

October 23, 2012

County of Greene, Virginia

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY MEETING ROOM.

Present were: Clarence Peyton, Chairman
Davis Lamb, Vice Chairman
David Cox, Member
Eddie Deane, Member
Jim Frydl, Member
Ray Clarke, County Attorney
Patti Vogt, Deputy Clerk
Tracy Morris, Finance Director

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by David Cox and unanimous vote, the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 Subsection (a, 1-7) of the Code of Virginia.

Contract Matters:

- Water and Sewer
- JMRL
- Solid Waste
- IT Equipment

Land Acquisition:

- Water and Sewer

Legal:

- None

Personnel:

- Administration

Various Appointments:

- None

Recorded vote:	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Eddie Deane	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes

Motion carried.

Upon motion by Davis Lamb and unanimous vote, the Board returned to Open Session.

Recorded vote:	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Eddie Deane	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes

Motion carried.

By unanimous vote, all members certified that only public business matters lawfully exempted from the Open Meeting requirement and only such matters as identified by the motion to enter into Executive Session were discussed.

Recorded vote:	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Eddie Deane	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: PUBLIC MEETING

The Chairman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

RE: PVCC ANNUAL UPDATE

Dr. Frank Friedman, President of Piedmont Virginia Community College, was present to provide the annual update on activities.

An open house was held at the PVCC Eugene Giuseppe Center on August 15 and classes began on August 27. Eighteen courses were offered for the fall semester with a total of 235 enrollments. There were 467 students from Greene County attending PVCC which is a 5% increase over last fall.

There are 27 classes scheduled for spring. In addition to classes in criminal justice, business management and business law, a Certified Nurse Assistant program and an EMT Basic program will be offered.

Dr. Friedman said PVCC is working with the high school to offer a unique program next fall. High school students will be able to take enough college courses in 11th and 12th grades that they will graduate high school with an associate degree from PVCC.

Board members expressed their appreciation and delight at having the Eugene Giuseppe Center located in Stanardsville.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GREENE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE – ARTICLE 14 – SIGNS AND ALL APPLICABLE REFERENCES

Mr. Bart Svoboda, Zoning Administrator, reviewed the amendments as proposed. The Board of Supervisors had requested staff provide draft language for review in regards to gas pricing signage. The proposed amendment to business/industrial park signage will allow for the identification of business/industrial parks throughout the community allowing easier navigation

for business owners and citizens. Definition for gas pricing LED sign, business center identification sign, industrial park sign, and subdivision sign were also included in the proposed amendments.

Mr. Deane questioned the definition for subdivision signs. Mr. Svoboda said the definition is new. Section 14-2-8.4 was amended to include industrial park signage. Two signs, on either side of the entrance, would be allowed.

Mr. Peyton asked if comparison of gas price LED signs was made with other counties. Mr. Svoboda said staff did a comparison check and found that signs vary by locality. The size of letting on signs varies also.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment. There were none.

Mr. Deane said he was a proponent of digital LED signs as gas prices change every day. He had an example of price lettering that was 18 inches tall. Mr. Deane proposed that the size of price lettering be changed to 18 inches rather than 12 inches. He felt illumination makes a difference in the clarity of a sign.

Mr. Ray Clarke, County Attorney, said the change would have to be re-advertised and another public hearing held to allow the change of price lettering to 18 inches.

Mr. Peyton said the size would be ok in his opinion. He noted Sheetz has the ability to change their sign from inside the building. Mr. Svoboda noted Sheetz actually lowered the height of their sign and decreased the size of lettering during renovation.

Mr. Svoboda said the proposed revision would have to go before the Planning Commission for their consideration prior to coming to the Board of Supervisors. He suggested the Board may want to proceed with the amendments and then consider revisions.

Mr. Frydl questioned the 16 square foot limitation on home occupation signs. He pointed out that the ordinance does not require a specific shape which could allow a 1' by 16' sign rather than the more commonly thought of 4' x 4'.

Mr. Cox asked if a sign could be printed on both sides and sit perpendicular to the road. Mr. Svoboda said as long as the angle between faces doesn't exceed 45 degrees, it counts as one face. Mr. Cox felt there could be a safety issue with site distance.

Mr. Frydl asked if the Board could limit the shape of a home occupation sign. Mr. Clarke said the Board could specify a shape and size.

Mr. Lamb asked if a subdivision sign is on a veneer brick wall, would the wall count in the size calculation. Mr. Svoboda said if the wall/fence served a different purpose than as sign structure, it would not be included in the calculation.

Upon motion by Eddie Deane and unanimous vote, the Board approved the proposed revisions to the Greene County Zoning Ordinance to revise Article 14 – signs and all applicable references regarding gas pricing LED signs, business park signs and industrial parks signs as submitted. (OR#12-006) (See Planning Department for revisions)

Recorded vote:	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Eddie Deane	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes

Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Board to discuss further revisions after the first of the year.

RE: SHERIFF'S OFFICE – GRANT APPLICATION TO STATE WIRELESS BOARD

Ms. Melissa McDaniel, Emergency Services Manager, was present to request authorization to apply for grant funds from the State Wireless Board in the amount of \$150,000 for an upgrade to E911 services. A local match is required.

The Sentinel Telephone System was installed in August, 2002 and will be obsolete as of January 1, 2014. CenturyLink will not support the Sentinel System after that time.

The project would allow the agency to move forward with Next Generation 911 services. The current system is designed around telephone technology and cannot handle text, data, images and video that is increasingly common in personal communications and critical to future transportation safety/mobility advances.

The quote from CenturyLink for the Patriot Solution is \$267,960.31, with an additional \$46,134.00 for maintenance for the first 36 months which totals \$314,094.31. The limit of the potential grant award is \$150,000. A local match of up to \$177,492.31 (includes 36 month maintenance) will be required.

Ms. McDaniel said the funds would be available in July, 2013 if awarded. CenturyLink is the sole source vendor for this system. Mr. Peyton asked if any prices are negotiable. Ms. McDaniel said some probably are, but she felt it would be easier and more efficient to keep the project with one vendor. This project is included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Cox said he sees this as an opportunity to submit the grant application and reduce the cost to the County by half .

Mr. Lamb asked if the new system will have blind spots. Ms. McDaniel said the Patriot Solution will still be based on landlines and wireless calls. The capability is there but we're not ready to handle text messages, etc. at this time.

Upon motion by David Cox and unanimous vote, the Board authorized the submission of the grant application to the State Wireless Board.

Recorded vote:	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Eddie Deane	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no matters from the public

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Davis Lamb and unanimous vote, the Board approved the minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting.

Recorded vote:	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Eddie Deane	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: OTHER MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

GAS PIPELINE SAFETY MEETING

Mr. Cox said he and Ms. McDaniel attended a gas pipeline safety meeting and Greene was the only locality in the area represented.

SCHOOLS

Mr. Frydl said the latest news indicated the VRS rate will increase again this year. The schools had a 92.2% graduation rate which is higher than the State average.

REPORTS

Mr. Frydl felt the reports provided a lot of useful information. The Board will be able to spot trends which will be very useful during the budget process.

Mr. Lamb commented on the schools expectation of a favorable budget variance of \$111,954 in health insurance premiums. He noted two additional full-time positions, a Special Education Assistant and a bus driver, have been added since school began.

PIONEER BANK

Mr. Peyton said he attended the groundbreaking ceremony at the Pioneer Bank site in Ruckersville.

TJPDC

Mr. Peyton said he met with David Blount and Steve Williams at TJPDC to discuss what TJPDC can do to help localities. TJPDC is interested in consolidating or having a central control center for solid waste in the five county area. Other areas being discussed are procurement/purchasing and human resource management.

WORKSHOP

The Chairman said information coming in for the upcoming budget year indicates a shortfall in funding for education from the State and Federal governments. He asked if the Board would be interested in having a joint budget work session with the School Board in November. It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a meeting.

SOLID WASTE

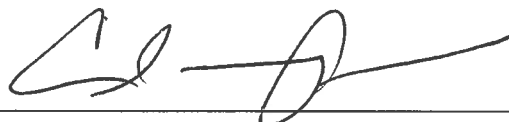
Mr. Lamb said citizens are requesting an "amnesty day" at the landfill. The Chairman noted the County has done this in the past. Mr. Frydl pointed out that by having an "amnesty day", the County would be obligating citizens to pay for garbage brought in by others. The County has a transfer station which means we pay to get rid of what is taken in at the facility.

Mr. Frydl will check with the Solid Waste Manager about the cost of an "amnesty day".

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RE: ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clarence Peyton', written over a horizontal line.

Clarence Peyton, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors