

AT A CALLED WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY,  
VIRGINIA, JOINTLY WITH THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY HELD  
IN THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING AT  
150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA  
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN D.W. HINTY, JR.  
VICE CHAIRMAN J.M. HIGGINS,  
R.R. CAMPBELL, A.W. LEWIS, JR.  
R.S. FORD

CLERK TO THE BOARD: S. H. SUTER

COUNTY ATTORNEY: V.L. HUFFMAN

STAFF: SAM CRICKENBERGER, STEVE BOLSTER, BRANDY WHITTEN  
PSA JAY MELVIN, GRIGG MULLEN, DAVID W. HINTY, JR.

REPRESENTATIVES: JOE SOKOLOWSKI, RICK MAST, MELISSA ALEXANDER,  
MEGAN TOMLIN, AND R.T. TAYLOR OF DAVENPORT

#### Called to Order

Chairman Hinty convened the Work Session at 4:34 p.m.

Public Service Authority (PSA) Chair Grigg Mullen called the PSA Work Session to order.

#### Joint Meeting with the Public Service Authority (PSA) for Consideration of Water/Sewer needs in the US Route 60 East Corridor

County Administrator Spencer Suter introduced R.T. Taylor of Davenport and Company, the County's Financial Advisor. He, PSA Director Melissa Alexander, and Mr. Taylor reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the Boards. The presentation included a review of existing challenges and opportunities with regard to increasing sewer capacity in the currently-

served US 60 corridor east of Lexington and potential further expansion of water and sewer infrastructure along the US 60 corridor to the I-81/US 60 interchange (Phase 1 and Phase 2, respectively). Mr. Suter and Ms. Alexander explained the current sewer limitations, noting that neither business nor residential development could occur in the Phase 1 area without significant improvement to capacity. Ms. Alexander noted that the PSA had considered joining the City of Lexington in a pump upgrade, which would have allowed for additional infill of developable property, but had determined that the high cost would not justify the return, since it would not allow for any future expansion.

Mr. Taylor explained the costs associated with each phase (Phase 1 - approximately \$2.4M / Phase 2 - approximately \$9.6M) and reviewed information concerning affordability for both the PSA and County. He explained that the PSA alone could not afford to take the project on, but that the County could afford to provide the backstop for the PSA and fund either or both of the projects - based on the County's adopted debt ratio policy, and excluding consideration of other future debt issuance. He then presented several potential funding mechanisms which could be employed and noted that the impacts on the tax rate ranged from \$.009 to \$.04, depending on the options chosen.

During review, Director of Community Development Sam Crickenberger advised that there have been at least 6 occasions in the past 15 years that prospective businesses have walked away due to the lack of infrastructure in the area under consideration.

Supervisor Lewis asked if there were any grants that could be used as an economic incentive for business prospects.

Mr. Suter replied that some grants are available, and if it appears advantageous to apply, we will do so.

Supervisor Ford asked if there were any way of saving processing fees on the bond documents.

Mr. Taylor replied that using bank financing can offer substantial savings over issuing public debt.

Mr. Suter advised that there is no way the PSA could afford to do either project alone, and that the County would have to help if it is determined to move ahead.

Mr. Taylor added that, with the County backing a loan, better rates could be anticipated. He stated that the next steps would be to issue an RFP for bank financing and also to apply for VRA funding.

Supervisor Campbell then suggested moving ahead with both phases simultaneously, citing the natural increase in cost through inflation if we wait and implement Phase 2 later.

Supervisor Higgins suggested moving ahead quickly with Phase I, so that a business can move in and ultimately pay for the infrastructure over time.

Chairman Hinty agreed with moving ahead in some way, because it will be an economic driver. He added that, in not doing something, the County is just losing money.

The Board agreed to move forward with the next logical steps.

Chairman Hinty then recommended issuing the RFP for all scenarios. He then stated that, due to this being a Work Session and not a regular Board Meeting, he would add this topic for consideration during the Board's regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Hinty closed the work session at 5:03 PM, as did PSA Chairman Grigg Mullen.

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY,  
VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING  
AT 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA  
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:                   CHAIRMAN D.W. HINTY, JR.  
                              VICE CHAIRMAN J.M. HIGGINS,  
                              R.R. CAMPBELL, A.W. LEWIS, JR.  
                              R.S. FORD

                              CLERK TO THE BOARD: S. H. SUTER

COUNTY ATTORNEY:       V.L. HUFFMAN

**Call to Order**

Chairman Hinty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He stated that Supervisor Campbell would lead the Board in the invocation and invited everyone in the audience to join if they chose to do so. Supervisor Campbell delivered the invocation and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hinty then recognized Supervisors Lewis and Ford - who would be leaving the Board January 1<sup>st</sup>. He commended both for their help in educating him throughout the years.

**Citizens' Comments**

Chairman Hinty called for citizens' comments.

Robbie Clark of the Buffalo Magisterial District advised the Board of a change with State Police vehicle inspection stickers. He stated that, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, those stickers would be placed on the lower left of

windshields. He advised that the reason behind the change was to alleviate interference with crash-detection systems in newer cars. Mr. Clark then suggested the County look into options for County stickers, such as eliminating them or relocating them on the windshield.

#### **Items to be added to the Agenda**

Chairman Hinty called for items to be added to the agenda.

Supervisor Lewis asked to add a prayer at the end of the meeting. He also asked to add further discussion and possible action regarding the water/sewer needs in the US Route 60 East Corridor, as discussed during the 4:00 p.m. Work Session.

Supervisor Campbell asked to add a time at the end of the meeting to make a comment. He also added a report from the Board Fire and Rescue Committee.

#### **Approval of the Minutes for November 27, 2017 and November 30, 2017 Joint School Board Minutes.**

Supervisor Ford moved to approve the minutes. Supervisor Lewis provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Ford, Lewis, Campbell, Higgins, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**School Appropriation Resolution**

Finance Director Steven Bolster presented the Schools Appropriation Resolution and recommended approval as presented.

Supervisor Lewis moved to approve the Schools Appropriation. Supervisor Higgins provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Lewis, Higgins, Ford, Campbell, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

On motion by Supervisor Lewis, seconded by Supervisor Higgins, the Board, by record vote adopted the following appropriation resolutions:

**APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION**

**FUND 50**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** By the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, that the following appropriations are, and the same hereby are made, for the period ending **June 30, 2018** in **FUND 50, SCHOOL FUND** and expended as follows:

**New Grant**

**IDEA Title I 2017**

4-50-61100-1121-901-100-878	Teacher Salaries.....	\$354,368.00
4-50-61100-2100-901-100-878	FICA.....	\$27,110.00
4-50-61100-2210-901-100-878	VRS.....	\$57,833.00
4-50-61100-2300-901-100-878	Hospitalization.....	\$19,073.00
4-50-61100-2400-901-100-878	GLI.....	\$4,643.00
4-50-61100-2500-901-100-878	RHIC.....	\$4,359.00
4-50-61100-6030-901-100-878	Materials & Supplies.....	<u>\$54,938.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$522,324.00</b>

**Title II 2017**

4-50-61100-1121-901-100-877	Teacher Salaries.....	\$70,015.00
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4-50-61100-2100-901-100-877	FICA.....	\$7,953.00
4-50-61100-3160-901-100-877	Purchased Services.....	\$7,988.00
4-50-61100-5540-901-100-877	In Service.....	\$1,200.00
4-50-61100-6030-901-100-877	Materials & Supplies.....	<u>\$674.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$87,830.00</b>

**Title IV 21st Century 2017**

4-50-61100-1121-350-100-876	Teacher Salaries.....	\$85,208.00
4-50-61100-1130-350-100-876	Grant Coordinator.....	\$20,000.00
4-50-61100-1151-350-100-876	Aides.....	\$24,240.00
4-50-61100-2100-350-100-876	FICA.....	\$9,897.00
4-50-61100-3160-350-100-876	Purchased Services.....	\$10,800.00
4-50-61100-4000-350-100-876	Internal Services.....	\$15,252.00
4-50-61100-5510-350-100-876	Mileage.....	\$2,000.00
4-50-61100-5540-350-100-876	In Service.....	\$3,723.00
4-50-61100-6030-350-100-876	Materials & Supplies.....	<u>\$7,344.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$178,464.00</b>

**TOTAL FUND 50 APPROPRIATIONS** **\$788,618.00**

**County Financial Package/Approval of Appropriation Resolution**

Mr. Bolster presented his monthly memorandum, the revenues versus expenditures chart, and the bills. He noted that there was no appropriation resolution, and asked for approval to pay the bills.

Supervisor Ford moved to approve the bills. Supervisor Higgins provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Ford, Higgins, Campbell, Lewis, Hinty  
 NAYES: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: None

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY,  
 VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING,  
 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA,  
 ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

On motion by Supervisor Ford, seconded by Supervisor Higgins,



the Board, by record vote, approved the payment of bills for the month as follows:

**Current County**

11 - General Fund	\$651,168.83
94 - Central Stores	\$7,762.18
372 - Construction Project Fund	\$23,567.81
376 - Capital Purchases Fund	<u>\$403.20</u>
<b>Total County Bills</b>	<b>\$682,902.02</b>

**Current Fiscal Agent**

80 - Regional Jail	\$111,794.61
241 - E-Summons Fees	<u>\$3,640.20</u>
<b>Total Fiscal Agent</b>	<b>\$115,434.81</b>

<b>TOTAL ALL BILLS</b>	<b>\$798,336.83</b>
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**Convene Solid Waste Authority (SWA)**

Chairman Hinty convened the Solid Waste Authority at 5:36 p.m.

**Solid Waste Authority's Financial Package/Approval of Appropriation**

**Resolution**

Mr. Bolster presented the SWA's appropriation resolution and requested approval of the resolution and the payment of bills.

Supervisor Higgins moved to approve the resolution and payment of bills. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Higgins, Ford, Campbell, Lewis, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, HELD AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 AT 5:30 P. M.

On motion of Supervisor Higgins, with second by Supervisor Ford, the Authority, by record vote, adopted the following appropriation resolution and payment of bills for the month as follows:

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Rockbridge County Solid Waste Authority, that the following appropriations are, and the same hereby is made, for the period ending **June 30, 2018**, from the UNAPPROPROATED SURPLUS of the **SWA-LANDFILL FUND** and expended as follows:

4-19-19070-6951 Contingencies-Infrastructure.....	\$19,164.00
4-19-19070-7007 Construction-Cell 1.....	<u>\$28,959.00</u>
<b>Total SWA-Landfill Fund Appropriations</b>	<b>\$48,123.00</b>
<b>Current SWA</b>	
19 - SWA-Landfill	\$109,241.21
<b>TOTAL SWA BILLS</b>	<b>\$109,241.21</b>

**Purchase Agreement and Lease Documents for Consideration**

Director of Solid Waste Jeremy Garrett briefly reviewed his Board report:

"Due to multiple major mechanical and hydraulic failures of the existing 2004 CAT D5 Dozer, Solid Waste Authority staff had Carter Machinery complete a full service and critical repair evaluation. It was determined that the basic essential repairs would cost approximately \$34,499.26, and these repairs would not address any powertrain concerns on the engine that is beyond its design life. Additionally, staff had Carter Machinery provide a preliminary machine value estimate that was \$25,000, but this was later revised to an offering of \$29,000 in trade-in value. Based on this information, staff scheduled a meeting with the Solid Waste Committee to discuss the situation and options.

"During the Committee meeting, staff pointed out that the simultaneous operation of two landfill cells and additional grading associated with airspace recovery has been much more taxing on the equipment, thus shortening its usable life. It had been the operation's intent to either maximize the delay or altogether avoid the acquisition of a new dozer. However, it has become obvious that a properly sized and equipped dozer has been and will continue to be a key piece of required equipment in order to maintain an effective operation. The Solid Waste Committee concluded that staff would contact Lexington City Administration to provide a situational update in hopes of garnering a consensus from all future Authority members for the proposed action to procure a proper replacement. Lexington City fully concurred with the Committee's recommendation, and staff immediately began researching appropriate machines.

"Staff was able to quickly narrow their focus to three potential manufacturers: Komatsu, John Deere, and Caterpillar. Our focus was then further refined to John Deere and Caterpillar, based on weight class, design/build standards, warranty, service network, parts availability, cost, and cooperative procurement contract participation. Each of the two manufacturers hosted demonstrations of the machines being offered and provided comparable price quotes. Caterpillar was determined to be the most appropriate machine, due the fact it is the only purpose-built "Waste Handler" available, comes standard with 2-D automated grade control, and is the only high-track machine tested. Additionally, Carter Machinery has a proven service history with the Authority and has the most competitive Government Warranty (5yr/7500hr) of all the machines considered.

"Based on the comprehensive evaluation and availability, it was determined that the Caterpillar D6N LGP with Waste Handler package would be the most appropriate machine to procure. After evaluation and input from the Authority Fiscal Agent, the determination was made that it would be in the Authority's best interest to enter into a 60-month lease-purchase agreement with a \$1 balloon/final payment. The machine is to be provided by Carter Machinery, trading as an authorized Caterpillar dealership under

an existing National Joint Powers Alliance contract (#032515) at a sale price of \$287,700 (List Price: \$371,240), based on contract pricing and additional loyalty discounts. Carter Machinery has also offered to provide the quoted \$29,000 trade-in allowance for the existing D5 dozer in its current condition - to be credited directly against the sales price, thus reducing the final cost to \$258,700. The proposed lease is directly associated with the NJPA contract and is offered by Caterpillar Financial Services for a term of 60 months at a rate of 3.2%. It is anticipated that the associated expense will be more than fully covered by mid-term cost savings from the current one-year extension of the old landfill cell, additional funds realized by unscheduled revenues from the City of Buena Vista, and increased grading efficiencies provided by the new 2-D Grade Assistance technology. An associated appropriation resolution will be presented at the regularly scheduled Rockbridge County Solid Waste Authority meeting on January 8, 2018.

Name	Contract Price	Trade-in Value	Total Cost	Lease Terms
CAT D6N LGP	\$287,700	\$29,000 (2004 / D5)	\$258,700	60 Payments / 3.2%

"All supporting NJPA and Caterpillar Financial Services lease documents have been reviewed by Authority counsel (Guynn and Waddell, P.C.), and the associated support memorandum has been provided. Caterpillar Financial Services will be required to add the provided supplemental Virginia Procurement Contract Provisions, "Exhibit A," prior to the final authorization of the lease.

"All supporting documentation is on file with the Rockbridge County Solid Waste Authority Director (NJPA Membership, NJPA RFP, NJPA Advertisements, NJPA Tabulation Form, NJPA Meeting Minutes, CAT/NJPA Contract, Carter/CAT Sales Order, Lease Documents, Opinion of Counsel, etc.)."

Mr. Garrett then requested that the SWA Board authorize staff to proceed with execution of lease purchase documents in accordance with Authority counsel's recommendations.

Supervisor Higgins asked for the delivery date.

Mr. Garrett replied that delivery can occur as soon as the Board authorizes the purchase.

Supervisor Ford asked if the dozer blade would be made in the USA.

Mr. Garrett replied that all indications were to the affirmative.

Supervisor Campbell advised that the Solid Waste Committee began looking at this purchase around six (6) months ago, in hopes of using other equipment to fulfill the task, but had ultimately decided that the procurement should be brought to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Garrett then added that this was an unscheduled purchase - but that there are additional revenues being received to assist, such as tipping fees from non-members, including the City of Buena Vista.

Supervisor Campbell moved to proceed with the lease purchase. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Campbell, Ford, Lewis, Higgins, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Chairman Hinty closed the SWA and reconvened the Board of Supervisors meeting at 5:47 p.m.

*Chairman Hinty then moved one item forward on the Agenda, shown below.*

**Lexington Retirement (Kendal) - Tax Exempt Financing Approval**

County Attorney Vickie Huffman briefly reviewed the agenda item: Kendal has requested the Lexington Industrial Development Authority to issue up to \$44,000,000 in tax exempt private activity bonds to finance the acquisition, construction and equipping of an expansion and renovation to the residential and health care facilities of the continuing care retirement community known as "Kendal at Lexington" (collectively, the "Facility") including, but not limited to, (a) 30 new independent living cottages (approximately 76,995 total square feet) consisting of 20 single-family homes and 5 duplex homes and including related covered porches and garages, (b) an expansion (of approximately 2,691 total square feet) and renovation to the existing dining facility and the addition of a second floor exterior patio, (c) an expansion (of approximately 11,305 total square feet) and renovation to the existing Benjamin Borden Health Center, (d) an expansion (of approximately 4,649 total square feet) and renovation to the existing Webster Assisted Living Health Center, (e) the construction of new emergency road access to the Facility, (f) the construction of a new maintenance facility (of approximately 1,538 total square feet) and (g) the lowering of the road at the main entrance. The project is consistent with the Special Exception Permit Ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 28, 2016. The City IDA held its public hearing on November 29, 2017, and has recommended approval by both

the City Council of the City of Lexington and the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County. The City IDA's report is attached. Board of Supervisors approval is requested, as the majority of the Kendal campus and facilities are located within the County. Lexington City Council consideration is scheduled for December 7, 2017. She then introduced Sam Darby, counsel for Kendal, to assist in answering questions.

Mr. Darby stated he had nothing more to add. Ms. Huffman noted that there was a concurrent resolution included in the agenda package and asked for approval.

Supervisor Ford disclosed that he and Kendal had discussed using his property, directly across the street, to assist with disposal of excess excavated material generated by the project. He noted that there would be little if any exchange of funds in this regard.

Supervisor Ford moved to adopt the concurrent resolution. Supervisor Lewis provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Ford, Lewis, Campbell, Higgins, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY,  
VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES ON MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 11, 2017

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY CONCURRING  
WITH A FINANCING TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA,  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF LEXINGTON RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, Lexington Retirement Community, Inc., d/b/a Kendal at Lexington, a not-for-profit Virginia nonstock corporation (the "Corporation"), has requested the Industrial Development Authority of the

City of Lexington, Virginia (“Authority”), to issue its revenue bonds (the “Bonds”) pursuant to the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act, as amended (the “Act”), and loan the proceeds thereof to the Corporation to (a) pay costs of the Project described below, (b) pay all or a portion of the costs of issuance incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, (c) fund interest on the Bonds prior to, during and up to one year after completion of the Project, (d) fund a debt service reserve fund for the Bonds, and (e) pay working capital and other routine capital expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation has described the Project as consisting of the acquisition, construction and equipping of an expansion and renovation to the residential and health care facility for the aged known as “Kendal at Lexington” (collectively, the “Facility”) including, but not limited to, (a) 30 new independent living cottages consisting of 20 single-family homes and 5 duplex homes and including related covered porches and garages, (b) an expansion and renovation to the existing dining facility and the addition of a second floor exterior patio, (c) an expansion and renovation to the existing Benjamin Borden Health Center, (d) an expansion and renovation to the existing Webster Assisted Living Health Center, (e) the construction of new emergency road access to the Facility, (f) the construction of a new maintenance facility and (g) the lowering of the road at the main entrance (collectively, the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Project will be constructed on the site of the Facility, which is located on an 84-acre tract owned by the Corporation that is generally situated between Enfield Road and Ross Road, a portion of which consisting of the Benjamin Borden Health Center has the address of 170 Kendal Drive, Lexington, Virginia 24450, and is located in Rockbridge County, Virginia (“Rockbridge County”), and the remaining portion of which has the address of 160 Kendal Drive, Lexington, Virginia 24450, and is located partially in Rockbridge County and partially in the City of Lexington, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 15.2-4905 of the Act states that an industrial development authority may not finance facilities in another jurisdiction that has created its own industrial development authority unless the governing body of such county, city or town in which the facilities are located or are proposed to be located, concurs with the inducement resolution adopted by the Authority, and shows such concurrence in a duly adopted resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) requires that the governmental unit having jurisdiction over the area in which any facility financed with the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds is located approve the issuance of such bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 147(f) of the Code and Section 15.2-4906 of the Act require that any such approval by the applicable governmental unit be given after a public hearing following reasonable public notice, which hearing may be held by the public authority issuing the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 29, 2017, in accordance with the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code and Section 15.2-4906 of the Act, the Authority held a public hearing and adopted a resolution (the “Resolution”), a copy of which has been filed with the records of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation has requested the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County to express its concurrence with the Resolution so that a portion of the net proceeds of the Bonds may be loaned to the Corporation to finance such portions of the Project to be located in Rockbridge County;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA:**



The Board of Supervisors hereby approves the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority for the benefit of the Corporation, as required by Section 147(f) of the Code and Section 15.2-4906 of the Act, and concurs with the Resolution adopted by the Authority for the benefit of the Corporation to the extent required by Section 15.2-4905 of the Act to permit the Authority to loan the proceeds of the Bonds to the Corporation to finance the portions of the Project to be located in Rockbridge County.

The approval of the issuance of the Bonds does not constitute an endorsement of the Bonds or the creditworthiness of the Corporation. The Bonds shall provide that neither the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor any political subdivision thereof (including Rockbridge County and the City of Lexington, Virginia), nor the Authority shall be obligated to pay the Bonds or the interest thereon or other costs incident thereto except from revenues and moneys pledged therefor, and that neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or any political subdivision thereof (including Rockbridge County and the City of Lexington, Virginia), shall be pledged thereto.

All acts and doings of the officers of Rockbridge County and members of the Board of Supervisors that are in conformity with the purposes and intent of this resolution shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects approved and confirmed.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
County of Rockbridge, Virginia

**CERTIFICATE OF VOTES**

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Rockbridge, Virginia, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an Application Resolution adopted by the Board at a duly called regular meeting thereof, and that the record of the roll-call vote is as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>John M. Higgins</b> Buffalo District				
<b>Russell S. Ford</b> Kerrs Creek District				
<b>David W. Hinty, Jr.</b> Natural Bridge District				
<b>Ronnie R. Campbell</b> South River District				
<b>Albert W. Lewis, Jr.</b> Walkers Creek District				

Date: December 11, 2017

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Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
County of Rockbridge, Virginia

#### **Update from Mark Cline of Enchanted Castle Studios**

Mr. Cline provided a history of his business in Rockbridge County.

The following were included:

- At 19 years old, he had envisioned building an attraction
- He began working in Virginia Beach; however, he ended up moving his business to Natural Bridge in 1982
- At 21 years old, he convinced the Board of Supervisors at that time: W.E. Edwards, C.C. Trimble, K.M. Moore, M. R. Reynolds, and Nanalou Sauder - to change zoning to enable construction of a monster museum
- At times early in his career, business did not do well and he felt like giving up. However, he had made a promise to the Board of Supervisors that he would do whatever it takes to stay in business and not let them down
- In the wake of the business subsiding, he began selling signs which led to other creations
- During the early 1990's, he was convinced to participated in a trade show in Atlanta, which led to international attention
- During the trade show, he learned that he needed a webpage

- Since then, he has assisted with comic books, campaign images, and magazines
- All in all, his business has succeeded and has increased tourism in the County

Mr. Cline then provided a before-and-after video of the Dinosaur Kingdom. Following his presentation, Mr. Cline and wife Sherry handed out free admission tickets to the Dinosaur Kingdom to all those present, and he gave the Board Members, County Administrator, and County Attorney signed copies of his comic book.

### **Braiding the Way Resolution of Support**

Director of Community Development Sam Crickenberger commended Mark Cline for his participation and introduced Tourism Director Jean Clark. He then briefly reviewed the agenda item:

"As you are aware, Braiding the Way is a collaborative planning effort that has been underway since 2015 to develop a master outdoor recreation and trail plan. The project has been led by a Steering Committee composed of key partners including Lexington and Rockbridge Area Tourism, City of Lexington, City of Buena Vista, Rockbridge County, and representatives from government, business, education, health and community-based organizations. The project was assisted by a Rural Community Development Initiative Grant from USDA- Rural Development, a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails

and Conservation Assistance Program, and by the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission.

"The Steering Committee has developed the Rockbridge Area Outdoors Recreation and Trail Plan, which recommends:

1. That the Steering Committee transition to the 'Rockbridge Area Outdoors Partnership' - which will serve as a coordinating entity and forum for continued collaboration, networking, project development and promotion.
2. That the 'Recommendations' identified in the Plan serve as a framework for future actions to continue to expand outdoor recreation opportunities, specifically recommendations found in Trail and Water System Planning; Youth Engagement, Education and Stewardship; Community Health and Wellness; and Outdoor Recreation and Heritage Tourism Promotion.
3. That the local jurisdictions in the project area endorse the Plan through a Resolution of Support, and work with the Partnership to increase economic, conservation, and community wellness benefits for all Rockbridge area residents. In January 2018, the Steering Committee will transition to the Rockbridge Area Outdoors Partnership with the mission to work collaboratively to advance a network of trails, parks, water trails, bikeways and other outdoor recreational activities for the Rockbridge Area that supports economic, stewardship, and community health and wellness goals. The Partnership will serve as a forum for sharing information, coordination, and supporting the promotion and maintenance of the network.

Twenty-nine organizations have currently joined the Partnership. Resolutions of Support are being requested from the City of Lexington, the City of Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County: to express support for the Rockbridge Area Outdoor Recreation and Trail Plan to serve as the guiding document to develop the outdoors industry in the region; to recognize the efforts of the Rockbridge Area Outdoors Partnership to serve as the forum for implementation of the Rockbridge Area Outdoor Recreation and Trail Plan; and to work with the Rockbridge Area Outdoors Partnership to increase economic, conservation and community wellness benefits for all Rockbridge area residents. No financial commitment is requested in consideration of the Resolution of Support. The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission will provide limited administrative staff support and technical assistance to the Partnership as appropriate."

He then asked the Board to consider the information provided and, if in support, approve the accompanying resolution.

Supervisor Lewis moved to approve the resolution. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Lewis, Ford, Campbell, Higgins, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

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*Braiding the Way for Outdoor Recreation in the Rockbridge Area*



**Resolution of Support  
for the Rockbridge Area Outdoor Recreation and Trail Plan**

**and**  
**Rockbridge Area Outdoors Partnership**

**WHEREAS**, Braiding the Way for Outdoor Recreation in the Rockbridge Area, “Braiding the Way,” began as a regional collaborative effort to strengthen the capacity of the local governments; state and federal government agencies; and business, education, health and community-based organizations to collectively achieve the shared vision of increasing outdoor recreation-oriented tourism, and growing the industries that directly and indirectly support such tourism in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Braiding the Way initiative has facilitated a master planning process establishing a shared vision for outdoor recreation in the region and led by a Steering Committee composed of key partners including Lexington and Rockbridge Area Tourism, Rockbridge County, City of Lexington, City of Buena Vista, and representatives from over twenty government, business, education, health, and community-based organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Braiding the Way initiative has received technical assistance support through the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Technical Assistance Program of the National Park Service and funding support through the Rural Community Development Initiative Grant of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the Braiding the Way initiative is to develop a Master Outdoor Recreation and Trail Plan and Implementation Strategy for the Rockbridge Area that consolidates and incorporates past trail and water trail planning efforts, identifies and prioritizes trail and water trail development projects, and establishes a framework for implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Braiding the Way initiative, an economic impact studies inventory, an outdoor recreation survey, and an economic impact analysis report were completed to document the benefits of outdoor recreation to the region; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Braiding the Way initiative, a marketing strategy for outdoor recreation has been developed to enhance tourism and business development to support regional economic development goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Braiding the Way initiative has enabled the compilation of an existing natural resources assets inventory, an analysis to identify and evaluate potential projects, and resulted in a series of Community Forums to receive public input concerning outdoor recreation assets and projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Braiding the Way Steering Committee has developed a Rockbridge Area Outdoor Recreation and Trail Plan to serve as the guiding document to develop the outdoors industry in our region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Braiding the Way Steering Committee is evolving into the Rockbridge Area Outdoors Partnership, a coordinating entity as outlined in its Partnership Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockbridge Area Outdoors Partnership will serve as a forum for sharing information, coordination, and supporting the promotion and maintenance of the network of trails, parks, water trails, bikeways and other outdoor recreational activities for the Rockbridge Area that supports economic, stewardship, and community health and wellness goals; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its support for the Rockbridge Area Outdoor Recreation and Trail Plan to serve as the guiding document to develop the outdoors industry in our region; recognizes the efforts of the Rockbridge Area Outdoors Partnership to serve as the forum for implementation of the Rockbridge Area Outdoor Recreation and Trail Plan; and will work with the Rockbridge Area Outdoors Partnership to increase economic, conservation and community wellness benefits for all Rockbridge area residents.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

**Event Application for White's Travel Center**

Mr. Crickenberger presented the event application. He explained that the event is for a truck show during the summer of 2018. He recommended approval.

Supervisor Campbell moved to approve the application. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Campbell, Ford, Lewis, Higgins, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**Schedule Public Hearing for Cable Franchise Agreement with Co-Mo Comm, Inc.**

Mr. Suter briefly reviewed the agenda item:

"As you are aware, BARC Electric has been working for the past year on a project called BARC Connects, with the goal of providing high speed internet services to its customers. BARC Connects is working through a sister company, Co-Mo Comm, Inc., d/b/a Co-Mo Connect of Tipton, MO, to provide cable TV service as part of their bundled services, and wishes to begin selling service early in 2018.

"Co-Mo is requesting a franchise agreement with the County for authorization to provide the cable service. Co-Mo will be providing its services through BARC lines within BARC easements, or through RANA fiber under an agreement between BARC Connects and the RANA. Co-Mo is therefore

not requesting approval for use of public rights-of-way in the County, but BARC may make such a request in the future should expansion of its services necessitate installing service lines within public ways.

"Approval of the franchise agreement requires adoption of an Ordinance, following notice and public hearing. County Attorney Vickie Huffman has reviewed the agreement for content and form. A copy of the current draft, as well as a proposed Ordinance, is attached for the Board's review."

Mr. Suter then noted that nothing like this could have ever happened without RANA. He also noted that additional revisions were suggested prior to the meeting, but that a finalized version would be submitted for public hearing. He requested that a public hearing be set for January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Campbell moved to schedule a public hearing on this item for January 8, 2018. Supervisor Higgins provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Campbell, Higgins, Ford, Lewis, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**Consideration of a Lease Agreement with the Virginia Horse Center (VHC)  
for the property needed to build sports fields**

Supervisor Campbell advised that, because he had yet to receive a written opinion from the Commonwealth's Attorney regarding a potential conflict of interest, he would abstain from all matters associated with this topic. He left the dais at 6:08 p.m.

Mr. Suter briefly reviewed the Agenda Item:



At its regular meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, the Board received and approved a request from the VHC, to refinance a portion of its debt, via a new loan with Cornerstone Bank. At that time, the Board also directed staff to:

- a. Work with Cornerstone and the USDA to reach an agreement on a lot line adjustment which would keep both entities whole with regard to collateralized property.
- b. Develop and return to the Board an agreement with Cornerstone Bank to take possession of the property for consideration of \$135,850, should the VHC default.
- c. Return to the Board with a final lease agreement with the VHC for the property needed to build fields

Staff has since made the following progress:

- a. We have contracted to have the parcels shown on the attached exhibit plat appraised to provide Cornerstone Bank and the USDA information which would allow for consideration of a swap of parcels to satisfy collateral needs of both lenders.
- b. We have developed the attached, draft lease agreement for the Board's consideration.
- c. We have drafted the attached agreement with Cornerstone bank, for the Board's consideration.

Our goal is to get all documents executed as soon as possible, with the lease agreement done prior to the end of the year. We would also hope to get the collateral swap done by the end of the year, but it could take a bit longer.

Mr. Suter noted that the draft agreement with Cornerstone had not been prepared yet due to an illness. He added that, once prepared, it would still need to be reviewed by Cornerstone and the VHC. In the meantime, he stated, the Board can adopt the resolution authorizing execution of the lease agreement.

Supervisor Lewis moved to adopt the resolution and shared that community cooperation and active community support is shown by getting this done. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote, with Supervisor Campbell abstaining:

AYES: Lewis, Ford, Higgins, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: Campbell  
ABSENT: None

Chairman Hinty thanked Supervisor Campbell for serving as the Board liaison to the VHC Board.

Supervisor Campbell returned to the dais at 6:13 p.m.

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

**Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the Virginia Horse Center Foundation and the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors for an 8.708-acre Parcel of Land on the North Side of Alphin Lane (Route 750) to Construct Athletic Fields, With Associated Parking and Other Facilities, in the Walkers Creek Magisterial District**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Horse Center Foundation ("VHC") is the owner of a tract of real estate, lying in the Walkers Creek Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, on the east side of Maury River Road (Route 39) and the north side of Alphin Lane (Route 750), containing 197 acres, more or less, said parcel being designated as Tax Map #61-A-115 on the Rockbridge County Land Records; and,

WHEREAS, the County desires to lease an 8.708-acre portion of said property for construction, installation, operation, use and maintenance of two athletic fields, with associated parking and other facilities, including a concession stand and restrooms; and,

WHEREAS, the VHC is willing to convey a long-term leasehold interest to the County for said athletic fields and related improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, as follows:

1. That the Lease Agreement, dated as of December 15, 2017, between the Virginia Horse Center Foundation and the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors for a fifty (50) year lease at an annual rental of \$1.00, for construction, installation, operation, use and maintenance of athletic fields, with associated parking and other facilities, of a parcel of land containing 8.708 acres, more or less, together with an easement for drainage and a stormwater management facility, on the north side of Alphin Lane (Route 750), shown and described as "PROPOSED PARCEL – 8.708 ac" on the 'Exhibit Showing Reconfiguration of Assignment Parcel #8 With Improvements – Virginia Horse Center' dated November 7, 2017, a copy of which is attached to said lease as Exhibit 1-A and 1-B and by reference incorporated herein, and being a portion of the real estate identified upon the Rockbridge County Land Records as Tax Map #61-A-115.

2. That the Chairman of the Board or the County Administrator is authorized to execute the above-referenced Lease Agreement, in substantial conformity to the agreement attached hereto, and to execute such other documents and take such further actions, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, as are necessary to accomplish this transaction, including but not limited to such documents as may be necessary to secure releases of the existing deed of trust liens of the United States Department of Agriculture and Cornerstone Bank in accordance with prior or current actions of the Board, all of which shall be approved as to form by the County Attorney.

3. That this resolution shall be effective upon the date of its adoption.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2017.

Mr. Suter introduced Walkers Creek Fire Department (WCFD) Chief Colby Irvine and member Fred Fevrier. He explained that the Department had recently completed an innovative solar project which is among the first in the Commonwealth for volunteer Fire/EMS departments. He noted that Chief Irvine and Dr. Fevrier has asked to come before the Board to discuss the project, in hopes that it might assist other departments in similar efforts.

Mr. Irvine first thanked Supervisors Lewis and Ford (in their last meeting as Board members) for their assistance through the years with Fire and EMS, especially on the budget process. He then provided the following information regarding the project:

- Project has taken almost two (2) years and is intended to make the fire house more energy efficient
- All inside lights in the firehouse are LED, and the members are working on the converting the ones outside
- Installed two (2) new heaters in the bay area, going from 80% efficiency of liquid propane to 94%
- The solar panel project idea started in June with issuance of a request for proposals
- Solar panels are expected to produce almost 16 Kw of energy or between 92%-93% of annual usage
- Life expectancy: 25 years for the panels and 10 years for the inverters

- Cost savings: the project was expensive upfront; however, the department is looking at a 7.5 - 8% annual savings with a 10 year return on investment (ROI)

Mr. Fevrier noted that most of the monthly electric bill of around \$200 will be paid for by the sun. He added that the maintenance of the system is very simple. He advised that three (3) families who are members of the fire station have had solar panels on their homes for two (2) years or more, and have experienced no problems. He suggested that the Board look into this for other fire agencies.

Mr. Irvine then advised that, because the fire department is a 501-(C)3 organization, they were not able to receive any grants to assist with the project.

Supervisor Higgins asked about how much the project cost.

Mr. Irvine responded that it cost around \$41,000-46,000.

Supervisor Campbell asked Mr. Irvine if any other fire agency had contacted them for information on their project - showing interest.

Mr. Irvine replied that so far no other department has expressed interest. He added that the only other fire agency he knows of that has solar panels is in Danville.

Supervisor Ford asked if the new heat systems only heat the solid items within the building.

Mr. Irvine replied that the systems use forced air heat. He added that the old heat system was only 78% efficient. Mr. Irvine also added that the \$3,000 annual energy bill will go down to \$500.

Supervisor Lewis congratulated the fire department for their creativity.

Chairman Hinty also thanked the fire department for being an inspiration for other departments.

Mr. Irvine suggested school facilities be reviewed for such options on energy efficiency.

### **Consideration of staffed collection center potential service improvements**

Recycling Coordinator Tracy Shafer briefly reviewed the agenda item:

"As a result of citizen comment and suggestions raised during public meetings concerning the ongoing implementation of the Solid Waste Management Strategic Plan, staff was directed to examine the feasibility of various additional services and improvements to our staffed collection centers. Additionally, staff was advised to provide a breakdown of the capital and operational costs associated with each item. Working in concert with the Board Solid Waste Committee (Supervisors Campbell and Ford), staff has prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the Board to highlight improvements that may be beneficial to our operations and citizen convenience."

Ms. Shafer then reviewed the PowerPoint presentation:

#### Overview of Proposed Improvements

Suggestions and comments raised by citizens at public meetings attended by County staff

Comments raised:

Collection of tires

Motor Oil

Antifreeze

Hazardous Materials (ex. Oil-based paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs.)

Staff visited Montgomery County and Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority in October for purpose of gaining ideas and information on collections

This locality presented a good comparison due to services offered and population makeup (two large population centers with Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, and very rural County with lower population density)

Staff gathered information on cost and feasibility of additional services  
Information was presented to the Solid Waste Committee on December 4  
Based on findings from staff, the Committee made comments on which improvements were feasible and/or cost-effective for possible implementation

#### Staff Comments on Improvements

Collection of tires at staffed collection centers reduces placing of tires in unstaffed dumpsters as well as illegal dumping

High initial costs from investment in containers, but will help eliminate problems associated with illegal dumping of tires

Purchase of containers could be phased

Relatively low annual operational costs for hauling and disposal

Added convenience to citizens

Measures must be taken to prevent commercial use and enforce policies (ex. Tracking log at centers)

Oil and Antifreeze collection provides additional service at relatively low operational cost

High upfront capital investment

Is this a redundant service? Free waste oil/antifreeze collection offered by several local businesses and on HHW Days

Oil-Based Paint to remain collected only at HHW Days due to high service cost for on-site collection and disposal and potential contamination of loads

Battery collection can be implemented inexpensively at staffed centers

Added convenience for citizens by extending collection to staffed centers

Residential fluorescent bulbs to remain collected at the Solid Waste Authority Landfill only

Supervisor Ford commended staff for responding to citizens' requests and recommendations.

Supervisor Campbell also commended staff for their work on collecting the information on the PowerPoint. He advised that the research was done without the Solid Waste Committee's involvement as staff were looking ahead for ways to help the citizens of the County.

Mr. Suter advised that the big driver of this was tires. He stated he would rather the tires go into a dumpster rather than over a bank somewhere; however, throwing them in dumpsters right now means they are going into the landfill, and that creates other problems. He added that it

creates more work on staff to find and remove tires if they can. He shared that the having dumpsters assigned for tires is better than the alternative.

Supervisor Higgins suggested adding a dumpster for tires at a couple of sites to start with.

Mr. Suter then asked for the Board's opinion on oil and antifreeze collection.

Supervisor Campbell stated that he first thought about why the County would pay someone to collect motor oil when there are people who could use it for oil burning stoves. He then added that it is his understanding that the people who will be collecting the motor oil will pick up the antifreeze for free.

Supervisor Ford suggested that the Board ask Robbie Clark, who runs an oil-change business, for his comments on collecting and marketing waste oil. Mr. Clark advised that the market for waste oil is uncertain, so that he sometimes has to pay to have it removed, while at other times he can charge a fee to the hauler.

Director of Solid Waste Jeremy Garrett stated that, from the Landfill side of things, not having to pick tires from the working-faces at the Landfill will be a tremendous benefit. He stated that it will be saving on equipment strain and will increase employee safety. He noted that, according to the strategic plan, all sites will be manned, providing more opportunity to legally dispose of tires and cut down on illegal dumping of tires. He further noted that there is anticipated traffic increase once



these additional services are available, especially when the unmanned sites begin to close.

The Board agreed to begin additional services by adding two dumpsters assigned to tires at two sites in the County, one in the north and one in the south.

Ms. Shafer suggested one at the Fairfield staffed site and the other at the Fancy Hill staffed site once it is completed. She recommended using the Sallings Mountain staffed site until the Fancy Hill site is completed.

Supervisor Higgins asked that a public notice be advertised so that citizens are advised of the change.

### **Consideration of Radio System Agreement with Alleghany County/City of Covington**

Mr. Suter briefly reviewed the agenda item:

"Over the past six months the Rockbridge Regional Emergency Communications Center (RRECC) Board has been working toward an agreement with Alleghany County and the City of Covington to share some equipment and associated capital and maintenance costs at the North Mountain tower site.

"Alleghany/Covington selected Harris Communications to build a new regional radio system for their localities. As Harris is also the provider for the RRECC, there is opportunity to share equipment as a way to reduce costs for all involved, and to increase communication interoperability.

"As the actual benefit of sharing equipment is unevenly divided, we collectively asked Harris to give us an objective assessment, so that we could include accurate cost shares in an agreement. The result is a

\$128,158.40 contribution from Alleghany/Covington for initial capital costs, and approximately \$14,000 per year for maintenance.

"The RRECC Board approved the attached agreement on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Rockbridge County is listed as a signatory based on the fact that the County actually owns the equipment until such time as the debt is fully paid off. At that time, the equipment will transfer to the RRECC. Please note that the capital equipment contribution will be paid to the County, and then redistributed to the regional partners based on their cost share percentage. Maintenance payments will be made directly to the RRECC."

Mr. Suter then asked that the Board approve the agreement provided in their agenda package.

Supervisor Higgins moved to authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement. Supervisor Campbell provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Higgins, Campbell, Ford, Lewis, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

## **Appointments**

**Rockbridge Area Community Services Board- Terms Expiring 12/31/17**

**Chris Blalock; Malcolm Brownlee; and Susan Parochniak**

Supervisor Lewis nominated Steve Funkhouser to the Community Services Board in place of Mr. Blalock. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Lewis, Ford, Campbell, Higgins, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Supervisor Lewis nominated Malcolm Brownlee to serve another term, and Supervisor Campbell nominated Susan Parochniak to serve another term. Supervisor Higgins provided the second for the nominations, and the motions carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Lewis, Campbell, Higgins, Ford, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**Added Items:**

**Fire and Rescue Committee Report**

Supervisor Campbell advised that the Fire and Rescue Committee has accomplished much - including new 911 Center/radio system and hiring of full time staff in Glasgow and Fairfield. However, as times change, they are seeing that recruiting and retention of volunteers is extremely difficult, adding increased pressure to those who do volunteer. Supervisor Campbell commended those who volunteer in the County's fire and rescue departments, but added that additional services are needed. He stated that the Fire and Rescue Committee has reviewed cost statistics, and after

several months of internal discussions, has decided to look at other options for consideration. Mr. Campbell advised that there would be a scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> with the County's volunteer leaders to seek their input on potential future changes. Ultimately, after receiving feedback, the Fire and Rescue Committee plans to make a recommendation to the Board for consideration.

### **Route 60 East Corridor Water/sewer Needs**

Supervisor Lewis shared the following: "As a result of the Work Session discussion, I move to direct staff to work with the County's financial advisor, bond counsel, and government relations consultant to issue a bank loan request for proposals, and application to VRA, for utility extension in the US 60 East corridor and to return to the Board with a financing analysis and recommendation."

Supervisor Higgins provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Lewis, Higgins, Ford, Campbell, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

### **Staff Reports**

Supervisor Campbell moved to accept the Staff Reports. Supervisor Higgins provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Campbell, Higgins, Ford, Lewis, Hinty  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

### **Board Comments**

Supervisor Higgins advised that Maury Service Authority's Executive Director, Jerry Higgins, has announced his retirement.

Supervisor Ford advised that Nat Leonard, Rockbridge County's CSA Coordinator, has resigned to take another position elsewhere in the state.

Supervisor Campbell made the following comment:

"Over the last six (6) years, this group of five has at times disagreed. We have not always been unanimous in our vote; if we had, it could have been very boring around here. But when we disagreed, we always came back together even quicker. All of our important votes that affected our County were 5/0. Three (3) of us had two (2) sources of history and wisdom to draw from (Supervisors Ford and Lewis). I have enjoyed this time, and will miss you both."

Supervisor Lewis then presented the following prayer:

Behold, O God, our beloved county:

The old, the young, the children; rich and poor, unknowing and learned;

The workers in shops, school, office and home;

A people of tradition, with divergent hopes and fears.

Behold her mountains and fields, rivers and forests.

Upon this land, upon these people, pour down your life-giving spirit of truth.

Where there is strife, bring cooperation for the common good;

Where greed and envy---give us a perspective which sees dignity in every person;

Where interests clash, set free in us an impulse for righteousness and community.

Behold this our county and make her strong and whole.

Amen.

(Adapted from Behold America, John Wallace Suter, 1964)

Chairman Hinty announced that the next Board Meeting would be on Monday, January 8, 2018. He also announced a reminder to the Board Members that on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, the County would be hosting its annual Holiday luncheon for staff.

### **Adjournment**

On a motion by Supervisor Ford and second by Supervisor Lewis, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote by the Board at 7:11 p.m.