

March 11, 2014

County of Greene, Virginia

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014, BEGINNING AT 12:00 P.M. FOR A BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH THE REGULAR MEETING BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNTY MEETING ROOM.

Present were:            Jim Frydl, Chairman  
                              David Cox, Vice Chairman  
                              Eddie Deane, Member  
                              Davis Lamb, Member  
                              Bill Martin, Member  
                              John C. Barkley, County Administrator  
                              Ray Clarke, County Attorney  
                              Patti Vogt, Deputy Clerk

RE: BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Board met at 12:00 p.m. to continue discussion of the proposed FY 2014-2015 budget.

Remaining budgets were reviewed and adjustments discussed.

The budget workshop was continued until Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Meeting Room.

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Bill Martin 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.

- 1) APPOINTMENTS – Social Services Board, Jefferson-Madison Regional Library  
Virginia Code References  
2.2-3711 A.1: Appointment of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of public body.
- 2) LEGAL – PROBABLE LITIGATION  
Virginia Code References  
2.2-3711 A.7: Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in

this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

Recorded vote:	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Eddie Deane	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Bill Martin	-	Yes

Motion carried.

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

Recorded vote:	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Eddie Deane	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Bill Martin	-	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:	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Eddie Deane	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Bill Martin	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: APPOINTMENT TO SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Upon motion by Eddie Deane and unanimous vote, the Board appointed Mrs. Joanne Burkholder to the Social Services Board.

Recorded vote:	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Eddie Deane	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Bill Martin	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE JEFFERSON-MADISON REGIONAL LIBRARY

Upon motion by Eddie Deane and unanimous vote, the Board appointed Mr. Stephen Mathis to the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Board of Trustees.

Recorded vote:	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Eddie Deane	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Bill Martin	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: PUBLIC MEETING

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

Mr. Cox noted item 4 on the agenda has been removed.

RE: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY TO REVIEW THE WILDLAND FIRE MITIGATION PLAN

Mr. Fred Turck, Virginia Department of Forestry Assistant Director of Resource Protection and Greene County resident, and Mr. Jack Kauffman, Area Forester with the Virginia Department of Forestry, were present.

Mr. Turck spoke on the "Fire Wise Program". Greene County has 71 woodland home communities which are subdivisions built within a wooded environment. Greene is also one of few counties in the State that has completed a county-wide community wildland protection plan.

Mr. Kauffmann expressed his appreciation to everyone involved for their assistance in completing this plan. The Area Risk Rating in Greene is medium. The fire history is considered low. The Department of Forestry assists local Fire Departments with an average of 5 wildfires per year. The number one cause of wildfires is people burning debris.

Significant risk factors affecting potential wildland fire include:

- Road accessibility and turn-around space for emergency equipment.
- Lack of a readily available water supply.
- Lack of defensible space around homes and outbuildings.
- Vegetation throughout the community.
- Structural ignitability.

Two communities in Greene, Farm Colony and Cedar Drive, participate in the Fire Wise Program. These communities have a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Mitigation strategies include:

- Identification of communities with a high risk to life and property from wildfire.
- Land development regulation.
- Public awareness and education.

The following are identified projects that the Department of Forestry would be willing to work with the County to accomplish.

1. Identification of communities within Greene County and their risk factor.
2. Fire pre-suppression planning to be documented and linked to VDOF website.
3. Update Greene's subdivision ordinance so that new subdivisions are required to meet or exceed VDOT's basic connectivity standards.
4. Greene County Evacuation Plan needs to include information on wildland fires.
5. Greene County plans to work with local media outlets to increase awareness of all natural hazards and actively promote and participate in seasonal hazard awareness weeks or days.
6. Greene County plans to expand the local emergency planning committee to include private sector organizations.
7. Greene County plans to work with VDOF to develop educational materials for local home improvement stores, local media outlets and other local agencies. Also to provide workshops for residents on mitigation techniques.

8. Greene County plans to provide training opportunities to local zoning and building code enforcement staff and to educate them on damage assessment, mitigation techniques, and other related topics.

Mr. Turck said VDOF is willing to work with communities to develop a plan on an individual basis but needs an indication of interest from the community first.

Mr. Martin asked if there will be resources to help communities with preventive actions such as clearing undergrowth etc. Mr. Kauffman said the County Plan does not necessarily address that aspect and felt the best tool would be the Fire Wise Program. Mr. Turck said there is a grant program for seed money for communities to do some of that work.

Mr. Deane asked about the difference between moderate and high risk areas. Mr. Turck said evaluations are conducted based on various criteria and then a risk level is assigned to the specific area.

Mr. Barkley asked what the County can do to address communities with undeveloped areas that are overgrown with brush and weeds. Mr. Turck said the Fire Wise principals can be incorporated into ordinances. Education is the key.

The Board thanked Mr. Kauffman and Mr. Turck for their presentation.

RE: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS

Ms. Melissa McDaniel, Emergency Services Manager, was present to discuss the request for authorization to apply for grant funds from the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund for the Ruckersville Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$45,000 for a quick response vehicle. Plan to request 80/20 funding match and request County to pick up the 20% (\$9,000) match.

Ms. McDaniel said she supports this request but has concerns. Approval of the 20% match will set precedent for other volunteer agencies to request similar. Suggested revamping of current grant policy to include volunteer agencies and set cap.

Thinks RVFD will still apply for grant even if Board does not approve request. Ms. McDaniel recommended the fire department request 100% funding if County did not approve \$9,000.

Mr. Cox felt a policy should be in place prior to pursuing grants. Mr. Martin said the Board has asked staff to begin looking at fleet management and felt this type request would be included in the process.

The Board did not take action on this request and instructed staff to research fleet management and grant policies.

RE: VIRGINIA BYWAYS PROGRAM

The Chairman said citizens have requested Route 810 be considered for this program and staff is reviewing the requirements.

Ms. Lynn Crump, Environmental Programs Planner with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, was present to review the program which has been in existence since the 1960's.

A scenic byway is a road having relatively high aesthetic or cultural value, leading to or within areas of historical, natural or recreational significance. A Virginia Byway is a road designated under the Virginia Byways Program. Scenic roads meet criteria but have not been designated by VDOT.

Virginia Byway maps are distributed at all visitor centers and it is a great opportunity to be listed on the map. There are no roads designated in this area.

Designation provides awareness of the uniqueness of the area and the road becomes part of the coordinated promotional strategy for Virginia Tourism. The program goal is to emphasize the importance of the byway and its intrinsic qualities (i.e. scenic, historic, recreational, cultural, natural and archeological).

Criteria for the program includes:

- Important and unique scenic values and experiences.
- Diverse landscape experience.
- Linkages and access.
- Leisurely motoring experience.
- Landscape control and management.
- Enhancements can occur.

Roads that could qualify are two-lane roads on which there is a variety of landscapes; roads that connect to other byways; and regionally significant roads. Roads that would not be considered include divided roads; roads with lots of derelict properties; dirt roads; and roads that are not unique.

Other considerations include:

- There are no imposed land use controls.
- There are limits on outdoor signage.
- There are no restrictions on road improvements.

The process begins with a request for review by DCR and VDOT including a resolution of support from local Board of Supervisors. Next the request would be reviewed, and designated, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Appropriate signs would then be installed.

Mr. Martin commented that some roads would require support from more than one locality such as Route 230. Ms. Crump said the byway must meet a 10 mile requirement which can be achieved by looping of roads. There would be no cost to the County for this program.

Mr. Frydl asked about infrastructure such as cell towers, pipe lines, power lines, etc. Ms. Crump said there is nothing in the code that restricts infrastructure. She does make recommendations which are not requirements but are often taken into consideration.

The Board instructed staff to research the Scenic Byway Program.

RE: BOY SCOUT

The Board recognized Mr. Logan Spencer, Boy Scout, who attended the meeting as part of the requirement for a citizenship badge.

RE: MATTERS FROM PUBLIC

Mr. Scott Leake, representative of Congressman Robert Hurt's Office, was present to invite Board members to participate in the Local Elected Officials Appreciation Day, and to attend a breakfast at Graves Mountain Lodge or a luncheon at Ash Lawn, on Tuesday, March 18.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Davis Lamb and unanimous vote, the Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- a. Minutes of February 25, 2014 meeting.

- b. Request from Sheriff's Office for authorization to apply for DMV Speed Grant and DMV Alcohol Grant funds. Local "in-kind" match required.
- c. Resolution to authorize Stanardsville United Methodist Church to use Courthouse Lawn on Saturday, May 31, 2014 for the annual Strawberry Festival. (See Attachment "A")

Recorded vote:	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Eddie Deane	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Bill Martin	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: OTHER MATTERS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Martin said there is a federal broadband opportunity for rural communities through TJPDC and the Grants Administrator will be researching this opportunity.

Mr. Martin said there were no applications from the district for the Regional Community Development Block Grant Program. TJPDC is reviewing a renovation project for Ruckersville Volunteer Fire Department as a possible application. Mr. Frydl suggested the project look at emergency services in Greene County as a whole.

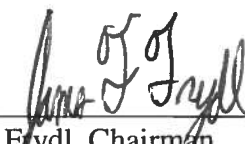
Mr. Martin said the Executive Director position at TJPDC may soon be filled. Mr. David Blount has been filling this position in the interim.

Mr. Frydl noted VDOT has completed studies regarding safety concerns on Route 33 at the entrance to Four Seasons. The speed study did not warrant a reduction of the speed limit on that section of Route 33 to 45 mph. VDOT will continue to pursue increasing the sight lines and implementing additional traffic control items at this location.

Mr. Frydl suggested the Board discuss further, at the next budget workshop on March 18, the suggestion that the schools be allowed to rollover unexpended funds into a capital improvement fund specifically for school projects.

RE: CONTINUED MEETING

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m. and was continued to Tuesday, March 25, 2014 in the County Meeting Room.

  
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Jim Frydl, Chairman  
Greene County Board of Supervisors

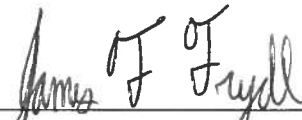
## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Greene County Board of Supervisors recognizes the annual Strawberry Festival as an important cultural event in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Stanardsville United Methodist Church has requested the use of the Courthouse Lawn for entertainment and craft booths;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors supports the annual Strawberry Festival and does hereby authorize use of the Courthouse Lawn on Saturday, May 31, 2014

Adopted in open meeting this 11th day of March, 2014.



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Jim Frydl, Chairman  
Greene County Board of Supervisors