

June 26, 2023

A reconvened meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, June 26, 2023 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

David Eaton – participating remotely (by phone) from Charleston, SC

Carl Rhea

Steve Breeding

Rebecca Dye

Oris Christian

Lonzo Lester, Clerk

Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk

Katie Patton, County Attorney

Absent:

None

Invocation by Caleb Johnson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the agenda as amended to allow David Eaton, Supervisor to participate and vote remotely from Charleston, SC where he is currently on vacation. This is pursuant to Virginia code section 2.2 3708.3 as adopted by Russell County.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE RUSSELL COUNTY FY 2023/2024 COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the Russell County FY 2023/2024 County-Wide Budget.

The Chair opened the public hearing to comments.

Charlie Hess stated that convenience sites or trash sites are not convenient for the citizens and the Board needs to work on this.

Hearing no other comments, the public hearing was closed.

Presentations

Cheryl Robinette, Russell County Recovery, Inc. addressed the board concerning an Opioid Program Grant Application for her organization. She commented that the support of the Russell County's Ministerial Association was phenomenal.

Lonzo Lester, County Administrator gave a detailed presentation and update on the Russell County FY2023/2024 County- Wide Budget.

APPROVAL OF FY 2023/2024 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the FY 2023/2024 County- Wide General Operating Budget.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGETS, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE COUNTY OF RUSSELL AND THE RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOL DIVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the Budget/Finance Committee has submitted to the Russell County Board of Supervisors a proposed annual budget for the County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, which has been reviewed by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt said budget and appropriate sufficient funds to cover the requirements included therein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, in exercising its independent judgment and in concert with the Russell County School Board, has considered the school's annual operating budget; and

WHEREAS, after considering the availability of local funds, approval of the Russell County School Board's Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Educational Budget is based upon funding from the federal government in the amount of \$7,426,790; from the state government in the amount of \$35,583,975; from the local appropriations in the amount of \$9,101,317; and other local revenues in the amount of \$472,554;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual budget in the sum of \$1,978,600 for fiscal year 2023/2024 be, and is hereby, approved for the operation of food service programs authorized and approved by the Russell County School Board subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds;

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$9,101,317 appropriated above from the General Fund for Education, includes \$8,024,781 for the local contribution to the School Division for support of the school operation budget;

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that an annual appropriation in the sum of \$1,076,536 for fiscal year 2023/2024 be, and is hereby, made for school debt service; for a total amount of \$9,101,317

appropriated for the Russell County School Division subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Russell County Board of Supervisors this 26th day of June 2023, that the fiscal year 2023/2024 annual budget of the Russell County School Division for school operations in the amount of \$54,563,236 be, and is hereby, approved subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds as indicated in the preamble hereto;

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the following annual appropriations for fiscal year 2023/2024 be, and are hereby, made in the General Fund for the following functions:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Administration	\$ 2,365,771
Judicial Administration	3,167,728
Public Safety	6,626,791
Environmental Control	2,507,714
General Services	1,049,521
Health and Welfare	1,377,676
Education	9,334,518
Parks, Recreation & Cultural	572,799
Community Development	392,830
Non-Departmental	276,000
Capital Outlay & Transfers to Other Funds	521,900
Debt Service	<u>982,443</u>
Total General Fund	<u>\$ 29,175,691</u>

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator be, and is hereby, authorized to transfer the appropriations in the General Fund Non-Departmental function to the related categories in the various General Fund functions.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual appropriation in the sum of \$375,000 for fiscal year 2023/2024 be, and is hereby, made in the Coal Road Fund.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual appropriation in the sum of \$203,032 for fiscal year 2023/2024 be, and is hereby, made in the Southwest Virginia ASAP Fund.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual appropriation in the sum of \$5,494,856 for fiscal year 2023/2024, and is hereby, made in the Social Services Fund for the Russell County Department of Social Services and is hereby, approved subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds as indicated in the preamble hereto.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual appropriation of the Social Services Fund be, and is hereby, increased if and when additional federal and/or state funds or local contributions become available. The County Administrator shall advise the Board of Supervisors in writing of all such actions.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual appropriation in the sum of \$1,400,0000 for fiscal year 2023/2024 be, and is hereby, made in the Comprehensive Services Act Fund and is hereby, approved subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds as indicated in the preamble hereto.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual contributions that are hereby appropriated shall be disbursed on a monthly basis with the amount disbursed not to exceed one-twelfth of the total appropriation, unless otherwise agreed upon. Contributions to the Russell County School Division and the Russell County Department of Social Services are exempt from this limitation. In addition, the County Administrator may require written reports on how previous allocation(s) was/were spent before any future disbursements are made.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds be, and are hereby, appropriated for fiscal year 2023/2024 in the various funds for continuing capital and special projects and grants as of June 30, 2022, not to exceed the Restricted, Committed and Assigned Fund Balances as recorded in the County's audited accounting records. The County Administrator shall advise the Board of Supervisors in writing of all such actions.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator be, and is hereby, authorized to transfer funds within appropriation functions. These transfers may be made to allow the disbursement of funds for unanticipated costs incurred in daily County operations and any such transfer may not result in a change in the total appropriated within the function.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is hereby the authorized signer for the County petty cash account available to allow for emergency purchases in daily County operations.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors may amend this budget to adjust the aggregate amount to be appropriated during the current fiscal year as prescribed by § 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for all Russell County Departments, Russell County School Divisions, and Russell County Constitutional Offices.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors will amend the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 County-wide Budget to reflect same percentile of the State-wide Budget approved by the General Assembly for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Appropriations for a state-wide employee salary increase.

APPROVAL TO OPEN THE CONVENIENCE SITES ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 12:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the opening of all Russell County Convenience Sites on Wednesdays from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE JULY 03, 2023 AS A HOLIDAY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to designate Monday, July 03, 2023 as a holiday for County employees (following Virginia Supreme Court Declaration as a state holiday).

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A VDOT RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE ROUTE 687

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a VDOT Resolution request to support the temporary closure of Route 687 for bridge replacement.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

The Chair adjourned the meeting.