

April 03, 2023

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, April 03, 2023 at 4:00 pm beginning with a budget workshop, followed by Executive (closed) Session at 5:00 pm and the regular meeting at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call by the Clerk:**

**Present:**

Lou Wallace  
Carl Rhea  
David Eaton  
Steve Breeding  
Rebecca Dye  
Oris Christian

Lonzo Lester, Clerk  
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk

**Absent:**

Tim Lovelace

The County Administrator recommended that the Board go ahead and set the tax rates for the upcoming year, he also discussed the solid waste contract and the possible budget implications if those costs continue to rise. He also noted that the employees would receive a 7% pay increase with a balanced budget.

The budget meeting ended at 4:20 pm.

Katie Patton, County Attorney called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call by the County Attorney:**

**Present:**

Tim Lovelace  
Lou Wallace  
Carl Rhea  
David Eaton  
Steve Breeding  
Rebecca Dye  
Oris Christian

Katie Patton, County Attorney  
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk

**Absent:**

Lonzo Lester, Clerk of the Board

**EXECUTIVE 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 2.2-371(A)(5)(7)(8) – Legal Discussions concerning the proposed Economic Development Project - Moss III.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

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

The vote was:

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

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

Steve Breeding – AYE

Rebecca Dye - AYE

Oris Christian – AYE

Invocation by Caleb Johnson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the agenda as amended.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE RC REVENUE SHARE FOR SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS AND ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS ORDINANCE**

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the Russell County Revenue Share for Solar Energy Projects and Energy Storage Systems Ordinance. The chair opened to public hearing to comments. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

#### **Presentations**

**Dan Glass & Ronald Passmore** (Director - Regulation & Compliance Enforcement Division Office of Emergency Medical Services) - Dante Rescue Squad's Request for Organizational Variance. Dan Glass asked that the Board approve a request to allow a junior squad to start up and allow 13-year-olds to participate. Mr. Passmore made recommendations to the Board about changes that need to be made to the resolution before it can be considered.

**Barry Abromavage**, American Red Cross recognized Jess Powers for his efforts for his response to numerous fire calls over the years. He also commended the Emergency Management Department and the local Red Cross for their response to a recent devastating fire. The local fire departments were also recognized.

**Russell County Dispatchers** were commended by the Board for the services they provide for the citizens.

#### **NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK – E911 DISPATCHERS**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to declare the week of April 9-15, 2023 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – E911 Dispatchers.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 06, 2023 MINUTES**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the March 06, 2023 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 20, 2023 MINUTES**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the March 20, 2023 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 28, 2023 MINUTES**

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the March 28, 2023 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES**

Motion made Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,805,706.02.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **Citizens' Comment**

The Chair opened citizens' comment period.

**Linda Couch**, Cleveland asked the Board to donate to the annual Kid's Fishing Day in Cleveland, VA.

The Chair closed citizens' comment.

#### **County Attorney Reports and Requests**

**Katie Patton**, County Attorney discussed the Solar Ordinance and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

### **APPROVAL OF THE SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS AND ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS ORDINANCE**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Russell County Revenue Share for Solar Energy Projects and Energy Storage Systems Ordinance.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **APRIL DECLARED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE CY COUNTY TAX RATES**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing on the CY 2023 County Tax Rates on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 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 OF \$500 FOR COUNTY KIDS FISHING DAY IN HONAKER AND CLEVELAND**

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appropriate \$500 each for the Russell County Kids Fishing Day and Honaker Kids Fishing Day.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **APPROVAL OF THE LEACHATE CONTAINMENT AREA CONCRETE FOUNDATION CONTRACT**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept a Leachate Containment Area Concrete Foundation Contract in the amount of \$15,398.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

The Chair adjourned to reconvene on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairperson