

August 02, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 02, 2021 beginning with Executive (closed) Session at 5:00 pm followed by the regular meeting at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into Executive (closed) Session to discuss legal matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1)(7)(8) – Legal Discussions concerning Personnel and Contractual Matters.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to return to regular session.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended each member of the Board of Supervisors upon the Roll Call certifies that to the best of their knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of

Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters that were identified in the motion(s) by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Board of Supervisors.

Any member of the Board of Supervisors who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) above shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place.

Are there any who believe a departure has taken place? Seeing none, if you agree that the matters heard, discussed, or considered during the closed meeting were pursuant only to the motion(s) by which the closed meeting was convened, please signify by saying aye or yes.

Tim Lovelace – AYE

Lou Wallace – AYE

Carl Rhea – AYE

David Eaton – AYE

Rebecca Dye - AYE
Steve Breeding – AYE
Oris Christian – AYE

Invocation by Chair Rebecca Dye, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the agenda as presented.

The vote was:

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

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE CLEVELAND SCHOOL PROPERTY

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for (2) two consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the transfer of the Cleveland School Property to the Russell County Industrial Development Authority. The Chair opened the public hearing to comments, hearing none the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE GIVENS SCHOOL LEASE

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for (2) two consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the Givens School Lease. The Chair opened the public hearing to comments.

Brian Simms spoke in favor of the lease.

Hearing no other comments, the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON VDOT RTE. 637 DISCONTINUED BRIDGE

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for (2) two consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the VDOT Rte. 637 discontinued bridge prescriptive easement right-of-way – 30-foot width and 0.02 – mile length. The Chair opened the public hearing to comments, hearing none the public hearing was closed.

Board Appointments

Advisory Committee

Advisory committee appointments were as follows:

Tim Lovelace – no appointment

Carl Rhea – Jennifer Chumbley
David Eaton – Lynn Hess
Steve Breeding – Nate Kiser
Oris Christian – no appointment
Rebecca Dye – no appointment
Lou Wallace – no appointment

BOARD APPOINTMENTS TABLED

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to table all BOS appointments listed on the agenda.

The vote was:

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

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 12, 2021 MINUTES

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the July 12, 2021 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,944,703.06 including recurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Citizens Comment

The Chair opened citizens comment period.

Doro Martin, Lebanon invited the Board to attend the 1st Annual Vet Fest to be held at the Russell County Fairgrounds on September 25th and 26th.

Shawn Vance, Castlewood stated that Star Ministries needs funds, and the board should consider this. He also stated that the tabling committee appointments was ridiculous and unnecessary.

Michelle Vance, Castlewood commented that county boards should alter meeting schedules to better accommodate citizens that work.

Nate Kiser, Lebanon commented that it had been 46 days since the Advisory Committee was approved. He thinks that it is inexcusable and ridiculous that no appointments have been made from four of the Board members.

The chairperson closed citizens comment period.

County Attorney Reports and Requests

APPROVAL OF THE RUSSELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Russell County Courthouse Comprehensive Agreement subject to county attorney final revisions and minor changes.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PROJECT JONAH CONSTRUCTION & ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION SERVICE RFQ TOP RANKED FIRM

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Project Jonah Construction and Environmental Inspection Service RFQ committee proposal pursuant to procurement to negotiate with the top ranked firm.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER THE CLEVELAND SCHOOL PROPERTY TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY IDA

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to transfer the Cleveland School Property to the Russell County Industrial Authority.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE GIVENS SCHOOL LEASE

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Givens School lease upon final legal review and/or changes by 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 OF A WAIVER TO ADMINISTER AN EXISTING SPLIT PRECINCT

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a waiver to administer an existing split precinct as requested by the General Registrar.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

County Administrator Reports and Requests

The Chair appointed Lou Wallace and Tim Lovelace to serve on the Voter Redistricting Steering Committee.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE BROWNFIELDS ASSISTANCE FUND GRANT

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the Brownfields Assistance Fund Grant in the amount of \$50,000.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE VIRGINIA DEPT. OF FIRE PROGRAMS GRANT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the Virginia Department of Fire Programs Grant in the amount of \$90,786.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO PROCLAIM AUGUST 22 AS SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AWARENESS DAY

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to proclaim August 22, 2021 as Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Day.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TO SOLICIT INPUT ON SCHOOL CHOICE

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing to solicit input on school choice on September 07, 2021 at 6:00 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

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjourn and to hold the next monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 07, 2021 due to Labor Day.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson