

AT A CONTINUED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA ON MONDAY MARCH 2, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY A BUDGET WORKSESSION AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN R.H. RIEGEL
MEMBERS: C.R. COMSTOCK, R.S. FORD, M.R. SMITH A.W. LEWIS, JR.
CLERK OF BOARD: CLAIRE A. COLLINS
FISCAL DIRECTOR: ROBERT E. CLAYTOR
COUNTY ATTORNEY: VICKIE L. HUFFMAN
STAFF: CHRIS SLAYDON, ROBERT FORESMAN

Chairman Riegel announced the meeting was a continuation from February 23rd.

Item(s) To Be Added to Agenda, if any

Supervisor Smith added a discussion of the office parking lot and a cell tower issue. Chairman Riegel added an informational update on the status of Kerrs Creek Advanced Life Saving transport license application; a discussion concerning the proposed Boy Scouts of America Goshen Pass project and scheduling a meeting with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Citizens' Comments

Chairman Riegel called for public comment and Mr. Jon Repair announced the Extension Office will be advertising, in the near future, the part-time 4-H position.

Discussion of Capital Improvements Plan / Program

Mr. Slaydon went through all of the changes the Board had requested. Place holders were added to the plan for those projects that were eminent but are yet to have cost figure breakdowns

Consideration of Observation of Sunshine Week by holding a Public Forum

Supervisor Ford made the motion to hold a public forum on Wednesday March 18th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss three topics yet to be determined and Supervisor Comstock provided the second. The Board determined minutes would have to be taken at this meeting but would not require any other staff to attend. The following was recorded:

Recorded Vote:

AYES: Comstock, Ford, Smith, Riegel
NAYES: Lewis
ABSENT: None

Resolution Regarding Ability to Analyze Data from the Regional Communications Center

The desire is to have a system that queries can be made for gathering information rather than going through each call sheet as is currently required. Mr.

Claytor and Mr. Foresman fielded questions the Board had concerning the type of system currently in place and why data collecting is so time consuming and inefficient. Supervisor Lewis made the motion to adopt the resolution and Supervisor Ford provided the second. The following was recorded:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING ABILITY TO ANALYZE DATA FROM
THE ROCKBRIDGE REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors realizes the importance of timely data analysis in making informed decisions concerning county fire and EMS services and how they impact on the health and welfare of the citizens of the region; and

WHEREAS, the County of Rockbridge, the City of Buena Vista, and the City of Lexington operate the Rockbridge Regional Communications center for fire and EMS agencies in the region; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the County of Rockbridge, the City of Buena Vista, and the City of Lexington are participating in a Regional Fire and Rescue Committee to review the TriData emergency services study and recommended changes that would improve or enhance regional fire and EMS services; and

WHEREAS, the Rockbridge Regional Communications Center is the central data collection point for all fire and EMS agencies in the county and cities; and

WHEREAS, the county Board of Supervisors and the city councils must make decisions concerning fire and EMS services, based on a variety of data including, but not limited to: type of call; response times of individual units; response time from dispatch to arrival on scene; total number of calls dispatched and responded to during a year; calls dispatched but not responded to; and additional information as needed; and

WHEREAS, all regional fire and rescue companies need to make regular reports concerning their participation in the activities listed above; and

WHEREAS, past data requests by the County of Rockbridge to the Rockbridge Regional Communications Center have resulted in the provision of data that requires excessive expense and manpower to analyze;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors request the Rockbridge Regional Communications Board to instruct their Director to provide relevant records in an electronic format that may be readily accessed by all member jurisdictions and companies using available software, including the capacity to share raw or abstracted data. Such provision to be in place by the beginning of business on July 1, 2009.

Adopted this 2nd day of March 2009

By: _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
County Administrator

Recorded Vote:

AYES: Comstock, Ford, Smith, Lewis, Riegel

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Committee Reports

The Rockbridge Partnership

Supervisor Comstock announced Mr. Mike Webb, Executive Director, offered his letter of resignation to be effective March 13, 2009. A special meeting of TRP is scheduled for March 5th at 5:45 p.m. at the Bank of Botetourt. This will be a public meeting.

Regional Jail Negotiating Committee

Supervisor Smith stated the Committee met last week. The issue the Board needs to consider is whether it wants to take a year to submit the project so that in the meantime a committee could be established to look at alternatives to the expansion. The date for submittal for State funding had been changed from September to June. Even if the Board decides to submit the project it is not a commitment to fund. Ms. Collins stated the Board could submit the project with a cover letter informing that other alternatives were being examined. This topic if project submittal will be placed on the March 9th agenda.

Budget Work Session

Since time had come for the work session to begin unfinished business was suspended and the Board proceeded with the work session. The following spoke requesting support from the County for the upcoming fiscal year:

Bruce Patterson, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Fred Massie and Justin Fainter, Rockbridge Tennis Association
John Whitfield, Blue Ridge Legal Services
Dennis Cropper, Rockbridge Area Community Services Board
David Ellington & Suzanne Sheridan, Rockbridge Area Free Clinic
Jeri Schaff, Valley Program on Aging Services
Tim Root, Rockbridge Area Transportation Services
Ruth Parsons, Rockbridge Area Occupational Center
Kim Renz, Lime Kiln Arts
Meredith Downey, Rockbridge Area Social Services (also spoke on behalf CSA)
Dorothy Blackwell, SPCA
Alan Bobowski, Rockbridge Regional Library
Angela Penn, Total Action against Poverty
Tim Goodbar, Kerrs Creek Fire Department

The work session was closed at 8:10 p.m. and the meeting resumed.

Cell Tower Footprint

Supervisor Smith explained why he asked this item be added to the agenda. The Board directed Planning and Zoning staff to review this matter.

Administrative Office Building Parking Lot

Mr. Claytor described the discussion he had with Jon Ellestad concerning the County's loss of parking spaces allotted for the courts. He will bring back to the Board a report with recommendations when plans are finalized.

Boy Scouts of America Project

Chairman Riegel stated the public seemed to be getting nervous about the proposed project and reminded those present the Board does not know what is being considered. He added there appears to be a lot of speculation and pleaded the Board members refrain from feeding the speculation by offering their opinions. This sparked a brief discussion on the procedural processes the BSA would have to complete before the proposal was presented to the County.

Virginia Department of Transportation Update

Ms. Collins announced and provided material concerning VDOT scheduling meetings for public input on proposed reduction of services.

Adjourn / Continue Meeting

The meeting was continued until March 3rd at 9:00 a.m.