

June 07, 2021

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, June 07, 2021, at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

Roll Call by the Clerk:

Present:

Tim Lovelace
Lou Wallace
Carl Rhea
David Eaton
Steve Breeding
Rebecca Dye
Oris Christian

Lonzo Lester, Clerk
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk
Katie Patton, County Attorney

Absent:
None

Invocation by Cuba Porter, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the agenda as amended.

The vote was:

Aye: Oris Christian, Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea and Rebecca Dye
Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE FY 2021/2022 BUDGET AND CY 2022 TAX RATES

Pursuant to be being advertised in a local newspaper for (2) two consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the FY 2021/2022 General Operating Budget and CY 2022 Tax Rates. The Chair opened the public hearing to comments.

Comments from Nate Kiser, Kelly M. Delph, Michelle Vance, Larry Hughes, and Lynn Hess were heard.

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 05, 2021, MINUTES

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the May 05, 2021, minutes as corrected and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

Aye: Lou Wallace, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 19, 2021, MINUTES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the May 19, 2021, minutes as presented and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Ori Christian, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton and Rebecca Dye
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$828,731.06 including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

Committee Appointments

APPROVAL TO TABLE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to table the committee appointments pending review and recommendations from the County Attorney.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

APPROVAL TO EXCLUDE THE RUSSELL COUNTY PSA APPOINTMENTS FROM BEING TABLED

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to amend the motion to table the committee appointments to exclude The Russell County Public Service Authority.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

CLIFFORD HESS RE-APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY PSA

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Clifford Hess to The Russell County Public Service Authority for a four (4) year term, said term ending June 24, 2025.

The vote was:

Aye: Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

CHRIS DYE RE-APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY PSA

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Chris Dye to The Russell County Public Service Authority for a four (4) year term, said term ending June 24, 2025.

The vote was:

Aye: Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

Citizens Comment

The Chair opened citizens comment period.

Nate Kiser, Lebanon commended the Board on wanting to reduce the size of county committees and boards.

Kelly M. Delph, RCPL Director stated that the summer reading program will be returning this summer.

Lynn Hess, Swords Creek stated that the Board may be able to make a statement about all the new laws coming down from the state. He suggested passing a resolution stating that restrooms should be used according to the gender that is listed on birth certificates.

Michelle Vance, Lebanon commented that a library employee should not post about other people on social media, especially when a child is involved.

Larry Hughes, Glade Hollow doesn't agree with the state concerning transgender students. He stated that transgender restrooms could be construed as reverse discrimination.

The Chair closed citizens comment period

County Attorney Reports and Requests

Katie Patton, County Attorney discussed Project Jonah, County Business License, Special Assessments and Sun Disposal Site Purchase

**PROJECT JONAH BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION SERVICE REQUEST
FOR QUALIFICATIONS APPROVED**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Project Jonah Building Construction and Environmental Inspection Service Request for Qualifications.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THE SUN DISPOSAL SITE

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the purchase of the Sun disposal site subject to VDOT site approval and final approval by legal counsel.

The vote was:

Aye: Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

County Administrator Reports and Requests

The Chairperson appointed Rebecca Dye and Tim Lovelace to be members of the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 committee.

APPROVAL TO MAKE REPAIRS TO THE HONAKER LIBRARY

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to make repairs to the foundation of the Honaker Library.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A VDOT RESOLUTION FOR WILLOW SPRINGS DRIVE

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a VDOT resolution for replacement and maintenance of Willow Springs Drive Culverts to alleviate flooding on Rte. 679, Tumble Hollow Road.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A VDOT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLOSING OF RTE. 663 FOR BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a VDOT resolution supporting the closing of Rte. 663, Rock Fork Road for bridge reconstruction.

The vote was:

Aye: Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, David Eaton, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A VDOT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE THREE RIVERS DESTINATION PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a VDOT resolution supporting the Three Rivers Destination Pedestrian Bridge application.

The vote was:

Aye: Oris Christian, Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea and Rebecca Dye
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE LEACHATE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF LEBANON

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Leachate Treatment Agreement with the Town of Lebanon as amended.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, David Eaton, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

JULY 2021 EXPENDITURES PRE-APPROVED

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to pre-approve the July 2021 expenditures due to the change in the July board meeting date.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH ROBINSON, FARMER AND COX

Motion made by Steve Breeding second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the audit engagement letter with Robinson, Farmer and Cox.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

APPROVAL TO HIRE AN EXCISE TAX ENFORMENT OFFICER

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to hire a full time Excise Tax Enforcement Officer at a salary of \$30,000.

The vote was:

Aye: Carl Rhea, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, David Eaton, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY 2021/2022 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET AND CY 2022 TAX RATES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the FY 2021/2022 Budget and CY 2022 Tax Rates.

No vote: motion was amended

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY 2021/2022 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET AND CY 2022 TAX RATES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to amend the motion to approve the FY 2021/2022 General Operating Budget and CY 2022 Tax Rates and table until more detailed information on the school budget is presented and reconvene on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

APPROVAL TO ADJOURN TO RECONVENE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021, AT 5:00 PM

Motion made by _____, second _____ and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjourn to reconvene on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

The vote was:

Aye:

Nay: None

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson

