

VIRGINIA: At a regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, held at the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Roger Hayden, Chairman, Crystal P. Harris, Vice – Chair, Rickie Fulcher, Karl Weiss, and Lock Boyce Board Members

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Rose, County Administrator; Geri Hazelwood, Assistant County Administrator, Clerk; Donna Shough, Finance Officer

Others present were Nancy Lindsey, The Enterprise

Absent: Alan Black, County Attorney

Mr. Chairman; called the meeting to order.

Mr. Weiss; gave the invocation.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Boy Scout Troop #69 followed by a moment of silence in honor of U.S. military serving here and abroad both past and present.

Boy Scout Troop #69 was recognized by the Board members. They are working on earning their Eagle rank.

#### Approval of the meeting agenda

On motion by Lock Boyce to approve, the meeting agenda with the addition of a letter from the donor seconded by Karl Weiss and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None

#### Public Comment Period

The Chair opened the public comment period.

Mr. Charlie Bowman spoke regarding the tax rate and economic development.

The Chair closed the public comment period.

The Board members discussed the state of the economy in Patrick County. They discussed bringing in new businesses and the odds that work against them. They discussed t.

### Patrick County Animal Shelter

Dr. Boyce read the following letter:

Five years ago, Patrick County was struggling with our animal pound, both in terms of cost and in terms of enforcing spaying and neutering for adopted animals. Additionally the adoption price was prohibitively high for many families. In 2011, Martin Clark and his wife Deana anonymously designed and funded the framework for the system that we have in place today, a system that has brought the pound to financial stability, resulted in hundreds of dogs finding permanent homes, and also brought about 100% spaying and neutering compliance. Currently, adoptions only cost ten dollars and this small fee also includes a spaying or neutering payment to a local vet at no cost to the adopting party. In the last five years the Clarks have donated considerable volunteer time to the animal shelter and also contributed \$117,433.42 to pay for dog food, to pay employee bonuses, to pay for shelter improvements, to pay for every adopted animal to be spayed or neutered, and most notably, to build a new, state-of-the-art wing and dog run at the shelter so that dogs can be held longer before they are put down. This extra hold time has allowed many dogs who would've been euthanized in the past to actually find good homes. We have recently been ordered by the state to provide new signage for the pound, and the Clarks are donating the money to pay for this as well. After consulting with Martin and Deana, we have decided to name the shelter **The Hazel Y. Clark Patrick County Animal Shelter.**

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On a motion by Lock Boyce to rename the Patrick County Animal Shelter the Hazel Y. Clark Patrick County Public Animal Shelter seconded by Karl Weiss and carried unanimously

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

Voting Nay: None

## Public Hearing on the FY 2016 – 2017 Budget and Tax Rate

Mr. Bill Moore, Smith River District, spoke in opposition of the budget as proposed and any increase to the tax rate

Mr. Dan Smith, Mayo River District?? Spoke regarding Social Security and the 19.9% increase over a nine-year period. The County has received an increase of 8% over a nine-year period. In addition, a 10% pay cut to the Board 9 years ago.

Mr. Chairman closed the public hearing.

## Establish a tax rate

On a motion by Karl Weiss to set the tax rate at 57 cents on the real estate tax seconded by Rickie Fulcher and carried 3 to 2.

Voting Aye: Harris, Fulcher, Weiss

Voting Nay: Boyce, Hayden

## Continued discussion of the budget

The Board heard from:

Dr. Sroufe, School Board Superintendent, presented the Board members with a PowerPoint presentation of their approved budget. The Board members requested a breakdown of the Virtual School cost and profit. The Board complemented Dr. Sroufe and the School Board.

Sheriff Dan Smith and Mickie Martin, 911 Coordinator discussed their budgets respectively. The Board

Ms. Harris complemented the dispatchers and Ms. Martin.

## Executive Session:

On motion by Lock Boyce to go into executive session to discuss Legal Matters 2.2 – 3711 (A) (7), and Contract Matters 2.2 - 3711 (A)(30), seconded by Karl Weiss 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.

Roll Call:

Harris – aye

Fulcher- aye

Weiss - aye

Boyce – aye

Hayden - aye

#### RECONVENE

On motion by Karl Weiss seconded by Lock Boyce the Board reconvened from executive session where only Legal Matters 2.2 – 3711 (A) (7), Contractual Matters 2.2 - 3711 (A) (30), was discussed and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None

#### Fire and Rescue Appreciation Day

The Board members were invited to attend the Fire and Rescue Appreciation Day on May 14, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the PCHS.

#### ADJOURN

On motion by Karl Weiss to adjourn until Monday, April 11, 2016, at 6:00 pm seconded by Rickie Fulcher and carried unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: None

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Roger Hayden, Chairman