

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

Minutes of September 14, 2017 Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 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 Hoover gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Slayton requested additions to the agenda from the Board and the public. Supervisor Hoover requested that emergency services be added as 8C.

Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to accept the Consent Agenda to include the Minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting, the Treasurer's July 2017 reports and the following Warrants for Approval:

Additions for June 2017 printed in August 2017:
(for inclusion in FY17 expenses)

Accounts Payable: #54731-54734	\$ 10,116.98
August 2017: Payroll: Direct Deposit	\$ 114,193.02
Payroll Taxes Federal:	\$ 39,444.84
Payroll Taxes State:	\$ 6,411.23
Payroll VRS payment:	\$ 26,887.66
Payroll ICMA-RC payment:	\$ 308.48
Accounts Payable: #54735-54860	\$ <u>348,246.61</u>
August Total:	\$ 535,491.84

School Superintendent, Charles Berkley, provided the monthly School Board reports. He noted that attendance is down from projections but they hope to pick-up a few more students in the coming months. He advised that Hampden Sydney College has begun a program called "Southside Achievers Guaranteed Admission." The program guarantees admission to the college to those that achieve a grade point average of 3.3 and SAT score of 1100. The college will also offer at least \$12,000 in academic grant award to those students to assist with tuition and fees. Mr. Berkley stated that 3 out of the 4 schools are fully credited with the other school classified as to be determined. He noted that the grant they have been working on with the Commonwealth Regional Council to obtain new school buses has been denied, however, they are working on the appeal process. Mr. Berkley commented that Piedmont Health District will be conducting a Point of Dispensing drill on October 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. During this time PHD will be giving free flu shots to citizens who go thru the bus loop at Central High School. This drill will enable PHD to test their readiness in case of an event. Assistant Superintendent Mr. James Abernathy provided the monthly financial reports. He stated that they were currently 7 students short of the budget projections. The hope to get additional students but if not they will have to make adjustments in the budget.

Supervisor Hankins reiterated that the CRC had assisted the school system in trying to obtain a grant for school buses. He continued that the reason the school system was denied the grant, is because the EPA doesn't award the grant unless the surrendered buses still have a useful life. Because the buses were over 20 years old and had no useful life the grant was denied.

The VDOT report was provided.

Supervisor Bacon made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hankins and unanimously approved, to approve the below resolution regarding unfunded mandates.

RESOLUTION

Unfunded Mandates Imposed by Virginia State Legislature

WHEREAS, *unfunded mandates imposed by the Federal Government transfer an inappropriate financial burden to the states, unfunded state mandates imposed on local school systems and other county operations transfer an inappropriate financial burden to the localities; and*

WHEREAS, *there currently exist many state mandates imposed on local school systems and other county operations that are significantly underfunded; and*

WHEREAS, *if a desired outcome is sufficiently justified to require such a mandate, then surely it would be equally justified to adequately fund its implementation; and*

WHEREAS, *if stated legislators are certain of the advantages of a specific mandate and willing to provide it legislative support, they should surely resolve to implement a plan to generate necessary funds for its full implementation without burdening the localities; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *the Board of Supervisors of Lunenburg County officially requests the Virginia State Legislature to cease and desist imposing new unfunded mandates on local school systems and other county operations, and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors of Lunenburg County officially requests the Virginia State Legislature to begin the process of either removing or fully funding all existing state unfunded mandates imposed on local school systems and other county operations.*

Mr. Ollie Wright, Secretary of the Electoral Board, wrote a letter requesting a change in the polling location for precinct #501. The polling place would move from the County Tax Office location to Bethlehem RZUA Church. The new location has bathroom facilities for poll workers and is handicap accessible. This change cannot take place until after the November 2017 general election.

Supervisor Pennington made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hankins and unanimously approved, to advertise for a Public Hearing to change the location of precinct #501 from the County Tax Office to Bethlehem RZUA Church.

Commissioner of the Revenue Liz Hamlett and Mr. Rob Williams of DataCare, provided an update on the new telephone system at the Courthouse Complex. Commissioner Hamlett advised that her office and the Treasurer's Office are fully converted to the Voice over IP system. She added that the Social Services office would be next due to a current issue with a fax line. They plan to have the entire Courthouse Complex completed by the end of October.

Supervisor Hoover reminded the Board that the County has been allowed to place emergency services equipment on cell towers placed throughout the County. He added that the equipment for fire, rescue and police hand held communications is the only piece missing. Supervisor Hoover shared a listing of the equipment needed to give emergency services 95% hand held communications in the County. The equipment would be placed on the towers located in Kenbridge, Dundas, and at the Lunenburg Correctional Center. The total cost for equipment at the three towers is \$13,752.45, with labor estimated at \$24,700, for a total cost of \$38,452.45. Supervisor Hoover commented that this cost was not a budgeted item, however, he requested the Board to consider taking the funds from the 911 Fund. He added that increasing communications for emergency services would greatly benefit the entire County and he hoped the Board would support this effort.

Supervisor Hoover made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon and unanimously approved, to utilize \$38,452.45 from the E911 fund to purchase emergency services communications equipment and install it on cell towers located in Kenbridge, Dundas, and at the Lunenburg Correctional Center.

Administrator Gee advised that the current reassessment would soon be completed, therefore, a Board of Equalization would need to be appointed. She shared the qualifications with the Board and the public, and then requested that the Board seek recommendations to be discussed at the October meeting.

Administrator Gee shared the airport inspection from the Department of Aviation (DOAV). The inspections noted that there are some trees in the approach that need to be removed. DOAV also cited the poor condition of the pavement. Administrator Gee advised that repaving of the pavement would be a very costly expense. She added that DOAV would provide an 80% reimbursement, but the project would require about \$200,000 in local funds. Administrator Gee reminded the Board that the airport is jointly owned by the county and the two towns. She stated that soon all parties will need to have a discussion on how to move forward and continue funding of the airport.

The landfill liaison report was provided. County Attorney Rennie noted that Container First Services raised their tipping fee to \$34 per ton over the past four years. He advised that the Host Agreement with CFS allows the County to increase the per ton fee paid to the county if the average annual tipping fee increases over the initial rate of \$29. Tipping fees paid to the County began and are currently at \$1 per ton. County Attorney Rennie advised that the amount due to the County should be raised to \$1.14 per ton. He will send a request to CFS to update the amount once they surpass the minimum amount owed.

Relating to community developments, a letter was shared from CenturyLink stating they will be extinguishing the lights on the tower located at Highway 137 in Dundas. A letter from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control was provided to inform interested parties that Victoria LB Inc. has applied for a retail license to sell wine & beer off premises. Supervisor Hankins commented that Kenbridge Fire Department received a grant that that the CRC assisted in getting.

Administrator Gee provided her monthly report. She provided an estimate from R. M. Harris & Sons to power wash and paint the Pump House, as it was not included in the original quote. The estimate is \$3,150. Additionally, some carpentry work was needed and would be billed at \$38.00 per hour. An estimate of \$475 was provided to repair and paint plaster walls in the front restroom of the Administration Building.

Supervisor Bacon made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hoover and unanimously approved, to approve the estimate of painting the Pump House, the Administration Building restroom and additional carpentry work by R. M. Harris & Sons.

Administrator Gee shared an estimate from Michael Bishop in the amount of \$3,825 to make alterations to the Juvenile Court Services Office within the courthouse. Mrs. Bernadine Abernathy will now be using Lunenburg as her district office home base and will need to partition off another office so that she may have privacy when discussing cases within other areas of the district.

Supervisor Bacon made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hoover and unanimously approved, to approve the estimate from Michael Bishop in the amount of \$3,825 so make alterations to the Juvenile Court Services Office within the courthouse.

Administrator Gee explained that a Lunenburg County resident's body, Mr. William Clay Silver, was unclaimed and the County would be obligated by state code to dispose of the remains. A court order was prepared by County Attorney Rennie to have the body transferred from VCU Health System to Clark Funeral Home in Kenbridge for cremation at a cost of \$1,200.

Supervisor Bacon made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to enter Closed Session citing Virginia Code Section §2.2-3711A1 Personnel for Appointment of Individuals to County Positions, §2.2-3711A3 Acquisition or Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property, §2.2-3711A7 Legal Consult regarding the specific advice of Counsel and §2.2-3711A29 Discussion of the Performance of a Public Contract for the County.

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	VOTING NO	ABSENT
Supervisor Edmonds		
Supervisor Hankins		
Supervisor Bacon		
Supervisor Hoover		
Supervisor Pennington		
Supervisor Slayton		
Supervisor Zava		

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 sell the standing timber on 53 +/- acres owned by Lunenburg County and the Town of Kenbridge located within the Kenbridge Industrial Park at a future date.

Supervisor Bacon made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to appoint Administrator Gee as the Planning Commission Clerk.

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

Tracy M. Gee, Clerk
County Administrator

Charles R. Slayton, Chairman
Board of Supervisors