

May 25, 2021

County of Greene, Virginia

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. IN PERSON IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MEETING ROOM AND BY ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATION

Present were: Bill Martin, Chair
Marie Durrer, Vice Chair
Steve Bowman, Member
Dale Herring, Member
Davis Lamb, Member

Staff present: Mark B. Taylor, County Administrator
Kelley Kemp, Assistant County Attorney
Patti Vogt, Deputy Clerk
Kim Morris, Deputy Clerk
Jim Frydl, Director of Planning and Zoning
Tracy Morris, Director of Finance
Melissa Meador, Director of Emergency Services
Alan Yost, Director of Economic Development and Tourism

RE: CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Kemp read the proposed resolution for closed meeting.

Upon motion by Dale Herring, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County desires to discuss in Closed Meeting the following matter(s):

- Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body, with respect to the Emergency Services Advisory Board.
- Consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body with respect to RSA

WHEREAS, pursuant to: §2.2-3711(A)(1) and (A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Greene County does hereby authorize discussion of the aforesated matters in Closed Meeting.

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	Yes
	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: OPEN MEETING

Upon motion by Davis Lamb, second by Dale Herring and unanimous roll call vote, the Board returned to open meeting.

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	Yes
	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

By unanimous roll call vote, 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 closed meeting were discussed.

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	Yes
	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

RE: APPOINTMENT TO EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Upon motion by Dale Herring and a second by Steve Bowman, the Board appointed Steve Catalano to a one-year term beginning on June 1, 2021 to the Emergency Services Advisory Board.

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	Yes
	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Davis Lamb and second by Dale Herring and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the agenda as amended to allow Mr. Patrick Kenney, Superintendent of Shenandoah National Park to speak under Matters from the Public. Also, agenda item 10. a. Public Hearing on the proposed Secondary Six Year Plan needs to be moved until after 7:30 p.m. due to an advertising error.

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	Yes
	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: UPDATE ON COVID-19

Ms. Meador gave an update on the local and regional statistical data of the numbers of COVID cases, hospitalizations and fatalities. She noted that we are seeing a very small increase in the Blue Ridge Health District of new cases and new hospitalizations. We currently have a 2.8% positivity rate which is the lowest we've been since the onset of the pandemic. Ms. Meador updated the Board about numbers of people who have been vaccinated. She noted that 40.6 percent of our residents have been fully vaccinated to date. The BRHD is now vaccinating ages 12 and up with ages 12-17 only receiving the Pfizer vaccine. Ms. Meador shared the updated guidance from the CDC stating that fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear masks. Masks are still required when in public transit, healthcare facilities, schools, correctional facilities and homeless shelters. Friday May 28, 2021, Virginia will ease all social distancing and capacity restrictions. Future COVID updates will now take place only once per month during the first meeting of the month.

RE: CARES ACT UPDATE

Mr. Taylor said there is new guidance and that he and Tracy Morris are reviewing. They will be participating in an online training session in the upcoming weeks. Mr. Taylor said the ARPA recovery funds can be used for Broadband and he is closely following that guidance.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Robert Watson thanked the Board for considering him for the open position on the Emergency Services Advisory Board.

Mr. Frydl read an email from Mike Kilpatrick regarding the Animal Shelter. (See Attachment "A")

Mr. Patrick Kenney, Superintendent of Shenandoah National Park, was present to introduce himself to the Board and tell them a little about his background. He updated the Board about how the Park is operating during the pandemic and how they are experiencing new visitors to National Parks because of COVID. He shared some upcoming construction projects that will be taking place during the coming year. Mr. Kenney thanked the Board for their support of the Shenandoah National Park. Mr. Bowman asked that Mr. Kenney get with Ms. Meador concerning our current radio project. Mr. Martin noted that Mr. Kenney should take a look at our Blue Ridge Heritage Project monument on his way out this evening.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the following items:

- a. Minutes of May 11, 2021 meeting
- b. Resolution of interest in participating in regional cigarette tax administration (See Attachment "B")

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	Yes
	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Frydl shared with the Board the need for a boundary line adjustment on the property for which Greene County has a lease purchase agreement with Feeding Greene, Inc. Per a request from our local Judges, Greene County placed two buildings on this land to allow for more space for court proceedings. One of the buildings was placed 1.6 feet over the property line onto a piece of property that we currently own, and the County needs to adjust the boundary line to bring the property into compliance. The public hearing was opened and closed with no comment from the public.

Upon motion by Davis Lamb and second by Dale Herring, the Board approved the completion of the boundary line adjustment with Feeding Greene, Inc.

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	Yes
	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: VDOT QUARTLERY MEETING

Ms. Carrie Shephard was present to give the Board an update on current projects.

The Route 29/33 Intersection project is still in the right of way phase and is due to be advertised in November, 2022. The Route 670 Connector Road is in the project scoping phase and the Route 638 Turkey Ridge Road bridge replacement is on target for as ad date of 2023.

In the rural rustic road category, the Beazley Road project is complete. Turkey Ridge Road is ready for construction with an end of July completion date expected. Bingham Mountain Road and Simmons Gap Road are next on the list.

Construction activities include the replacement of the second low water structure on Entry Run Road and the Simmons Gap Road bridge.

In regards to traffic engineering, the Fredericksburg Road through tractor trailer traffic truck restriction study is complete and is now pending approval or denial from Richmond. Bull Yearling Road has undergone a rural rustic speed review and has been posted with a 25mph speed limit with 15mph curve warning signs.

Davis Lamb asked that VDOT look into the intersection of 609 and 645 and the deceleration lane for safety purposes. Marie Durrer noted that she is hopeful for an approval of the truck restriction on Fredericksburg Road. Dale Herring asked if the Route 810 Scenic Byway was approved. Ms. Shepherd said that it was recommended for approval and it is up to the Board to hold an optional second public hearing.

There were no public comments.

RE: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE – PUBLIC COMMNT PERIOD

Mr. Frydl explained the public comment period necessary for the radio communications project in regards to the tower behind the Sheriff's Office. He shared the location of the tower, a view of the building that will accompany the tower and an illustration of the tower itself. A public comment period is open until June 21, 2021. The Board will then consider a resolution at their June 22, 2021 meeting. Comments can be accepted in person or via email.

There were no public comments.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – SIX YEAR PLAN AND CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

Mr. Frydl shared the projects that the Board has selected for this year. Turkey Ridge Road is scheduled for this year's spring/summer. Beazley Road is also scheduled for this year. Bingham Mountain Road, Simmons Gap Road, Ice House Road, South River Road and Welsh Run Road and also on the list.

Ms. Shepherd added that the paving of Welsh Run Road is only partially funded so funds will have to be added to complete the remaining unpaved section.

The hearing was opened to the public.

Mr. David Mack and Mr. Marc Erlandson were both present to speak about Mt. Olivet Road, specifically a dirt portion, about 7/10's of a mile. VDOT maintains as needed. There is a problem with water runoff, road dust and the width of the road with no room to pass an oncoming car. They asked that VDOT look into what else they can do to help with their road issues. They would like to know why Mr. Olivet Road cannot be paved.

Mr. Frydl read an email from Bill Murray. (See Attachment "C")

The Public Hearing was closed.

Ms. Shephard shared the reasons that Mount Olivet Road does not qualify for the rural rustic program. Ms. Shephard said that VDOT could revisit the road to try to solve some of the issues listed by our citizens. Mr. Bowman spoke on behalf of the citizens of Mount Olivet Road and asked that VDOT meet with the residents and come up with an alternative plan. Ms. Shephard and Mr. Bowman will organize that meeting with the residents of Mount Olivet Road.

Upon motion by Steve Bowman and second by Dale Herring, the Board moved to approve the proposed Secondary Six Year Plan for fiscal years 2021/22 through 2026/27 and the Secondary System Construction Budget for fiscal year 2021/22.

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	Yes
	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN TOWER

Ms. Meador was present to ask the Board to approve a license agreement with American Tower for the co-location of public safety radio equipment at 470 Tower Road in Stanardsville. American Tower had initially requested \$4,850 per month for rent. After negotiation, they have decreased the amount to \$3,400 per month with the caveat that the Board move forward with this agreement by the end of May. Ms. Meador asked that the Board do so in order to keep the lower monthly rental price. This project is critical to the overall success of our new radio system and for public safety. The Board shared their frustration with American Tower but agreed to approve Ms. Meador's request tonight in order to keep the monthly rental fee at the lower rate.

Upon motion by Steve Bowman and second by Bill Martin, the Board moved to approve the license agreement with American Tower for co-location of public safety radio system equipment.

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	Yes
	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: EMERGENCY SERVICES – REQUEST TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT

Ms. Meador, Mr. Anderegg and Dr. Perina were present to discuss a request for equipment for rapid sequence intubation (RSI) which is an airway management technique that allows providers to administer medications and allow the provider to take control of the patient's airway. Dr. Perina and Mr. Anderegg developed and implemented an RSI program for Greene County on May 11, 2021. On May 19, 2021, the department had their first successful manually administered RSI. For safety and consistency, the department is requesting the RSI equipment needed for this program.

Dr. Perina discussed the critical necessity of the requested equipment. She shared details of the situation on May 19, 2021 and why the patient's outcome was successful because of RSI. She also shared an incident that took place before Greene County implemented the RSI program. The patient needed RSI, but had to wait for Pegasus to arrive. This patient, unfortunately did not make it.

Mr. Anderegg noted that, when manually administering an RSI, our crews were vulnerable to injury as well. He feels the requested equipment would not only help patients, but also our own staff. He explained the process of RSI and the reasons patients need it.

Upon motion by Dale Herring and second by Steve Bowman, the Board moved to approve the purchase of the necessary equipment to support the RSI program with funding allocated from the contingency fund to cover all costs totaling \$33,872.

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	Yes
	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Bowman said the School Board met on May 12 and recognized a number of educators and support staff of the year nominees. They recognized 11 retirees and adopted the fiscal year 2022 budget. They also announced that they will be attending school five days per week and in-person for the 2021-2022 school year with a virtual option.

Mr. Bowman said the Planning Commission met on May 19 and they approved a home business on Flattop for a bakery and approved an amendment to the special use for the project on Moore Road and Route 29. The Lamm properties issue was put on hold until June 16 at the request of the applicant.

Mr. Herring said that the Emergency Services Advisory Board met. He noted the call times are very good and moving in a positive direction.

Mr. Martin said that there was an RSA board meeting last Thursday. Both Orange and Madison representatives stated that they had approved the resolution to allow Greene County to leave RSA contingent upon the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU). Orange and Madison signed the MOU this evening. Mr. Martin shared his frustration with RSA staff about still trying to be difficult to work with as we move through the steps to allow Greene County to leave.

RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Mr. Taylor echoed the status of Greene County's withdrawal from RSA. He will continue to share with the community about the status of Greene County's withdrawal and what it means to our residents currently on the water/sewer system. He shared reassurance that all residents will continue to be served.

Mr. Taylor shared pictures of the new EMS building as it is taking shape. He is very pleased with how it's coming along.

Mr. Taylor shared the outcome of the Solid Waste paint day on May 14, 2021. There were 135 gallons of paint collected. They will have the same collection again on Saturday, June 5 from 9:00 until 2:00.

Mr. Taylor recognized Patti Vogt on her retirement with 42 years of service to Greene County.

RE: MONTHLY REPORTS

Mr. Martin thanked staff for their monthly reports.

RE: OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Herring discussed restoring Town Hall meetings with the Board. He also discussed scheduling a broadband meeting as there has been a lot of activity on the subject recently. MR Herring also shared that June 4th is the 2020 graduation and June 5th is the 2021 graduation.

RE: ADJOURN

Upon motion by Davis Lamb and second by Dale Herring the meeting was adjourned.

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	Yes
	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.



William Bryan Martin, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors



Mark B. Taylor, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

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Animal Shelter



Mike Kilpatrick <kilpm70@gmail.com>

Tue 5/25/2021 4:27 PM

To: Comment



Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your time tonight. I would like to add a quick note to the record to praise the work that is done by the animal shelter. I understand that the shelter relies on donations from the public, and that the budget is slim. I'm not clear on the pay rates for those working there, but I understand that they are not volunteers and some are working beyond the hours that they are paid for. If you haven't witnessed what the great staff does on a daily basis, especially outside shelter hours, take a bag of food and go spend half a day with them. If you've donated recently, thank you. Please make sure the staff is being paid fairly for their time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Mike Kilpatrick

Reply Forward

RESOLUTION OF INTEREST
in participating in regional cigarette tax administration

WHEREAS, the 2020 General Assembly approved, and the governor signed into law, legislation that allows Virginia counties to enact a local cigarette tax of up to 40 cents per pack, effective July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, [SB 1326](#), adopted by the 2021 General Assembly and signed into law by the governor, encourages local cigarette stamping and tax collection through regional cigarette tax boards; and

WHEREAS, the bill defines a "regional cigarette tax board" as one established by a group of at least six member localities, pursuant to their authority under the joint exercise of powers (§ [15.2-1300](#) et seq.) and Regional Cooperation Act (§ [15.2-4200](#) et seq.) provisions of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) was duly established in 1972 pursuant to the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, a key part of the mission of the TJPDC is to lead development of solutions for the region's critical issues by helping member governments identify such issues and finding collaborative approaches to address them; and

WHEREAS, the TJPDC staff, in discussion with its member localities, has been examining how a regional cigarette tax board could function in the broader Central Virginia region; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a regional cigarette tax board would promote the uniform administration of local cigarette taxes throughout the region for those localities desiring to participate in such a board; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Greene County Board of Supervisors expresses its interest in participating in a regional cigarette tax board being pursued by the TJPDC; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Greene County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator and staff to proceed with participating in discussions with the TJPDC and other localities in the broader region on the formation of a regional cigarette tax board; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any decision by the Greene County Board of Supervisors to become a member of any regional cigarette tax board so established must be approved by the Greene County Board of Supervisors.

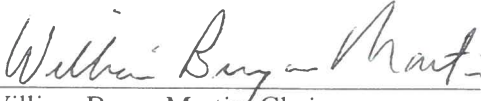
ADOPTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON MAY 25, 2021

Motion: Steve Bowman

Second: Davis Lamb

Recorded Vote:

Bill Martin	<u>Yes</u>
Marie Durrer	<u>Yes</u>
Steve Bowman	<u>Yes</u>
Dale Herring	<u>Yes</u>
Davis Lamb	<u>Yes</u>



William Bryan Martin, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: 

Mark B. Taylor, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-331 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, provides the opportunity for each County to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation in developing a Secondary Six Year Road Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Board had previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation policies and procedures, and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (2021-22 through 2026-27) as well as the Construction Priority List (2021-22) on May 25, 2021 after duly advertised, so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Shephard, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation, appeared before the Board and recommended approval of the Six Year Plan for Secondary Roads (2021-22 through 2026-27) and the Construction Priority List (2021-22) for Greene County;

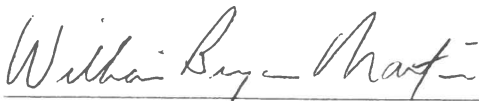
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that since said Plan appears to be in the best interests of the Secondary Road System in Greene County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six Year Plan (2021-22 through 2026-27) and Construction Priority List (2021-22) are hereby approved as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON MAY 25, 2021.

Motion: Steve Bowman
Second: Dale Herring

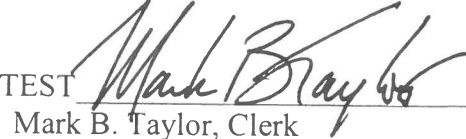
Votes:

Martin: Yes
Durrer: Yes
Bowman: Yes
Herring: Yes
Lamb: Yes



William Bryan Martin, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST



Mark B. Taylor, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors