used as match, if the land is where the trail is going to be. Ms. Hughes stated that if you purchase the land it could be used as in kind forced accounts “Ms. Frisco asked if such things as maintenance, helping to possibly clear the area or students using the area could be counted.” Ms. Hughes stated that these items could be used as match for in-kind funds. Ms. Frisco asked if other grants could be used as long as they were not from the same federal program. Ms. Hughes said, yes.”

Mr. Foley had questions concerning the resurfacing of the roads. Mr. Foley asked if there was any way to put up a sign saying, “dangerous, slow down, loose gravel.” Ms. Hughes stated no, nothing that has been approved. Ms. Hughes stated that VDOT puts out the loose gravel signs. Mr. Foley stated something is needed to let people know how dangerous it is. Mr. Foley stated that he keeps hearing of accidents due to loose gravel. Ms. Hughes stated that they would try to have more signs at each intersection where there is loose gravel. The Board thanked Ms. Hughes for her report.

#### **Address Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Young stated at this time for any corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Foley stated that a correction needed to be made on page 27 concerning the Skate Park. Mr. Foley stated that Ms. Frisco had talked to somebody and the signs were priced \$2,300 or \$2,600 “and I brought up that I had bought a sign for \$236 on a 4x8 sheet of aluminum with color added to it.” Ms. Frisco asked that the comment be checked because she did not think Mr. Foley was correct to his change to the minutes. Mr. Young asked if the comments are on the tape. Ms. Frisco stated yes they are on the tape. According to Ms. Frisco’s memory, Mr. Burnette stated that a permanent sign that would last for several years would cost between \$300.00 to \$325.00. Ms. Frisco asked that Ms. Hazelwood go back and check the minutes and type them verbatim as to what Mr. Foley said. Ms. Frisco stated that she believed that Ms. Hazelwood would find that Mr. Foley stated the sign cost \$125. Mr. Large asked if there was any reason why if something was said why it may not be in the minutes. Ms. Frisco stated that the Board has always summarized their minutes, unless someone has specifically requested that it be put

in verbatim. Mr. Young stated that was correct, “we have always had a summary of the minutes.” Mr. Large stated he wasn’t aware of that in the past. Mr. Martin said that a lot of things could be left out that way. Ms. Frisco stated that the members of the Board could request a copy of the minutes that are kept on file. Mr. Large stated that he thought that the press and the general public should be made aware that the minutes are summarized and not verbatim. Mr. Martin asked if the records for the minutes are accurate on the website. Ms. Frisco stated no, they are not, because we do not currently have adequate manpower within the administrative staff. Ms. Hazelwood is currently doing two jobs, assistant to the County Administrator and Building Inspection/ Receptionist, and I am filling in at DMV and doing transfer station tickets and other administrative and clerical duties. Ms. Frisco said “as soon as we can get someone trained to upload those, they certainly will.” Ms. Frisco said that she would also like for the board to take into consideration what they were requesting concerning looking for a new website host, “a request for proposal has went out for a possible new company to host and maintain the website. That is going to have to come into play before we can upload our information. “Frisco said the information that we have currently on that website may not be able to be used if we go to another company.”Mr. Young asked how many hits we get a month on the current website of people who want to see the Board minutes. Mr. Chairman, I’d rather you refer this to Mr. Burnette when he gets here. I think it is in the information about the web maintenance that for each tab there is statistical data. You might not know for which minutes, but you would know how many hits went to that webpage. Mr. Young stated, jokingly, he wouldn’t be surprised if it wasn’t a huge number. It might be something to look at 10:30 at night or 11:30 when having trouble getting to sleep. Mr. Large asked if we could make a note on the minutes and on the website that this is a summary. By request of the Board of Supervisors, from this day forward that it be listed on the website and in the minutes that these minutes are summarized and not verbatim.

On motion by Crystal P. Harris and seconded by Roger Martin and carried four to one the Board accepts the minutes with noted changes, additions and that the minutes should be publicized as being a summary of the actions of the Board on that day and noting that an actual transcription is on tape and can be made available to anyone who makes a request.

**Mr. Young asked if there would be a charge. Ms. Frisco stated yes, the cost of materials.**

**Voting Aye: Harris, Martin, Large, and Young**

**Voting Nay: Foley**

**Report: STEP Inc. – Jon Morris, Executive Director**

**Mr. Morris apologized for taking so long to come before the Board. He stated he is celebrating his third year anniversary. Mr. Morris thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to come before them and report on the current status and operations of STEP Inc. Mr. Morris commented on how wonderful Mike Burnette had been to the agency and how good he had been to him. Mr. Morris stated that he knew how busy County Administrators & Assistant County Administrators are in county government but “Mike has always been very gracious to us. Every time that I have called he came. He’s very proactive. I look forward to many years of future collaboration.” Mr. Rose has been excellent since he has been with the County as well. Mr. Morris began his presentation, STEP was established in 1966 and just celebrated its 40th anniversary. We began serving Patrick County in 1986. Currently we have three Head Start classrooms, one in Ararat, which we are getting ready to move into the Blue Ridge school. We have a classroom in Patrick Springs, and we have a center in Stuart, which is currently rented, through the County. We also offer housing, and weatherization services, and IPR, which are services that provide indoor plumbing, septic tanks and wells to structurally sound homes with nonexistent bathrooms. We are currently building three houses for IPR families. Last year we completed one near Lovers Leap Mountain. We are really excited about the new building that we are hoping to build here real soon. We have been working on this for about two years. What we are wanting is to expand all of our services that we currently offer in Franklin County to Patrick County. What is holding us back is that we have no space and it is very hard to replicate what we are doing up there. We offer 20 different programs in Franklin County last year between both counties we served more than 1500 individuals and families. We have nearly 80 employees plus volunteers. That is about 100 employees and volunteers and over 20 programs. The staff is dedicated they don’t get paid enough. We care about**

servicing people and getting our agency better every year. We have a wonderful Board of Directors; Crystal is on our board of directors as our government representative from Patrick County. We also offer crisis heat and cooling here as well. That program is specifically for low income families. We will come in and install a furnace, insulation, wrap chimneys, and wrap water heaters. We give out carbon monoxide detectors, and we install air conditioners as well. A referral for the heating and cooling crisis comes from the Department of Social Services. Once we go in there, we do a lot more than just install the heating unit or cooling unit, we really do an overview of the whole house to make sure that it is as energy-efficient as possible. We go above and beyond what DSS could even possibly think of doing because we love this program. We started a new program last year; it is the volunteer income tax assistance program. We provide free tax assistance to do the tax returns for people who earn less than \$39,000 a year. Last year, we served 135 families saving them \$15,000 in tax returns that they would have paid out to H& R Block, or a for-profit tax provider; however, we do that for free. STEP is governed by the IRS all of their tax preparers have to be trained and certified. We are hoping to expand that even more especially after the building gets built. We are going to have a dedicated space that we can offer this service to even more families to keep money in their pockets instead of giving that money to tax preparers. The planning commission recently approved the rezoning for a property down on Route 58 which we will be going into this partnership with Piedmont Community Services. It is going to be a wonderful building where we will be able to serve the needs of Patrick County. Our staff really deserves a brand-new place, a state-of-the-art facility where we can serve. We are a growing agency and we have been truly blessed. Our budget has increased by 31%. We've added over 20 new staff positions with added programs. What we are doing in Franklin County we are also adding services in Pittsylvania County and Danville, Martinsville, and Henry County. We are growing, not for the sake of growing but because there is a definite need; families need these services. What we are now at STEP is economic stability, providing asset generating programs. We have saving programs that that people can save a dollar, and we will match that dollar with two dollars. The catch is that money has to go to the purchase of a new home or to start a small business or to go back to school. We are really excited about the direction that STEP is going. Mr. Morris stated that

he came today to let the Board know to please call on him if needed. "I want to come before you at least once a year just to let you know what's going on. We've got a great plan with a great staff and we're moving in the right direction. I just wanted to thank you for your support, and let you know we just love being in Patrick County. We plan to be here for years and years to come and continue growing." Mr. Morris handed out the annual report. Mr. Young asked if there were any questions from the Board.

Mr. Burnette said, "My hat is off to you. STEP, Inc. is doing a fantastic job, and they are growing by leaps and bounds and trying to find ways to help people. I think what Jon is doing is not just taking existing programs and making them available, but also trying to find out what people need and create programs that meet those needs. Keep up the good work". The Board thanked Mr. Morris for his report.

### **Proclamation**

The Board has been asked to proclaim that September 28-29, 2007 be recognized as "Patrick County High School Class of 1987 Days" in Stuart, Virginia. The class of 1987 is celebrating its 20th anniversary class reunion and urges all citizens to join in this observation. (Copy of Proclamation filed with original Board papers in County Administrator's office)

On motion by Jonathan Large and seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. and carried unanimously the Board approves the proclamation for September 28-29, 2007 to be "Patrick County High School Class of 1987 Days".

Voted Aye: Harris, Foley, Large, Martin, and Young

Voted Nay: None

The County Administrator reported on the activities of his office for the preceding month, as required by Section 15.2-407 (B), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

**Report County Administrator: Michael Burnette**

### **Transfer Station Hours**

**Mr. Burnette stated that during the last Board meeting the Board decided to close the Transfer Station on Wednesday evenings due to lack of usage. The Board wanted to find out what kind of comments were received before the decided on the possible extension of Saturday hours. The hours were listed in the media; however, no comments were received in the County Administration Office regarding extending those hours. Mr. Burnette asked the Board if they wanted to keep the current Saturday hours, or if they wanted them extended by one or two more hours on Saturday.**

**Mr. Foley stated that Saturday hours need to be extended at least one hour so that people can get there who have to work during the week.**

**Mr. Young stated that as hours are added so are costs. He was concerned that there would not be enough customers to pay for the added costs, because, by law, there must be two people at all times working.**

**Mr. Monday stated that, by law, a lunch break would have to be provided after 1:00.**

**Mr. Young wanted to know what time the Transfer Station closed on Saturday at this time.**

**Mr. Burnette stated that the Transfer Station closed at 1:00 on Saturday.**

**Mr. Martin stated that until fees are being charged that the hours should remain as they are currently.**

**On motion by Roger L. Martin, seconded by Crystal P. Harris, and carried four-to-one, the Board approved leaving the current Saturday hours until such time as they begin charging fees for those services.**

**Mr. Foley stated that the Transfer Station is already closing two hours earlier on Wednesday, and that people have to rush to make it to the Transfer Station by 1:00 on Saturday.**

**Mr. Young stated that dumpsters could be put around the County and trash pickup at every house and everyone would still not be pleased.**

**Voting Aye: Young, Large, Harris, and Martin**

**Voting Nay: Foley**

## **HVAC Issues:**

**Mr. Burnette asked the Board to authorize work on the County Administration Building's HVAC system to combat excessive humidity and temperature levels. The Board had been given notice of findings that stated these levels were out of compliance with "office environment expectations." A letter from Michele Bryant, Clerk for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court stated that Judge Warren expected an immediate solution or an Order would be handed down to do so.**

**Mr. Burnette stated that he received a price quote through the County HVAC contractor for approximately \$18,000.00 to upgrade the systems in the entire building. "A couple months ago a mold investigation was done of the building and as part of that, they noted that the temperature and humidity levels were much higher than what is compliant with an office environment. The report that was received by the Board showed that the acceptable indoor humidity range is to be twenty to sixty percent, which is from the American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers, of all the areas in the entire building which is about twenty- eight different rooms only six were less than sixty percent which can be a cause of any present or future mold problem. The acceptable indoor summer range is from seventy-three to seventy-nine percent and every room except one is out of range. A solution from our HVAC contractor of approximately \$18,000.00-\$19,000.00 would make repairs on all units in this building and it would allow us to better control the humidity and the temperature throughout the building. To do that since it is not in the budget, the Board would need to do an additional appropriation to the Capital Depreciation Budget of an amount to cover this which is about \$18, 329.00, but it could go up to \$19,000.00, if the Board agrees." said Burnette.**

**Mr. Martin stated that the comfort level is a function of both temperature and relative humidity. Mr. Martin stated that Mr. Burnette made comment about making repairs to air-conditioning and he wanted to know why that was not a function when the air-conditioning was put in.**

**Mr. Burnette stated that he could not answer that question.**

**Mr. Young stated that when the air conditioning was put in that it was probably the cheapest and it had no control for individual areas because it was not**

designed that way. It just dumped air out into the building. “Our predecessors did not do a very good job with the HVAC system.”

Mr. Martin stated that he was irritated because of getting letters from the judges saying that they are going to stick it to us if we don’t immediately do exactly what they say.

Mr. Burnette stated that the items that are being looked at are humidity sensors, room sensors, and one that really floored him was that fact that damper motors are needed throughout the building. “At the present time, there is no fresh air coming into the building. The dampers are shut and the motors are all bad, and it has been that way for years.” Mr. Burnette stated that this is something he thinks the Board will want to fix.

On motion by H. Danny Foley, Sr., seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried unanimously, that the Board approves an additional appropriation from the General Fund to the Capital Depreciation Budget in the amount not to exceed \$19,000.00 to do the required air-conditioning of the County Administration Building.

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

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Martin added that standards needed to be established so that a system would not need to be changed every few years.

Mr. Foley wanted to know if there needed to be a professional that comes in and does a study.

Mr. Young stated that the Board already had the study which showed the high humidity.

Mr. Burnette stated that the survey gave the range of humidity and temperature that is standard and he recommended that the Board have the HVAC contractor that does the work to get it into those ranges.

Mr. Martin stated that those standards should be available through any of those companies and that money was being thrown away by getting a consultant. “Since the information needed can be gotten from the HVAC people who are in the business, there is no need to pay for it.”

**Mr. Burnette stated that the standards listed are from the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers and the Board had a copy.**

### **2007 VACo Annual Conference**

**Mr. Burnette asked the Board to review the proposed schedule for the annual VACo Conference to be held from November 11-13. He stated that it was very informative and worthwhile for the Board to attend. Three rooms are allotted at the Homestead with two rooms reserved close by. Mr. Burnette asked the Board what their intentions were as far as the conference was concerned.**

**Mr. Young stated that the amount of information from the conference was unbelievable and the value is immeasurable. All members agreed that the conference is very valuable.**

**Mr. Foley stated that one of the things they talked about when he attended a few years ago was the meth-crisis. "It is still being talked about, but this area is not dealing with it." He stated that meth was easy to get.**

**The Board will be leave mid day on Sunday and return Tuesday night. Harris, Foley, and Young will be attending the conference.**

### **Healthy Deer Management**

**Mr. Burnette stated that the Board has received complaints about the number of deer in the County and continued vehicle accidents caused by deer. Mr. Burnette stated that the handout "Earn a Buck" was a potential piece of legislation, a proposed regulation amendment by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. He stated that it was a test program for a few counties including Patrick, Bedford, Fairfax, Fauquier, Franklin, Loudon, Prince William and Roanoke. The proposal stated that a person would be required to take one antlerless deer before taking the second antlered deer of the license season, and that an additional antlerless deer must be taken before the third antlerless deer of the season could be taken. He also stated that the Game Department considered the issue one of "healthy deer herd management" rather than overpopulation.**

**Mr. Young stated that Patrick County does not have an over-population problem because there have been does with as many as three fawns. He also stated that a person can currently have six deer on the license, and that at least two of them have to be antlerless.**

**Mr. Foley suggested that the rifle season be extended like it is in some other counties.**

**Mr. Young stated that Patrick County already has a four week rifle season, and it was the first state to have a four week rifle season and it only increased the kill by a negligible amount of seven percent. And this could be attributed to any season by a change in the weather. He also stated that after four weeks he got tired of carrying his 30-06 rifle.**

**Mr. Large stated that he was in favor of the proposal, because the majority of hunters are out looking for the big buck kill instead of trying to control the population. Mrs. Harris agreed.**

**Assistant County Administrator, Jeannie Frisco stated that the proposal was the only solution for Patrick County right now and whatever the Game Department approved will be in effect for two years; "If the County does nothing now then we will go through two more seasons facing the same problems."**

**Mr. Large asked if there was anything in the proposal about archery season and Mrs. Frisco stated that she had not seen anything which went along the line of Mr. Foley's suggestion of a longer season. Mr. Large stated that Martinsville now has an archery season year round, which is another possibility that could be checked into.**

**Mr. Young stated that the game commission did away with the bonus permit which allowed a hunter to kill and a buck and a doe. The bonus permit is now does only. The permit needs to be a buck and a doe, but the doe has to be killed first.**

**Mrs. Frisco stated that currently Patrick County does not have a deer overpopulation problem, instead the County has a deer management problem. However, not all the Board members agree.**

**Mr. Large stated that the cost of licensing is going up and the number of hunters and deer killed is going down. The hunters are still going out looking for that big buck.**

**Mrs. Frisco stated that there are numerous hunters that will not kill a doe on opening day. It is almost religion in Patrick County that the hunters are going to kill a buck on opening day. It has been instilled upon generation after generation for over 30 years to kill a buck on opening day.**

**Mr. Foley stated that the more regulations there are, the fewer hunters there will be.**

**Mr. Young stated that a bill to allow Sunday hunting would do more to cut down the deer population because it would encourage more people to hunt. There was a bill that was introduced in the General Assembly by Del. Danny Marshall that would allow Sunday hunting after 1:00 p.m. on private land. Mr. Young stated that he had taught hunter education for twenty years and found most hunters in support of Sunday hunting, because many of them cannot hunt any other day because of their jobs.**

**Mrs. Frisco asked Mr. Large if he was aware of any other legislative amendments or regulation amendments to the current regulations. Mr. Large stated that there were not.**

**Mrs. Frisco stated that whatever passes this year will be in effect for the next two deer seasons from 2008-2009 and the Board “either supports the amendment or things will not change. If Del. Marshall’s bill is not already on the floor, it will not cover 2008-2009.” Mrs. Frisco asked the Boards support by resolution for the proposed regulation amendment of the “earn a buck” proposal.**

**On motion by Roger Martin, seconded by Jonathan Large and carried four to one the Board approved a resolution to support the DGIF proposed regulation amendment.**

**Voting Aye: Large, Young, Harris, and Martin**

**Voting Nay: Foley**

**NIMS Compliance: Steve Allen**

**Mr. Burnette introduced Mr. Steve Allen, the new Emergency Management Coordinator, who came on board full time last week. Mr. Allen gave a**

short overview of the NIMS program and checked where the Board was in compliance. He discussed federal requirements for training of County staff and Board members in the National Incident Management System.

Mr. Allen stated that anyone who worked with the Bull Mountain fire needed to get the ICS 100, ICS 200, IS 700 and IS 800 NIMS Compliance by September 30, 2007. Upper management needs to get ICS 300 and ICS 400 by next year. Classes will be set up for it and funding will be needed through the Board or the State.

Mrs. Harris stated that Mr. Martin had completed all three of his tests, Mr. Large had completed his four tests, Mrs. Harris had completed her tests, Mr. Young had completed ICS 100 and ICS 200 and Mr. Foley has not taken the test. Mrs. Harris stated that she had left the packet for Mr. Foley in his mailbox in the Administration Office and that she had left packets for Mr. Burnette, Mrs. Frisco, and Mr. Rose for the ICS 100, ICS 200, and ICS 700. She stated that if they had any problems concerning the materials in the packet for them to contact her.

Mr. Burnette stated that quite a bit of grant money is contingent upon getting this training and being compliant, not only with the Board members but also management and other government workers in the County. Mr. Allen stated that they must be totally compliant by September 30 in the test taking. Mrs. Harris stated that only two of the Board members are needed at this time to be compliant and they had taken their tests. Mr. Allen stated the time line on the ICS 300 and ICS 400 had to be completed by next year. Mrs. Harris stated that some classes are on-line to take the ICS 300 and ICS 400. Mr. Allen stated that a person must have the classroom ICS 200 before a person can sit in on the ICS 300 and ICS 400. Mr. Allen stated there would be five days of training which included three days for the ICS 200 and ICS 300 and two days for the ICS 400.

Mr. Monday stated that he would also be taking the training.

Mr. Allen thanked the Board and the Board thanked Mr. Allen.

Mr. Burnette stated that by the next meeting, hopefully, they would be NIMS compliant.

### **Reassessment Update**

Mr. Burnette stated that the County has to do a re-assessment that is going into effect January 1, 2009. The County has sent out requests for proposals. "The last time it was done, six years ago, there was one proposal that came back; however, this year there were three proposals. They were from three very good firms. The proposals have been looked at and the firms have been interviewed. The funds will come out of the County budget for two budget years, with \$150,000 already allocated in the 2007-08 budget." said Burnette. Mr. Burnette stated that Pearson, Wampler-Eanes, and Blue Ridge Mass Appraisal firms submitted the proposals. Pearson is the firm that did the County reassessment for the last two times and they were the low bidder. However, it is not just being done by low bid, but also on qualifications and past history. Pearson's bid was the lowest at \$308,000. Wampler-Eanes base rate was \$350,000. But with other items added, it was closer to \$390,000, which is about \$75,000 more than Pearson. Blue Ridge Mass was the highest with \$414,000. "The numbers were in the same ball park, but with significant differences." Mr. Burnette brought before the Board for recommendation Pearson and Wampler-Eanes. He stated that a decision needed to be made by the end of the month.

There was much discussion by the Board on the subject before the Board reached a voting decision of three to two with Mr. Martin and Mr. Foley voting against hiring Wampler-Eanes to do the County's real estate reassessment.

*Comments by the Board*

Mr. Martin who voted against the recommendation stated that he had gone through all three of the proposals and did not find any of them satisfactory. He stated that none of them had sufficient licenses or trained and qualified personnel to do the job, there are no resumes on the people who are supposed to do the job, at least not from the information that the companies submitted. Mr. Martin stated that the appraisal companies use ministers, homeless people, and even kids right out of school to make the on-site appraisals. Mr. Martin stated that they are called appraisers, but they do not have the license. Mr. Martin stated that he would have a qualified and licensed appraiser to do the appraisals.

Mr. Young asked Mr. Martin, who is a real estate appraiser, what he charges per appraisal. When Mr. Martin stated that he charges \$350, Mr. Young stated that by multiplying the approximately 20,000 parcels in Patrick County, it

would cost about \$700,000 and if the county does a tax appraisal instead of a tax assessment, the State of Virginia would go up on the property tax in Patrick County if an appraisal is done that costs more than the County takes in.

Mr. Martin stated that many mistakes were made in the last reassessment with incorrect square footage of houses and real estate values were figured improperly and inequitably. Those measurement cards will be used by the next appraiser and the errors will just be perpetuated. Mr. Martin read the terms and conditions listed by the USPAP that should be used for the reassessment and Mr. Young asked if it could be done for under a million dollars and Mr. Martin stated that it could if the County wanted to let the people get shafted by incompetent work.

Mr. Don Watts of Stuart suggested that the Board do every acre in the County at a set price that is whatever the insurance company pays if you lose it. He also stated that he had a twenty something year old representative of the appraisal company who just measured his concrete, and Mr. Watts later found his motorcycle missing. He stated that he agreed with Mr. Martin because the citizens do not know anything about the people who are working for the appraisal companies. Mr. Watts stated that it should be whatever it costs to run the County, according to whatever your property is worth according to the insurance.

Mr. Young stated that he would not go with what the insurance company says because he has his house insured at a much higher value than its real estate appraisal. Mr. Young stated that we have got to get this done and it is never fair. He stated that he has argued for years that real estate taxation is an unfair way to run the government, but it is the only way until there are some legislative changes.

Mr. Martin stated that without anymore information than was received, it would be the most incompetent action the board has ever taken.

Mr. Burnette stated that the Board does not have any other alternative. They must choose from the three companies who submitted bids. He stated that this was the standard procedure.

Mr. Young stated that the Board needs to consider hiring an in-house appraiser. The appraiser could work alongside the appraisal company who employs kids, ministers, and other personnel from the company. Mr. Young stated that this is a General Assessment.

**Mr. Large stated that more time had been wasted discussing this than doing anything about it.**

**The Board asked Mrs. Janet Rorrer for her recommendation. Mrs. Rorrer stated that Pearson's would require only one data entry person, who is provided by and paid by the County, while Wampler-Eanes needs two. However, Wampler-Eanes would be a litter slower getting started. She stated the companies were willing to make presentations to the Board.**

**Mr. Burnette stated that the Board was down to a choice. Pearson is the lowest bidder, but as long as he has been working with the county there have been some negative comments made about them. Wampler-Eanes has good references but only cost about \$75,000 more than Pearson.**

**Mr. Large suggested that the Board negotiate some items that are not specifically spelled out and possibly get the cost lower. Mr. Large also suggested going with the cheapest price and getting an in-house appraiser.**

**Mr. Foley stated that going with Pearson's would enable the Board to hire an in-house appraiser with the money saved.**

**Mr. Burnette stated that based on past experience his recommendation was for the Board to approve a contract with Wampler-Eanes immediately, and hire an in-house appraiser to work with the company by October. The money is not in the budget for an in-house appraiser because the Board decided to bid out for the reassessment and not hire an in-house appraiser.**

**Mrs. Harris stated that the Board should go with Wampler-Eanes and not hire an in-house appraiser.**

**Mr. Young stated that if no one will be hired for in-house the Board needs to go with Wampler-Eanes, but if an in-house appraiser is going to be hired, the Board needs to go with Pearson.**

**Mr. Martin stated that by getting the information and in-complete information one day and being expected to vote on it the next day that the Board is incompetent and it is an incompetent decision and he voted no.**

**On motion by Jonathan Large and seconded by Crystal P. Harris, and carried, the Board authorizes Mr. Burnette and Mrs. Rorrer to enter into a contract with Wampler-Eanes and negotiate the issues that they have not spelled out to keep the cost as low as possible, and the pictures will be done.**

**Voting Aye: Harris, Young, and Large**

**Voting Nay: Martin, and Foley**

### **Jail Update**

**Mr. Burnette stated that some of the update would be discussed under Legal and Executive Session, but at least some of it would be discussed in the general session concerning a Regional solution. Mr. Burnette stated that he and Garry Brown met with some Regional Administrators and Department of Corrections, on August 28, 2007. "They were very helpful, but they were very emphatic that we will have to redo our community needs assessment. We are not able to use the previous one. They made note that we should look very closely at housing Federal prisoners. The State requirements are actually higher in many cases than the Federal requirements at present. There was also a lot of talk about cloning what Martinsville did with the temporary jail. We were concerned and curious as to why Martinsville got away with doing that at a much lower cost than what we could do. It turned out that the regulation changed July 1, 2006. That is the reason that Patrick County is required to do differently than Martinsville. Average cost on a bed right now is \$140,000. We are going to be at 120 beds if not higher, so you are looking at a very substantial portion. One of the things that we do need to do is if there is a Regional Jail created, we are going to need to create a Regional Jail Authority. That would be something that would, depending on negotiations, would be looked at in October. The good aspect of Regional Jail Authority is that they are allowed to issue the bonds that are needed to build the jail; therefore, it does not go against you bond ceiling as a locality. That is a big help, plus it gets us a lower interest rate on the bonds. Right now we have to find out, before we can award contract for the planning study, the community needs assessment. We have to know whether it is going to be a local jail or regional jail. That is going to be known within the next two to three weeks. We will then bring in interviewees. We will make a recommendation to the Board and start the planning process. We are making every attempt to meet the deadline of March 2008 and have these studies done and submitted to DOC. This is in a lot of ways a Herculean task to bring together three localities into regional project multi-multi-multi-million dollars and to do it in such a short time frame." However, Mr. Burnette stated that he was very optimistic about**

where Patrick County is right now. Mr. Burnette asked if there were any questions that the Board might have. The legal agreements will be talked about in the Executive Session.

Mr. Young asked Don Watts if he wanted to speak to the Board about the jail issue.

Mr. Watts asked about Eminent Domain and why the County would pay someone \$13,000 to own a piece of property.

Mr. Young stated that the Board took a stand after the Kilo case that the Board did not agree with taking someone's property rights like it was done in Kilo. Mr. Young stated that if Mr. Watts needed to do the same thing that he would pay the fee.

Mr. Watts stated that he would not pay a dime if he had the power that the Board has.

Mr. Burnette stated that the Board does not believe in exercising Eminent Domain.

Mr. Young stated that by acquiring the land when they did they probably saved a considerable amount of money, because by now it probably would have sky rocketed.

Mr. Martin stated that there was a difference in what the Board is talking about and Eminent Domain. The Kilo case was to take private property and give it to a land developer.

Mr. Young stated that he was totally opposed to taking private property and putting a jail on it without buying it.

Mr. Martin stated that he was also opposed to that, but there was a difference in just taking the property and putting a jail on it and giving it to a developer to make money on.

Mr. Monday stated that he thought that the Kilo resolution did not actually foreclose the possibility of taking land for the purpose of building a jail, hospital, school, road, etc. Mr. Monday asked forgiveness if he was speaking out of turn for the Board, but that the Board's conclusion was that the price that Mr. Burnette negotiated was terrific for that piece of land. "If you exercise Eminent Domain you still have to buy the land. You do not just take someone's land and not compensate them for it. However, Mr. Burnette was able to negotiate a price that

was actually a really good price and the option was to lock in that price and it forecloses the Board from the possibility of just seizing the land under Eminent Domain.” Mr. Monday stated that there was a significant risk and that we would end up paying more for it in an Eminent Domain action in court than the negotiated price with the buyer. It is a price that is unique to the County, and we paid the \$13,000 to lock it in. It was basically an insurance policy to prevent us from the risk of having to pay significantly more if we had to seize it in Eminent Domain.

Mr. Foley asked Mr. Burnette if there was going to be a jail meeting coming up anytime soon for discussion.

Mr. Burnette stated that there would be a meeting probably within the next two to three weeks. “We are trying to find out where we are on a regional basis before we have another jail meeting.” Mr. Burnette stated that he did want to reiterate that first option period, the price, if we do exercise that property option will go against the purchase price, so it is not necessarily money thrown down the drain.

#### Illegal Immigration Resolution Request

Mr. Burnette stated that the County has received a request from Culpepper County to form a coalition with other Virginia localities to identify and study local problems caused by illegal immigration. The coalition would seek to formulate recommendations to the General Assembly for legislative action that would reduce these negative impacts. Mr. Burnette recommended that the Board approve joining the coalition to study the impact and make recommendations concerning illegal immigration. The General Assembly authorized the appointment of a Commission to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly with regard to legislative solutions to problems caused by illegal aliens in the Commonwealth and Culpepper County wanted to take the lead in this coalition. Mr. Burnette stated that at this time there is no cost in joining the coalition.

Mr. Large asked if it was a Federal Issue.

Mr. Young stated that the County and State needs to push the Federal Government to own up to its responsibility to take care of this measure both dollar-wise and every other way. He stated that he thought the Board did need to sign onto the coalition. “It is very important that tax dollars go where they need to go and citizens be the ones to benefit instead of the illegal ones.”

**On motion by Crystal P. Harris, and second by Roger Martin and carried by a four to one vote the Board join with Culpepper County by resolution.**

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

**Voting Nay: Large**

### **Skate Park Update**

**Mr. Burnette stated that the Administration is working as the Board directed them to work on fencing, signage and other areas at the proposed temporary skateboard park. We know that we are going to need a larger amount of fencing and we were not able to find the existing fencing that would work for that situation. The other item that the Board requested was the signage. Aluminum has been offered; however, the paint to create the sign on aluminum cannot be used at the high school due to fumes.**

**The Board discussed the fact that the facility is already being used and that a sign needs to be put up to “skate at your own risk”.**

**Mr. Monday stated that a sign should have been up before they even started using the facility.**

**Mr. Young stated that the skateboard park needed to be treated like all the other recreational facilities, such as a baseball or soccer field or a basketball court because we provide those recreational facilities for certain groups of Patrick County kids, but we have these kids who desire to skate and we have basically provided them nothing except for harassment.**

**Mrs. Frisco stated that since the County has opened it up, that without a sign the County is liable.**

**The sign that was hoped to be created by the high school art department was a sign for the Skateboard Park, and not a sign to “skate at your own risk”.**

**Mrs. Frisco stated that was the sign that the art class had been asked to put together, “skate at your own risk”.**

**Mr. Burnette stated that was the sign that the County is trying to get up.**

**Mrs. Frisco stated that the quotes that came in were between \$300-\$325 and were based upon the design of the Franklin County sign which was the “skate**

at your own risk” sign. We can get it in corrugated plastic for about \$20 if you just want “skate at your own risk on it.”

Mr. Young stated that the sign he was talking about was one for the skateboard park showing off the talent of the high school art class, with pictures, etc.

Mrs. Frisco stated that in order to avoid possible liability issues, she would strongly encourage the Board to go ahead and get the corrugated sign with “skate at your own risk”, and get that sign up.

Mr. Burnette stated that one sign should be sufficient. He stated that he envisioned the sign being on the door next to the gate. “We will get temporary signs on corrugated plastic and check to see if there is anyway to get acrylic on the aluminum and clear coat over it.”

Mr. Burnette stated that the fencing is still needed. “We have checked with everything belonging to the County and we do not have fencing.”

Mr. Foley asked if they had check on Govdeals.com to see if there was any.

Mrs. Frisco stated that the media did a great job in asking for donations.

Mr. Large suggested that the parents and spokespeople that came to the previous Board meeting regarding the park present them with their needs and to come back for the next meeting and have quotes provided.

Mrs. Harris stated that maybe they could work with the School Board because they got three bids to do some fencing around the schools.

Mr. Young stated that “we needed to have the fencing ready to go one way or the other very soon.”

Mrs. Frisco stated that she was aware of two Skate Park grants if the Board would like for her to turn that information over to Mr. Crissman. Mr. Large answered to please do so.

Mrs. Harris stated that one of the parents that came said she could help with writingwith the grants.

**Mr. Young asked if a motion was needed to authorize the sign. Mr. Burnette stated that it was not needed for the \$20 sign. Mr. Young stated to try to get that sign up before the end of the week.**

**Mr. Burnette stated that there was also an idea to make it a permanent skate park.**

**Mr. Young stated that when he and Mrs. Frisco met with Mr. Crissman that there was not space in DeHart park for the skate park. The current location is one of the few places that is available and relatively close to the major population that would take part in the skateboarding and the County does own the property. The area to the East of the concrete slab is elevated 10 feet above the skate area and that area is already graveled heavily and it would not take much to turn it into parking area. It is a 30X70 or 30X80 concrete slab. It would obviously need to be enlarged. The one in Franklin is about 50X80, but we have the numbers down on paper and would work with this group of parents to figure out ways to come up with some of the money for the extra concrete. The surface that is there needs to be resurfaced because there is some damage done to it.”**

**Mrs. Harris stated that Mr. Large was on the Recreation Commission and the Committee is in agreement with that also.**

**Mr. Foley asked that since it was going to be in the Town had the town folks been asked to help with the skate park.**

**Mrs. Frisco stated that the Town had been addressed. Mr. Tilley stated they would be happy to pick up the trash from that area. He stated that they were already picking up directly across the street and that if the trash cans could be placed on the corner it would be feasible, if they did not have to go inside the gate all the time. Therefore, the town is aware of what is going on, but Mr. Tilley has not taken it before the Town Council that I am aware of. “He thought it was a good idea and they were willing to help.”**

**Mrs. Harris asked if the Board needed to wait until the Recreation Committee met and Mr. Large agreed. Mr. Large stated that he was having trouble with whether it was going to be temporary or permanent.**

**Mr. Burnette stated that a lot of it came down to what they were doing right now. If you are talking about at \$20 “skate at your own risk” sign every four**

months for the next twenty years, you would be better off buying a \$300 sign that is going to last for that length of time.

Mrs. Frisco stated that in taking it a step further that the state won't fund a temporary park.

On motion by Jonathan Large, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr., and carried four to one to make the facility on Commerce Street our Patrick County Skate Park.

Mrs. Frisco stated that when talking about state funds you need to remember that you are utilizing some of the funds that we talked about for the Rail Trail. If we apply for the second round of funding for the Rail Trail we could include that chain link fence which would ultimately bring the debt down because the fence would separate the park from the recreational access road. It was encouraged that the skate park be called the "Mayo River Skate Park," so when applications are filed grant administrators see that it is not one project versus another project, but that they are working cooperatively together.

Mr. Large asked what would happen if the Rail Trail did not come through and the skate park is named The Mayo River Skate Park. Mrs. Frisco stated that it would help get grant money if it does come through.

Mr. Young stated that the motion had been made and seconded to change the temporary skate park to The Mayo River Skate Park without using the words temporary or permanent.

Mr. Martin stated that his concern is that it is in a out lying location and without any adult supervision and if a kid gets hurt and he is alone there is no one to call 911 and there is no telephone and there are no bathroom facilities. He also asked who pays and who maintains it. He stated that he has a lot of different questions and there are unknown consequences that we are not taking into account. He asked what would have to be done to make the surface usable for that anyway. And he wanted to know if there were obstructions on the surface. Mr. Young stated that there were, but the kids put those things out there because that is part of skateboarding. They ride a handrail down steps three feet off the ground. That is what they want to do.

Again Mr. Young stated that the motion had been made and seconded to make this the Mayo River Skate Park.

**Voting Aye: Young, Foley, Large, and Harris**

**Voting Nay: Martin**

**Digital Filing Contract**

**Mr. Burnette stated that the County approved in the 2007-08 County budget, did put in money for a digital filing system for the County. “Now is the time to go ahead and start advertising for it. I would like to have an approval to go ahead with the procurement of that contract and authorization to work with any other County department, divisions and organizations such as the Patrick County School System to utilize this program.”**

**On motion by H. Danny Foley, Sr., seconded by Jonathan Large and carried unanimously the Board voted to allow Mr. Burnette to pursue the Digital Filing Contract.**

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

**Voting Nay: None**

**Agriculture Extension Agent**

**Mr. Burnette stated that a copy of a letter sent from the Soil and Water Conservation to the Virginian Cooperative Extension in Blacksburg, regarding the need in the hiring of an agent had been received. For sometime the position of County Agriculture Extension Agent has been vacant and vital functions of this position are being handled by a network of out-of-area personnel. They do not have the same relationship or time as someone in the County. They requested that the position be filled as soon as possible and I would like to have the Board’s support for that. Given the multiple agricultural disasters in Patrick County over the past several months, it is essential that this important position be filled as soon as possible.” said Mr. Burnette. Mr. Burnette asked the Board’s permission to write a letter to Virginia Tech, and to the Extension Office in Blacksburg requesting that the position be filled as soon as possible.**

**Mr. Martin asked the cost and Mr. Burnette stated that as far as he could remember around \$32,000 which was already in the budget. Mrs. Frisco pointed out that it was also reimbursed by the Extension Office.**

On motion by H. Danny Foley, Sr., seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried unanimously the Board gives permission for Mr. Burnette to write a letter to Virginia Tech and the Extension Office requesting that the position be filled immediately.

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

Voting Nay: None

### National Heritage Area

Mr. Burnette stated that this information was sent in by a citizen and he wanted it brought to the Board's attention that there is a National Heritage Area or areas that Congress created and they are very concerned about this situation. "They would like for the Board to take a look at the information and write a letter in opposition to any more National Heritage Areas in the country and that would be sent to Congress."

Mr. Young stated that he agreed.

Mr. Martin stated that "we are once again looking at the lesser of two evils and stated to keep the National Heritage Areas and get rid of Congress."

Mr. Young stated that "we have more national land than we know how to take care of. Congress wants more park land, more land put into something and set aside that we don't get any taxes on and a lot of times that people cannot even use."

Mr. Martin stated that the whole thing is an abuse and he would just as soon see it gone.

On motion by Roger Martin, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried four to one, the Board supports Mr. Burnette sending a letter opposing all National Heritage Areas and the discontinuation of that program.

Voting Aye: Foley, Harris, Martin, and Young

Voting Nay: Large

### Other

Mr. Burnette indicated the letter the Board sent regarding opposing the closing of any rec area might have done some good. As you know we had a few areas that were recommended to be closed; at Philpott Lake. However, the one in

Patrick County has been left open is Turkey Island. The decision has been made by the Army Corp of Engineers to leave Turkey Island open and we are hopeful that they will find ways to improve it. "Congratulations to the Board and the people in the County and the visitors to Philpott."said Mr. Burnette.

Dr. Roger Morris, School Superintendent, asked to address the Board. Dr. Morris thanked the Board for taking the tour of the PCHS and invited them again and if they wanted to go. He indicated he would schedule any future visit for them. Dr. Morris thanked the Board for their support. The Board thanked Dr. Morris.

#### **Assistant County Administrator's Report: Jeannie Frisco**

##### **Jamestown Committee**

Mrs. Frisco indicated a request to dissolve the local Jamestown Committee received from Ms. Beale, the Jamestown Committee Chairperson. "As you are aware, we are celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Nation's birthplace and this committee was over several very good projects, but since the creation of a Tourism Advisory Council, it is my wish, that the Jamestown Committee be dissolved because of the Advisory Council taking on some of the same projects that this Committee recommended. Ms. Frisco agreed with Beale's recommendation and that the Tourism Committee will finish out 2007 project celebration. Since this Committee was appointed by the Board. The Board needs to make the decision.

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by Roger Martin and carried unanimously, the Board approves the motion to dissolve the Jamestown Committee and send all their duties to the Tourism Advisory Council.

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

Voting Nay: None

##### **Billboards in Patrick County**

Mrs. Frisco referred the Board to page 161 of the Board packet concerning the billboards in Patrick County. Mrs. Frisco stated that back in June Mr. Foley brought forth the idea of possible purchases or creation of billboards that would call attention to events throughout the year. Mrs. Frisco provided in memo form some of the quotes for pricing. For Lamar, it is \$800 for 30 days for one

billboard. The school system currently has a public service announcement. "We can do that for \$150, but it is a public service announcement and it cannot be dated or it cannot be about a specific event. It could be a message that we want to get out and it is at Lamar's discretion about how long it goes up and what vicinity it goes up in. We have that option or we have the option to rent Lamar's billboard for 30 days at a cost of \$800. The paper is an additional \$150. Since there are ten events, the billboard would have to be rented for ten months out of the year." Frisco said Discussion ensued about possibly constructing a billboard near WalMart during the August meeting. Teddy Doss provided the cost of approximately \$2500 for an 11X23 foot standard billboard, and it does not include lighting, labor, or insurance costs. The County would be liable if a car went into it, plus the paper still has to be paid for. The actual unlit marquee signs that can be moved around are about \$1000 each and are more susceptible to vandalism." said Frisco. One of the features that will be on the Gateway is an area to advertise events. At the bottom of the sign, there will be a piece that can be removed and put back and it would display the events going on. But the problem we get into is that two or more things might be going on at the same time, so we would need to target whatever area the events are going on in. We have seven Gateway signs and therefore;options of where to place that information, but if there is not but one event going on at that time frame then it would be put on all seven. At that time we decided that it would be a cost to the advertiser because if we are providing the space for them for free, they should be able to provide for the material to place underneath the Gateway sign because this is advertisement for those events."

Mr. Foley stated that it all sounded good, but that he did not know why the County would charge for some kind of event that is bringing people into the area to spend money. Mrs. Frisco stated that if they are talking about bringing tourists to the area, if they are here, they are here already. But if we are looking at stimulating visitation, then perhaps we need to do a billboard in Mt. Airy, and Roanoke and other places.

Mr. Large said that the idea of a Kiosk at Lover's Leap, Squirrel Spur, Meadows of Dan, and the lakes are a better idea because the people are already here and they are going to go to those targeted areas, then you refer them, using the Kiosk to other areas. Mrs. Frisco stated that the Kiosk are about \$1500 a piece to

construct which gives you five areas of panels. “The billboards will cost more and the County will not get as much use.” Mr. Young stated that the Kiosk are more appealing and they also promote the other areas as well stating how far it is from one site to another. Everybody is referring one another throughout the region. Mrs. Frisco stated that there is one at Meadows of Dan and there will be one at Squirrel Spur. Mrs. Frisco stated that when the graffiti issue came up at Lover’s Leap, she wanted to put a KIOSK there because Lover’s Leap draws a lot of visitors. “We need to get our brochure in their hands to make sure they go elsewhere and for whatever reason, they are not stopping at the Blue Ridge Visitor’s Center. Mrs. Frisco stated that before Sheriff Hubbard was hospitalized he said the inmates could paint over the rock wall. Mrs. Frisco stated she was waiting on the Board and wanted to know if the Board was at a point where it wanted to try that. “ The cost will be about \$600 and the Board has already approved it; however, we wanted to deter the graffiti artists first.” Mr. Young stated that the summer visitors have already been here and it is time for the fall visitors. Mrs. Frisco asked if that is what the Board wants the visitor’s to see. Mr. Young stated that the Board needed to put it’s best foot forward. Sheriff Hubbard had already told Mrs. Frisco that he would supply the inmates if the Board would supply the paint. It would be painted in colors to make the rocks look natural. Mrs. Frisco stated that Reynolds Homestead and the Penn Home would also be good areas for Kiosks. The Penn House can be tied into the Chinquapin Plantation, but is privately owned. Ms. Frisco was directed to paint the rock wall and begin work on kiosks.

**County Attorney Report**

Mr. Monday stated that his report would go into Executive Session.

Mr. Chairman asked if there were other matters to come before the Board. Mr. Chairman asked if the bills, claims, and appropriations needed to be approved before going into the Executive Session. Since there were some questions on them it was held until after Executive Session.

On motion by Jonathan Large, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the Board convened into Executive Session to discuss legal matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; prospective business

matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(5), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; and personnel matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended].

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

**Voting Nay: None**

**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.**

**On motion by H. Danny Foley, Sr., seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, the Board reconvened into regular session.**

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

**Voting Nay: None**

**The Board reconvened into regular session.**

**Approval of bills, claims and appropriations**

**Mr. Foley had a discrepancy with the bills. Mr. Foley wanted to know why two batteries were purchased for the excursion when it's under a 36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty.**

**Mr. Burnette stated that the batteries ran down because the Excursion was not cranked and the radio was left on.**

**Mr. Young thanked Mr. Foley and stated to have someone check into the warranty coverage.**

**A number of bills and claims against the County were presented and examined. On motion by Crystal P. Harris seconded by Chairman Young and carried, the bills and claims were ordered paid and the following warrants were issued in payment of same:**

<b>On the General County Fund:</b>	<b>Warrants No. 28206- 28371</b>
<b>On the General County Fund:</b>	<b>Warrants No. 87694 - 87900</b>
<b>On Asset Forfeiture Fund:</b>	<b>Warrants No. N/A</b>
<b>On Law Library Fund:</b>	<b>Warrants No. N/A</b>

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

**Voting Nay: Foley, and Large**

**On motion by Crystal P. Harris, and seconded by Chairman Young and carried, the requests for appropriations are approved, as presented, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, Virginia, that the following appropriations be, and the same hereby are, made for the month of September, 2007: General County Fund - \$788,000.00; Social Services (VPA) Fund- \$100,000.00; Comprehensive Services Act- \$ 0; and County School Funds - \$2,388,000.00; TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS- \$3,388,000.00**

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

**Voting Nay: Foley, and Large**

**On motion by H. Danny Foley, Sr., seconded by Chairman Young and carried, it is hereby ordered that Carolyn I. Tatum, Treasurer, transfer the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) from the General County Fund to the Contingency Fund, as set forth and approved in the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget.**

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

**Voting Nay: Foley, and Large**

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by Chairman Young and carried, the following requests for additional appropriations are hereby approved.

Voting Aye: Harris, Young, and Martin

Voting Nay: Foley, and Large

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>For</u>
Sheriff-Law Enforcement	\$150.00	Overtime
Volunteer Fire department	\$1,572.00	Insurance
EMS	\$2,657.00	EMS Equipment
Maint: Bldg/Grounds	\$6,900.00	Other/Operating Supplies
Tourism	\$720.00	Angel Overlook
Tourism	\$210.00	Mayo River Rail Trail
Tourism	\$250.00	NACO
Tourism	\$2,645.50	Raven Den Arts Centre
Tourism	\$243.25	Covered Bridge Festival Supply
Non-Dept.	\$621.00	State/Local Hospitalization

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by Chairman Young and carried, the following requests for transfer of funds are hereby approved.

Voting Aye: Harris, Young, and Martin

Voting Nay: Foley, and Large

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
County Admin.	\$940.00	Office Supplies	IT Equipment
Circuit Ct.	\$14.00	Office Supplies	Postal Services
Gen. Dist. Ct.	\$469.19	Office Supplies	Code Books/Supplement
Court Services	\$105.00	Repair/Maint.	Other Oper. Supplies
Victim Witness	\$29.10	Travel Lodging	Travel Mileage
Sheriff Law-Enforcement	\$700.00	Mis. Equip.	Uniforms/Wearing App.
Vol. Fire Dept.	\$200.00	Insurance/Fire	Insurance
Sheriff-Main. Of Jail	\$871.91	Doc. Fees	Med/Lab Supplies
EMS Office	\$43.00	Pub. Off. Liab. Ins.	EMS Equipment
Bldg. Insp	\$142.57	Veh/Equip/Fuel	Office Supplies
Transfer Station	\$100.00	Veh/Equip/Maint.	Veh/Fuel
Maint: Comm. Ctr. PHCC	\$500.00	Lease Uniforms	Cleaning/Janitorial Supp.
Maint: Animal Pound	\$600.00	Rug Rental	Cleaning Supplies

Maint: Sheriff (VA. Rest.)	\$146.41	Rug Rental	Cleaning Supplies
Maint: Transfer Stat.	\$146.42	Rug Rental	Clean/Janitorial Supp.
Rec. Dept.	\$925.00	Equipment Supp.	Office Equipment
Tourism	\$1,192.00	Office Supplies	IT Equipment

Before adjourning, Mrs. Frisco stated that she had no idea what Geri Hazelwood, Administrative Assistant, was having to listen to when she had to type the minutes. "I went down to listen to the copy that Mr. Foley wanted and I have never heard anything like it I do not know how Mary Beth did it; it is no wonder why she is no longer here. You cannot hear Board members speak." Mrs. Frisco suggested providing each Board member with a tape for the next meeting so that they could hear from she is typing from. It is no wonder. Mr. Young asked if a solution could be worked on now. Mrs. Frisco and Ms. Hazelwood will review possible solution.

On motion by Jonathan Large, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. the Board concurs to adjourn and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None

Ordered that the Board be adjourned until October 8, 2007 commencing at 1:00 p.m.

, Chairman

Voting Aye:

**Voting Nay:**