

**LUNENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM
LUNENBURG COURTS BUILDING
LUNENBURG, VIRGINIA**

Minutes of July 12, 2018 Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the General District Courtroom, Lunenburg Courts Building, Lunenburg, Virginia. The following members were present: Supervisors T. Wayne Hoover, Edward Pennington, Frank Bacon, Charles R. Slayton, Mike Hankins, Alvester Edmonds, Robert Zava, County Administrator Tracy M. Gee, Deputy County Administrator Nicole Clark, and County Attorney Frank Rennie.

Chairman Slayton called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Edmonds gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Slayton requested additions to the agenda from the Board and the public. Supervisor Mike Hankins requested to be added as 8A regarding his recent visit to the White House for a Virginia County Supervisors Conference. Administrator Gee requested that Mr. Lloyd Lenhart with Southside Electric Cooperative be added as 8B.

Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon and unanimously approved, to accept the Consent Agenda to include the Minutes of the June 14, 2018 meeting, the Treasurer's May 2018 reports and the following Warrants for Approval:

June 2018:	Payroll Direct Deposit:	\$ 131,159.88
	Payroll Taxes Federal:	\$ 40,606.45
	Payroll Taxes State:	\$ 7,198.67
	Payroll VRS payment:	\$ 27,624.34
	Payroll ICMA-RC payment:	\$ 385.68
	Accounts Payable: #56085-56234	<u>\$ 294,958.96</u>
	Total:	\$ 501,933.98

The monthly VDOT report was presented. Supervisor Hoover advised that he had discussed the purchase of road signs directing traffic to the landfill with management of Container First Services. He is awaiting feedback. The Board discussed bush hogging along the side of roads in the county, noting that the contractors efforts were not as good as VDOT forces. Supervisor Pennington questioned who cut the grass at the old middle school. Administrator Gee explained that the Town of Victoria, Victoria IDA, and the Lunenburg County IDA together purchased a bush hog. Town employees will be using it to cut the old middle school and additional properties owned by the town and county.

School Superintendent, Charles Berkley, provided the monthly School Board reports. He stated that personnel are currently preparing for the new school year. They have a few remaining positions to fill. He explained that the two new buses the county assisted in purchasing are currently in Harrisonburg and should arrive at the School Board Office the following week. Superintendent Berkley commented that school begins on August 20th, with Open House occurring on August 16th, and all new teachers beginning on August 8th. He invited the Board to convocation to be held on August 17th at 10:00 a.m. at Central High School. Superintendent Berkley responded to Supervisor Pennington's query of how many new teachers were hired with a reply of "around 10". Assistant Superintendent James Abernathy provided the monthly financial reports. He noted that there are two more months of revenue from sales tax for the current fiscal year to be accrued. He added that these funds will help offset cuts from the state. Mr. Abernathy advised that expenses for 10-month employees will continue to be paid out in July and August as well. Additionally, they will have invoices for

goods received in July that will need to be paid. He will have a more complete fiscal year report in August when all revenue is received and expenses are paid, but expects that they will have some funds remaining at the end of the year.

Supervisor Hankins explained that he and Supervisor Hoover attended a trip to the White House for a Virginia County Supervisors Conference and tour. He advised that the White House is hosting these events for each state. The purpose is to create open dialogue between counties and White House officials. Supervisor Hankins shared a list of contacts at the White House which was given out on the trip. Supervisor Hoover added that broadband in the localities was a topic of discussion. He learned that many other counties in Virginia are experiencing the same issue as Lunenburg with not enough broadband coverage. Supervisor Hoover stated that the White House is hoping to host local officials from each state once every two years in the future. He noted that it was a very worthwhile trip and recommended the other Board members try to attend next time Virginia officials are invited.

Mr. Lloyd Lenhart, Communications Specialist with Southside Electric Cooperative, introduced himself to the Board. He provided a brief history of SEC, noting that they have coverage in 18 counties and provide 3,800 active services in Lunenburg. He continued to discuss many of services and events which SEC hosts to give back to the local communities. He thanked the Board and provided his contact information.

Administrator Gee advised that the local fire and rescue departments had carryover funds from FY2017-18. She stated that Kenbridge Fire Department didn't request their appropriation of \$20,000. Victoria Fire and Rescue has \$35,478 in carryover funds and the Lunenburg Sheriff's Office has \$30,629 in capital expense carryover. Meherrin Fire and Rescue requested all their appropriation for FY2017-18 and has no carryover funds. Administrator Gee requested the Board's approval of the carryover funds for local fire and rescue department and the Sheriff's Office.

Supervisor Hoover made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington and unanimously approved, to carryover funds in the amount of \$20,000 for Kenbridge Fire Department, \$35,478 for Victoria Fire and Rescue, and \$30,629 for the Lunenburg Sheriff's Office from FY2017-18 to FY2018-19.

Administrator Gee advised that there was a conflict of interest with last month's appointment of Phyllis Palmore to the Lunenburg County Public Library System Board of Trustee. It was discovered she has a family member who is an employee. The Board of Trustees will make a recommendation at the August meeting for a replacement. Supervisor Hankins added that it was also discovered that the Board of Trustees already has a couple of members from the Brown's Store district. They are hoping to provide a recommendation from a district that is not currently represented. Administrator explained that the Airport Commission has one member is not participated and she would like to appoint someone who will be an active member. She has a recommendation from the Town of Kenbridge, however, that appointment will give Kenbridge two representatives. Since Kenbridge is a partial owner, if the Board agrees she will add this representative to the Commission. The Board agreed.

Mr. Glenn Millican, County Planner, provided his monthly report. He shared a list of activities he has participated in for June. He discussed long-term plans for his position, noting he will be aggressively marketing Lunenburg County. Supervisor Zava asked Mr. Millican if he saw a benefit for Lunenburg to continue being a member of the Virginia's Growth Alliance. Mr. Millican replied that the VGA is a regional group and Lunenburg would benefit from any regional growth possibilities in terms of economic development. He added that membership in this type of organization is a long-term benefit and enticing new businesses to join a region is very difficult for small localities to do on their own. Mr. Millican noted that he believes Lunenburg should continue its membership in the VGA.

County Attorney Rennie provided an update on the Joint Comprehensive Plan between the county and the two towns, with the assistance of the Commonwealth Regional Council. He commented that they are finalizing their updates. Both town councils will join the Board of Supervisors at the October meeting for a presentation on the plan.

Supervisor Bacon made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to enter Closed Session citing Virginia Code Section §2.2-3711A1 Personnel and §2.2-3711A7 Legal Consult regarding the specific advice of Counsel.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lunenburg County, Virginia ("Board") convened a Closed Session Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

VOTING YES

Supervisor Edmonds
Supervisor Hankins
Supervisor Bacon
Supervisor Hoover
Supervisor Pennington
Supervisor Slayton
Supervisor Zava

VOTING NO

ABSENT

Supervisor Bacon made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to return to Open Session.

Supervisor Bacon made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to adjourn.

Tracy M. Gee, Clerk
County Administrator

Charles R. Slayton, Chairman
Board of Supervisors