

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, MAY 8, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

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

Supervisor Campbell delivered the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hinty advised the following: A previously scheduled regular joint meeting with the School Board, for May 18, has been postponed to June 15th. The regular executive committee meeting has been moved to May 18th. The purpose of swapping meeting dates is to allow the executive committee to discuss the school system's Capital Improvement Plan request prior to presenting to the full Boards on June 15th. We also hope to receive a presentation on their consultant's work on an A&E study, which could influence the CIP. Also, at the end of tonight's discussions, this meeting will be continued for a joint meeting with the Lexington City Council, scheduled for next Monday, May 15th at 6:00 PM at Lylburn Downing Middle School. The purpose of that meeting is to hear a public presentation from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries on the Jordan's Point dam in east Lexington, with public comment to follow.

Recognitions and Presentations

Chairman Hinty asked if there were any recognitions or presentations. County Administrator Spencer Suter announced that Director of Fiscal Services Steven Bolster, who is the County's procurement agent, recently spent three days in Richmond for classes and exams. He is now a Certified Virginia Contracting Associate.

Chairman Hinty presented the certificate of award to Mr. Bolster on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, and the Board thanked Mr. Bolster for his work.

Citizens Comments

Marilyn Shaner Buerkens of the Buffalo Magisterial District advised the Board of a gathering called "Trashy Matters" to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16th at the Natural Bridge Fire Department. She advised that Supervisors Higgins and Hinty would be present to talk about trash. She added that she is a supporter of keeping the Jordan's Point Dam.

Items to be added to the Agenda

Supervisor Ford added a discussion on Solid Waste.

Approval of the Minutes for: March 6, 2017 Continued Meeting; March 16, 2017 Joint School Board; March 16, 2017 Continued Meeting; and April 24, 2017

Supervisor Ford moved to approve the Minutes announced above. 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
ABSENT: None

County Financial Package/Approval of Appropriation Resolution

Finance Director Steven Bolster reviewed his Monthly Memorandum:

Section I - Commissioner of the Revenue

Activities for Month:

1. Prepared and presented the Land Book to the Treasurer.
2. Completed another busy state income tax season.
3. Working DMV report for April 2017.
4. Prepared and mailed late notices for business license renewals.
5. Auditing Schedule C's against business license files.
6. Continue Board of Equalization meetings.
7. Worked new construction assessments.

Section II - Treasurer

Activities for Month:

1. Continue to collect State income & Estimated State taxes.
2. New 2017 Real Estate first half tax bills - due June 5, 2017.
3. Debt-Set-Off collections remain high volume - \$18,229.04

associated with 146 filings.

4. Enhanced .net Treasurer component of the BAI software is available for the public to see & pay their real estate bill on-line with debit or credit card (convenience fee will be added). This information is all noted on the reverse side of the real estate bill.

He then provided a procurement update advising of the following:

- Public Transportation proposals are due Friday, May 26, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
- Delivery of Petroleum Products bids are due Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

He then reviewed the Revenues versus Expenditures chart, followed by the Appropriation Resolution. He recommended approval to pay the bills.

Supervisor Campbell moved to approve paying the bills. 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
ABSENT: None

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ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

On motion by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, the Board, by record vote, approved the payment of bills for the month as follows:

Current County

11 - General Fund	\$402,950.20
94 - Central Stores	\$6,648.35
372 - Construction Project Fund	<u>\$174,038.84</u>
Total County Bills	\$583,637.39

Current Fiscal Agent

80 - Regional Jail	\$93,239.39
710 - Communications Center	\$35,119.32
Total Fiscal Agent	\$128,358.71
TOTAL ALL BILLS	\$711,996.10

Convene Solid Waste Authority

Chairman Hinty convened the Solid Waste Authority at 5:39 p.m.

Solid Waste Financial Package/Approval of Appropriation Resolution

Mr. Bolster presented the Solid Waste Authority's Appropriation Resolution below, and recommended payment of the bills.

Supervisor Campbell moved to pay the bills. 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
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, MAY 8, 2017 AT 5:30 P. M.

On motion of Supervisor _____, with second by Supervisor _____, the Authority, by record vote, approved the payment of bills for the month as follows:

Current SWA

19 - SWA-Landfill	\$62,500.10
20 - SWA-Recycling	<u>\$12,124.39</u>
TOTAL SWA BILLS	\$74,624.49

Chairman Hinty closed the SWA and reconvened in the Board of Supervisors Meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Appeal of TCO Decision at 172 West Midland Trail

County Administrator Spencer Suter advised that an email was received by the Virginia Flaggers on Thursday requesting that this item be postponed for Board consideration until June. He provided the Board with three (3) options:

1. Proceed with taking action during this meeting
2. Delay action until the next meeting, May 22nd
3. Delay action until June 12th

Supervisor Campbell recommended postponing action until June 12th.

Supervisor Higgins agreed.

Supervisor Lewis agreed, sharing that the Board should accommodate their request.

Supervisor Ford had no comment.

Chairman Hinty agreed with the request, adding this item to the June 12th Agenda for consideration.

Appointments

Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (added to the Agenda)

Supervisor Higgins recommended reappointing Supervisor Lewis to the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission. 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
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
ABSENT: None

Added Item

Solid Waste Discussion

Supervisor Ford reminded the Board that in February, the Board had suspended dumpster removals; however, he added, they should keep the ultimate goal of all manned collections in mind. He then advised that bears have been raiding the dumpsters on 60 West across from the Washington and Lee Equestrian Center; the Sheriff's department had provided pictures of multiple paw prints on the cans as well as of garbage bags strewn into the woods behind the site. He recalled that bears were

the cause of the closure of the Zollman's dumpster site; their presence put citizens at risk.

Chairman Hinty asked how the Board would like to handle this issue.

Supervisor Campbell advised that he has seen the pictures and does not believe it is just one (1) bear. He expressed his concern of safety for citizens and noted that the site should be closed.

Supervisor Ford asked that the Board instruct staff to give proper notification to citizens should they feel the need to close the site.

Supervisor Lewis shared that citizens in that area would be referred to the Greenhouse Road or Kerrs Creek sites upon closure of the site. He stated that both sites would still be in operation if this site closed sooner than planned. He added that making the decision to close this site would be consistent with the closure at the Zollman's collection center.

Supervisor Higgins agreed that the safety of citizens is an issue, and closure would be consistent with what was done in the past.

Supervisor Ford asked Mr. Suter what proper notification would be to citizens.

Mr. Suter replied that typically staff would provide two weeks' notice. He also noted that it would take a little time to schedule the workforce to close and refurbish the site.

Supervisor Campbell shared his concern of the County's liability issue now knowing that this problem with bears exists.

Mr. Suter replied that he could not speak to the County's liability.

County Attorney Vickie Huffman responded that a danger is identified, the appropriate action is to move forward. She added that she did not see a liability issue, as the Board appears to be addressing the issue.

Supervisor Ford requested that staff notify the public to be careful particularly after dark, and that the county advertise that the facility is to be closed.

Supervisor Higgins recommended following the same procedure as what was done when closing the Rt. 501 and Zollman's collection centers.

Supervisor Ford moved that the Board take the actions discussed. Supervisor Campbell provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

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

Break

At 5:50 p.m., Chairman Hinty called for a break until 6:00 p.m. for a Public Hearing.

Reconvene

At 6:00 p.m., Chairman Hinty reconvened the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Public Hearing

VDOT 6-Year Plan

VDOT's Resident Administrator Susan Hammond reviewed each of the projects listed on the 6-Year Plan. She noted that some of the projects have been completed and would be removed from the list next year.

Supervisor Higgins advised that improvements to Jacob's Ladder were under review. (Supervisor Higgins had brought this to VDOT's attention in 2015.) He noted that there is a business along that road.

Supervisor Lewis advised this had come up years back; he asked where VDOT stood with this.

Ms. Hammond stated that, initially, she was looking at a different part of the road than where Mr. Higgins had concerns. She advised that the VDOT geologist had reviewed that particular area and identified "complications". She stated that there is a three (3) prong approach when addressing this road: improve site distance in the turn; doing this as a safety project first; and following up with rural rustic paving in place.

Chairman Hinty opened the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.

Marilyn Shaner Buerkens of the Buffalo Magisterial District advised that VDOT had placed "no parking" signs on the exit 175, I-81 southbound ramp. She stated that the signage is not yet adequate - as there is still parking there, and resultant littering. She requested that VDOT can add more "no parking" signs. Ms. Buerkens further advised that there is a federal pollinator project, and she asked that VDOT be proactive with the project.

Odie Mohler of the Walkers Creek Magisterial District spoke on behalf of citizens on Eastfield Road. He thanked the Board and VDOT for the progress on that road. He asked what would happen to the rest of the road that was not completed. He added that he had collected the petition from the landowners along that road and assumed that some would be asking why not all of the road was included in the plan.

Chairman Hinty asked Mr. Mohler to call Ms. Hammond any time to stay updated on what is going on financially and physically on that road.

Ms. Hammond advised that, around 7 years ago, there were major cuts in the secondary road program, and that many roads were dropped from the plan. She noted that the Board has been good at keeping the 6-Year Plan reasonable, with short term projects. She added that breaking a project up into two pieces is the right thing to do in order to completely fund and finish a portion of the project as quickly as possible.

Chairman Hinty closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

Supervisor Lewis advised that he had assisted the citizens in Eastfield Road and was pleased at the "instant" response upon a first presentation to VDOT. He added his appreciation for everyone's efforts.

Supervisor Lewis moved to approve the 6-Year Plan. (The Plan can be found in the office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.) 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
ABSENT:	None

Continued Meeting

Chairman Hinty continued the meeting until Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., for a Joint Meeting with Lexington City Council. This meeting will be held at the Lylburn Downing Middle School for a presentation from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries related to the Jordan's Point Dam.

AT A CONTINUED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY,
VIRGINIA HELD AT LYLURN DOWNING MIDDLE SCHOOL, 302 DIAMOND STREET,
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: VICE CHAIRMAN J.M. HIGGINS, R.S. FORD, R.R CAMPBELL
ABSENT: CHAIRMAN D.W.HINTY, JR., A.W. LEWIS, JR.
CLERK TO THE BOARD: S.H. SUTER

Vice Chairman Higgins opened the continued meeting at 5:55 PM. County Director of Community Development Sam Crickenberger and Lexington City Manager Noah Simon welcomed attendees and explained the purpose of the joint meeting, which was to receive a presentation regarding the Jordan's Point dam from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) and to receive public comment. They then turned the meeting over to Paul Bugas and Elizabeth Finger with VDGIF, who presented a PowerPoint on the potential to remove the dam, which is owned by the City of Lexington.

Following the presentation, the floor was opened for citizen comment. Citizens of both Rockbridge County and Lexington spoke on the issue from approximately 6:50 PM until 8:05 PM. No members of the Board or City Council spoke.

At 8:05, Supervisor Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

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