



MINUTES

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BEDFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

MARCH 10, 2014

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- 5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION**
- a. Budget Discussion
- 6:45 P.M. Dinner**
- 7:30 P.M. WELCOME**
- a. Moment of Silence
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
- (1) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- (2) FIFTEEN MINUTE CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**
- (3) APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
- a. Consideration of a request from the Department of Fire and Rescue for a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$698.38. (*Resolution #R031014-01*)
 - b. Consideration of a request from the Bedford County School Board for a fund appropriation to contract with construction consulting service provider M. B. Khan (*Resolution #R031014-02*)
- (4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 10 and 24, 2014 (to follow under separate cover)**
- (5) PUBLIC HEARINGS / PUBLIC APPEARANCES**
- a. Update on road issues by VDOT
 - *Presentation: Todd Daniel and Brian Casella*
- (6) ACTION ITEMS**
- a. Consideration of Bedford School Matter from January 30, 2014 Joint Meeting.
- (7) BOARD COMMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a. Tri-County Lake Administrative Commission, Environmental Committee, meeting minutes from December 12, 2013.
- b. Social Services Board meeting minutes from January 16, 2014.

(8) APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

(9) COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS, REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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(12) UPCOMING MEETINGS

- March 17 - Budget Work Session (5:00 P.M.)
- March 19 - Budget Work Session (5:00 P.M.) (*Wednesday*)
- March 24 - Regular Meeting (Work Session – 5:00 to 6:45 P.M.)

5:00 P.M. – WORK SESSION

Board of Supervisors: John Sharp, Chairman – District 4; Tammy Parker, Vice-Chairman, District 7; Bill Thomasson, District 1; Curry Martin, District 2; Steve Wilkerson, District 3; and Annie Pollard, District 6

Absent: Steve Arrington, District 5

Staff Present: Mark K. Reeter, Frank J. Rogers, Carl Boggess, Cheryl Dean, Krystal Hulette, Ashley Dorcsis, Kevin Adams, Mike Miller, Ricky Gardner, Barbara Gunter and Brigitte Petersen

Chairman Sharp called the Board of Supervisors to order and turned the meeting over to County Administrator Mark Reeter.

Mr. Reeter briefly reviewed the budget information covered in prior work sessions, as well as what is planned for the remaining budget work sessions for FY2014-15.

Mr. Reeter noted that, within the draft C.I.P., \$413,563.00 was given under ‘Projects to be Determined’, and clarified that these funds are available to be allocated by the Board to capital projects that were otherwise unallocated in what will be reviewed this evening. He then turned the meeting over to Deputy County Administrator Frank Rogers to review staff proposed changes to the budget for the coming year.

Mr. Rogers thanked Fiscal Management Director Susan Crawford for her work on the information being presented this evening, and then began his review of the proposed Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funding. He covered a variety of funding areas including re-assessment; election equipment; storage retrieval and deed books; financial software; computer and server upgrades; Public Safety needs; Buildings and Grounds projects; Parks and Recreation; Community Development;

and Economic Development. Throughout the review, Mr. Rogers took questions from the Board to clarify aspects of the proposed funding.

Chairman Sharp stated that the most pressing request is for emergency apparatus, and that he would like to see funds moved in that direction; Supervisor Wilkerson concurred. Chairman Sharp noted that the fire agencies determined what their funding priorities were, and that he felt it should remain that way. In response to a question from Chairman Sharp, Mr. Rogers noted that another large expense that will be coming up in the near future is a software upgrade for the permitting software used in Community Development, as well as other software that is becoming very outdated. There followed a discussion between the Supervisors and staff, with the Board coming to a consensus to move \$300,000.00 of the “Projects to be Determined” category over to apparatus funding. Several Supervisors voiced their support for cost sharing with the fire agencies with regard to purchasing apparatus.

Mr. Reeter pointed out that there won’t be \$800,000.00 available for apparatus every year; there was \$500,000.00 already in that category, and the Board just added \$300,000.00 to it; this won’t be the case in the next budget cycle.

Supervisor Wilkerson asked the Supervisors what would be a situation where the Board would fully fund a fire truck. Supervisor Thomasson said it was his understanding many of the firefighters drove themselves directly to the scene of the call, so he wasn’t sure the custom trucks with the larger cabs to carry more personnel were needed. Chairman Sharp said both of the recent fire truck rollovers had the custom cab design, and there was no loss of life in those accidents – it could have been a different outcome in the smaller, less expensive commercial cabs, as the custom cabs are better built to handle being in an accident. Chairman Sharp said the Board needed to present the Fire Commission with the economics of the purchasing situation, and then let them come up with some sort of matching fund strategy.

Supervisor Pollard stated that the policies and procedures should have been sent out by now, and said that before any money is put in any department they should have to go by these rules and be active. They should run calls, or a truck will just sit – there should be requirements to go along with the money.

Mr. Rogers confirmed with the Board that they wanted \$300,000.00 added to the available funds for apparatus to bring the total to \$800,000.00; the balance of \$113,563.00 will be left in “Projects to be Determined”.

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomasson, Mr. Reeter said staff is still working on numbers for the repairs needed to the Administration building. Mr. Reeter noted it will be difficult to do much of the work on the building as entire floors will have to be vacated while they are worked on.

Mr. Rogers stated that staff would work on the changes requested by the Board this evening, and asked that the Supervisors get any further requests to staff as soon as possible as the deadline for advertising the tax rate was rapidly approaching.

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomasson, Mr. Rogers stated that, according to the latest information he has been given, the reassessment numbers are coming in flat.

Mr. Reeter reminded the Board of the upcoming joint meeting with the School Board on the 17th.

There being no further discussion, the Board moved into the conference room for dinner.

7:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

Board of Supervisors: John Sharp, Chairman – District 4; Tammy Parker, Vice-Chairman, District 7; Bill Thomasson, District 1; Curry Martin, District 2; Steve Wilkerson, District 3; and Annie Pollard, District 6

Absent: Steve Arrington, District 5

Staff Present: Mark K. Reeter, Frank J. Rogers, Carl Boggess, Kevin Adams and Brigitte Petersen

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance; a moment of silence was held and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

(1) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Mark Reeter, County Administrator, noted the changes to the agenda as follows:

- Additional Documentation: Agenda Item #4 – Minutes from February 10 and February 24, 2014.
- Additional Documentation: Agenda Item #5a – Update on Road Issues by VDOT.
- Correction: Agenda Item #12 – The original agenda listed March 20 as a work session date; that meeting has been moved to March 19.
- Supervisor Pollard asked that Consent Agenda Item #3b be moved to Action Items #6a.

Supervisor Pollard made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; motion passed by acclamation.

(2) FIFTEEN MINUTE CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

- Michael Stokes, resident of Bedford, addressed the Board to voice his displeasure with their selection of the County Administrator, the recent resignations of employees and his belief that the County is not the good employer that it once was.
- Larry Whorley, resident of Big Island, addressed the Board to request the Board keep the need for volunteer training facilities in mind when they are allocating funds in the budget. Mr. Whorley also stated that they recently lost Mr. Lynch Manley, a member of Bedford Rescue for 50 years. Mr. Whorley stated that Mr. Manley had answered well over 20,000

calls during his service, and he said they will never again see anyone with that kind of time and dedication.

- Kelly Steel, resident of Bedford, addressed the Board to request their support to build the new high school in the Liberty zone, and to convert the current high school into a middle school.
- Mary Jo Boone, resident of Boonsboro, addressed the Board to ask that they consider increasing revenue through taxes to better meet the needs of the community.
- Jackie Davis, resident from Thaxton, addressed the Board with a prayer.

(3) APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Mark Reeter, County Administrator, read the Consent Agenda for the benefit of those in attendance:

- a.** Consideration of a request from the Department of Fire and Rescue for a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$698.38. (*Resolution #R031014-01*)

In response to a question from Supervisor Pollard, Mr. Reeter stated the funds would be appropriated into the fire equipment line item.

Supervisor Wilkerson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Parker

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Wilkerson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2014 as presented; motion passed by acclamation.

Vice-Chairman Parker noted that on page #10, line #1, of the minutes for February 24, 2014, the 19th is a Wednesday, not a Thursday. Chairman Sharp asked that the line numbers in future sets of minutes run continuously, instead of beginning at 'one' on each page; the Board concurred.

Vice-Chairman Parker made a motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2014 as amended; motion passed by acclamation.

(5) PUBLIC HEARINGS / PUBLIC APPEARANCES

(5a) Todd Daniel and Brian Casella from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) addressed the Board with an update on road issues, the entirety of which is given below:

Maintenance Activities for Previous 30 Days:

- Ordinary Maintenance – Gravel Road Repair, Brush Removal, and Shoulder Repair.
- Route 608 (Altice Road) – Bridge over Norfolk & Southern Railway, located 0.2 miles south of Route 795 (Watson Road) – Closed December 20, 2013 due to necessary repairs. Road reopened February 10, 2014. (Area 2 – Martin)
- Route 689 (Irving Road) – Box Culvert Replacement completed. Road reopened January 31, 2014. Guardrail installation pending. (Area 6 – Pollard)
- Route 805 (Stone Mountain Road) – Bridge over Rockcastle Creek wing wall repair

Maintenance Activities for Next 30 Days:

- Ordinary Maintenance – Gravel Road Repair, pothole patching, and patching for secondary overlay schedules
- Route 637 (Penns Mill Road) – Bridge over Reed Creek will be closed on March 12 & 13, 2014 due to repairs. Bridge is located approximately 1.10 miles east of Route 613 (Waugh Switch Rd) and .90 miles west of Route 602 (Powell School Rd). (Area 5 – Arrington).
- Route 805 – (Stone Mountain Road) – Bridge over Rockcastle Creek will be closed on March 11, 2014 for wing wall placement – single day closure. (Area 2 – Martin)
- Various Routes – Regional Guardrail Contract is ongoing and guardrail repairs are in progress countywide.

Private Entrances & Land Use Permits:

- February 2014: Issued 10 Private Entrance Land Use Permits for state maintained routes and 5 Land Use Permit for Utility activities.
- March 2014 to date:

Plat/Plan Reviews:

- February 2014: 12 Plats/Site Plans reviewed.
- March 2014 to date: Plats/Site Plans reviewed.

Secondary Additions:

- Autumn Run Subdivision – Punch list generated, awaiting fees and surety from developer. (Area 5 – Arrington).
- Farmington Subdivision, Sections 8 & 15 – Punch list generated by VDOT and developer is addressing deficiencies. (Area 4 – Sharp)
- Great Oaks Subdivision – Punch list generated by VDOT and developer is addressing deficiencies. (Area 3 – Wilkerson)
- Mayberry Hills Subdivision – Punch list generated by VDOT and developer is addressing deficiencies. (Area 2 – Martin)

Traffic Studies/Special Requests *Denotes Change:

- Route 24 STARS Project (Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions) – The project study area extends from Route 886 (Drewry’s Hill Road) to Route 819 (Old Country Road). The purpose of the study is to identify common crash factors and to propose intermediate and long-term projects to improve safety. The study results will be used to develop projects that can be funded through HSIP and other traffic operations funding sources. Team field visit along corridor conducted December 12, 2013. Final report with recommendations scheduled for mid-April. (Area 1 – Thomasson) *
- Route 221 Safety Improvement Study – This study is lead by the Region 2000 Local Government Council / Central Virginia MPO in cooperation with Bedford County and the City of Lynchburg. The study will commence at Route 1483 (Cloverhill Boulevard) and will terminate in the City of Lynchburg at Forest Brook Road. Community meeting held on January 30, 2014 at Forest Library. Second community meeting scheduled for April 10, 2014 at Forest Library and study to be completed by June with a final report. (Area 4 – Sharp) *
- Route 644 (Old Cifax Road) – Through Truck Restriction #1: The through tractor truck and trailer or semi-trailer combination restriction is proposed of Route 644 (Old Cifax Road), beginning at the East Intersection of Route 643 (Cifax Road), and ending at the intersection of Route 663 (Perrowville Road), with the termini to termini distance equaling approximately 3.98 miles. Board resolution passed October 28, 2013 and study is under review by VDOT Salem District Traffic Engineering. (Area 5 – Arrington / Area 7 – Parker)
- Route 644 (Coffee Road) – Through Truck Restriction #2: The through tractor truck and trailer or semi-trailer combination restriction is proposed of Route 644 (Coffee Road), beginning at the intersection of Route 663 (Perrowville Road) and ending at the Lynchburg City Limits, with the termini to termini distance equaling approximately 5.66 miles. Board resolution passed October 28, 2013 and study is under review by VDOT Salem District Traffic Engineering. (Area 5 – Arrington)
- Route 695 (Goose Creek Valley Road) – Through Truck Restriction from Route 43 (Botetourt County) to Route 460 (West Lynchburg Salem Turnpike) – Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the Restriction at its December 4th meeting. (Primaries require CTB approval). Signs installed February 28, 2014 on Routes 460 and 695 in Bedford County. (Area 6 – Pollard) *

Speed / Safety Studies:

- Route 1240 (Lake Vista Drive) – The Lake Vista and Forest Lakes Homeowner’s Associations are pursuing a Traffic Calming study to mitigate speeding. Bedford County Administration has taken the lead on this with VDOT and a preliminary meeting was held on December 5, 2013 to

discuss the process. (Area 4 – Sharp)

- Route 43 (Virginia Byway) – Request speed study from Bedford Town limit to Route 722 (Five Forks Road). Study is under review. Current speed limit is 40 mph. (Area 3 – Wilkerson)
- Route 616 (Saunders Road) – From Route 653 (Masons Lane) to Route 619 (Jordantown Road). Speed limit posting and guardrail are not warranted. Additional Advisory signs will be installed. (Area 6 – Pollard) *
- Route 621 (Cottontown Road) – Speed and Safety Guardrail Review - From Route 662 (Hooper Road) to Route 1240 (Lake Vista Drive). Study is under review. Current speed is 40 mph. (Area 4 – Sharp / Area 5 – Arrington)
- Route 643 (Otterville Road) – From Route 122 (Big Island Highway) to Route 644 (Old Cifax Road). Speed limit is currently unposted. Review concluded guardrail is not warranted. (Area 5 – Arrington) *
- Route 654 (Morgans Church Road) – From Route 805 (Stone Mountain) to Route 122 (Moneta Road). Study is under review. Speed limit is currently unposted. (Area 2 – Martin)
- Route 658 (Walnut Hollow Road) – Verify two existing 25 mph zones from Route 624 (Indered Farm Road) to Route 1030 (Meadowridge Drive) and Route 1016 (Saddlerock Road) to the Lynchburg City Limits. Missing signage to be replaced per request of Virginia State Police to aid in speed enforcement. Study is under review. Speed limit varies and is not documented. (Area 5 – Arrington)
- Route 662 (Hooper Road) – From Route 663 (Perrowville Road) to Route 621 (Cottontown Road). Speed Limit Study. Current speed limit is 40 mph. (Area 4 – Sharp / Area 5 – Arrington)
- Route 671 (Centerville Road) – From Route 221 (Forest Road) to 0.3 mile east of Route 644 (Lankford Mill Road). Study is under review. Speed limit is currently unposted. (Area 7 – Parker)
- Route 675 (Keytown Road) – From Route 643 (Jopling Road) to Route 122 (Big Island Highway). Speed limit is currently unposted. Results from field review and crash analysis conclude the roadway will remain unposted. Warning/Advisory Signage will be installed and vegetation management to increase visibility of existing signs. (Area 5 – Arrington)
- Route 686 (Taylor Mountain Road) – From Route 688 (Buffalo Run) to Route 692 (Cool Springs Road). Speed limit is currently unposted. Results from field review and crash analysis conclude the roadway will remain unposted. Warning/Advisory signage will be installed. (Area 7 – Parker) *
- Route 702 (Prophet Road) – From Route 668 (Goode Road) to Dead End. Study is under review. Speed limit is currently unposted. Also, Deer Crossing sign request. Deer Crossing

sign not warranted due to no reported crashes with deer. (Area 7 – Parker)

- Route 709 (New London Road) – From Route 24 (Wyatts Way) to Route 811 (Evington Road). Study is under review. Current speed limit is 45 mph. (Area 3 – Wilkerson)
- Route 805 (Stone Mountain Road) – From Route 654 (Morgans Church Road) to Route 626 (Smith Mountain Lake Parkway). Study is under review. Speed limit is currently unposted. (Area 2 – Martin)
- Route 805 (Morgans Church Road) – From Route 122 (Moneta Road) to Route 805 (Stone Mountain Road). Study is under review. Speed limit is currently unposted. (Area 2 – Martin)
- Route 1425 (Graves Mill Road) – From Route 221 (Forest Road) to Lynchburg City Limits. Request is result of Fatal Accident – Under review - Current speed limit is 35 mph. (Area 4 – Sharp)
- Route 619 (Turner Branch Road) – From Route 634 (Hardy Road) to Route 757 (Goodview Road). Study is under review. Current speed limit is unposted. (Area 1 – Thomasson) *
- Route 122 (Big Island Highway) – North of Route 782 (Waughs Ferry Road). Guardrail request as result of Fatal Accident. (Area 5 – Arrington)
- Route 221 (Forest Road) – Signal Request – Citizen request for a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 1474 (Maple Hills Drive) and Route 1475 (Woodberry Lane). Study is under review. (Area 4 – Sharp)
- Route 754 (Saunders Grove Drive) – Request for guardrail. Due to geometric conditions of roadway and shoulders, there is insufficient room to construct guardrail. Edge Delineators (ED-2) will be placed 100–150 feet apart beginning at address #3567 and extending South approximately 900 feet. (Area 6 – Pollard)
- Route 757 (Goodview Road) – Result of district wide pavement and signs review contract. Adding 24” x 30” chevron advisory signs and 48” x 48” curve advisory signs in the curve 0.25 mile North of Route 1535 (Hemlock Shores Drive). To be complete by May 2014. (Area 1 – Thomasson)

Project Status:

- Route 43 (Peaks Road) – Bridge over Stoney Creek – UPC 97225 – Consultant is preparing an alignment study for review by VDOT. Tentative construction in 2020. (Area 5 – Arrington)
- Route 43 (Peaks Road) – Bridge over Big Otter River – UPC 94722 – Consultant prepared an alignment study for review by VDOT Bridge section. Tentative construction in 2017. (Area 5 – Arrington / Area 7 – Parker)
- Route 221 (Forest Road) – Left turn lanes at Route 668 (Goode Station Road) – (UPC 97043) – Project in preliminary engineering phase. Public information meeting was held March 12, 2013 to receive community input following plan revision from previous community input. Tentative

construction in May 2020. (Area 7 – Parker)

- Route 221/460 (West Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike) – Bridge over North Fork of Goose Creek – UPC 104181 – VDOT performing pre-scoping activities to provide to consultant for design. Project is in Preliminary Engineering scoping phase with no dates set. (Area 6 – Pollard)
- Route 460 (West Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike) – UPC 67529 – Safety improvement - WBL grade change near Virginia State Police office. Bids received January 22, 2014. Expecting contract award soon. Project is on schedule for Spring 2014 construction and to be completed by December 5, 2014 project completion. (Area 6 – Pollard) *
- Route 460 (West Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike) – S-Curves – UPC 76643 – Preliminary Engineering investigation to straighten Route 460 eastbound lanes to parallel westbound lanes. Project in Preliminary Engineering scoping phase with no dates set. Design team site visit was held on November 6, 2013. Consultant kickoff meeting scheduled for March 17, 2014 for preliminary scoping and engineering. (Area 6 – Pollard) *
- Route 634 (Hardy Ford) – UPC 62650 – Bridge replacement project. Project is in Preliminary Engineering with Ad date in July 2016. (Area 1 – Thomasson)
- Route 668 (Goode Station Road) – UPC 51916 – Bridge over Norfolk Southern Railroad – Project in Preliminary Engineering phase. Proposed construction in 2017. (Area 7 – Parker)
- Route 755 (Simmons Mill Road) – UPC 103189 – Rural Rustic – Construction bids received February 26, 2014. Construction completion in June 2014. (Area 6 – Pollard) *
- Route 774 (Wooldridge Road) UPC 98951 – Rural Rustic Road – Construction completion May/June 2014. (Area 6 – Pollard) *

Possible Rural Additions:

- Deer Creek Drive – Huntington Wood Estates. (Area 2 – Martin)
- Indian Ridge Drive – Village East Subdivision. (Area 2 – Martin)
- Westwind Court – Harbor Village – Route 655 (Isle of Pines Drive). (Area 2 – Martin)
- Woodbrook Lane – Woodbrook Subdivision. (Area 4 – Sharp)

Vice-Chairman Parker asked for a synopsis on the issue on Little Otter. Mr. Casella stated that the roadway at the Little Otter Business Park is a private road that ties into Route 221. A Revenue Sharing application was made last year under the Rural Addition Program to bring that roadway into the system for State maintenance. He said that there has been discussion with the County and the developer regarding what needs to be done to bring the roadway up to State standards to then be brought under State maintenance, and reviewed some of the options being considered with the Board. Attorney Boggess noted that it would probably be beneficial to have a meeting with the Director of Community Development, Mr. Casella, the developer’s attorney and/or engineer and himself to review the benefits of the options.

(6) ACTION ITEMS

(6a) Dr. Doug Schuch, School Superintendent, and Mr. Randy Hagler, the School Division's Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board with a request from the Bedford County School Board for a fund appropriation to contract with construction consulting service provider M. B. Khan. Dr. Schuch briefly reviewed the process that led to the request before the Board this evening, and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Hagler.

Mr. Hagler said the request is for four separate items:

1. To determine the best placement of the school on the land that has been purchased, as well as the best and most economical placement of buildings on the current Liberty site (not to exceed \$30,000.00)
2. Educational specifications will be needed (once it is determined whether a high school or a middle school will be built) (\$25,000.00 flat fee)
3. Better pricing/cost estimates for items that have been in the School's CIP for several years (expanding Forest Middle School in order to eliminate the mobile units)
4. Expanding/renovating Bedford Elementary

(All four items should not total more than the \$100,000.00 being requested.)

Mr. Hagler noted that items 3 and 4 were added to this request so that the School Board would not have to make a second request for funding at a later date.

Supervisor Pollard stated that she thought the Board had only agreed to fund Item #2 at the joint meeting with the School Board on the 30th. There followed a discussion between Mr. Hagler, Dr. Schuch and members of the Board regarding what the Board gave consensus to at the joint meeting versus what was being requested this evening. Dr. Schuch noted it would be difficult for the School Board to develop a solid CIP without estimates for items 3 and 4. Several Supervisors noted that there has not been any discussion on items 3 and 4, and that the focus should be on building the new middle (or high) school.

Attorney Boggess commented that items 1 and 2 are necessary, based on his experience on the Jefferson Forest project.

Chairman Sharp asked if the data gathered grows stale if the timeframe isn't what is currently anticipated. Dr. Schuch replied that the timeline is on hold at this point because it hasn't been decided what will be built. He said until some decisions are made regarding what will be built, the School Board can't definitively state what the costs will be. Dr. Schuch said he doesn't feel this will be money wasted unless for some reason it is decided to not build the school at all, which he doesn't see happening unless there is no funding. Chairman Sharp said that it sounds as if the money won't be spent until the School Board knows what it is building; Dr. Schuch responded in the affirmative.

Supervisor Pollard made a motion to provide funding for Item #2, but hold off on Item #1 until the Supervisors have a recommendation from the School Board.

Voting yes: Mrs. Pollard, Mr. Thomasson and Mr. Martin

Voting no: Mrs. Parker, Mr. Wilkerson and Mr. Sharp

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion failed.

Vice-Chairman Parker made a motion to approve funding for Items #1 and #2, but not to fund Items #3 and #4.

WHEREAS, at the January 30, 2014 joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and School Board there was consensus for the School Board to move forward with M. B. Kahn providing (1) help to decide what school to build and how to locate on the property, and (2) educational specification for a school; and

WHEREAS, the School Board is requesting that up to \$55,000.00 of funds remaining from the JFHS Renovation Project be appropriated for this purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that the Board does hereby appropriate up to \$55,000.00 of remaining JFHS Renovation Project funds to the School Board for construction management services.

Voting yes: Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp and Mrs. Parker

Voting no: Mrs. Pollard and Mr. Thomasson

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

(6b) The Board reviewed the discussion that took place in a joint meeting with the School Board on January 30th. Chairman Sharp stated that while he had been unable to attend, it was his understanding that there would be a recommendation from the Board of Supervisors to the School Board within 60 days of that meeting.

Supervisor Wilkerson said there was no way he could make a decision on the direction they were being asked to give at this time because the Board needs to wait for the results of the M. B. Khan study that was just approved, and there has been no discussion regarding funding matters.

Vice-Chairman Parker concurred with Mr. Wilkerson, and noted all the different school projects requiring funding that will need the Board's attention.

There followed a brief discussion between members of the Board on the citizen contact they've received regarding a new high school versus a middle school and funding for school projects. Supervisor Pollard noted that nothing can be done until the School Board decides what they are going to build.

Chairman Sharp reviewed the reasoning that led to the decision to build a middle school, how it became part of the reversion agreement, and the growing costs associated with updating and maintaining Bedford Middle School, which the County now rents due to the reversion agreement. He also noted that State funding is dependent on the school efficiency study, which will not be available for review until May. Chairman Sharp said the Supervisors will need a lot more information, and some time needs to

pass, before they can make such an important decision. He said it is not an easy decision to raise taxes, and he needs to be sure he has done the very best he can do before any decision is made to raise taxes to fund the School Board's requests.

The Board concurred with Chairman Sharp that they need more information instead of moving forward with a premature decision for the School Board, noting it could take as long as a year before they would be able to make a decision.

(7) BOARD COMMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(7a) The Board was given a copy of the Tri-County Lake Administrative Commission, Environmental Committee, meeting minutes from December 12, 2013 for review.

(7b) The Board was given a copy of the Social Services Board meeting minutes from January 16, 2014 for review.

(8) APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

(9) COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS, REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

County Attorney Carl Boggess stated that, currently in the Zoning Ordinance, roads in industrial properties have to be State maintained. He said that the Board could ask the Planning Commission to review this requirement, as this could hamper developers bringing economic development to the County.

Vice-Chairman Parker agreed, and stated she would like to expand on Attorney Boggess' suggestion to include I-1, I-2 and PID districts, and asked that this be expedited; the Board concurred.

Attorney Boggess stated that due to an almost unanimous vote in both the State House and Senate, Bedford County has been added to the list of localities that can test the water for a well before a building permit is issued as of July 1, 2014. Chairman Sharp clarified that this will avoid a situation where a home is built and then it's discovered there is no water, which will prevent the County having to run new water lines.

(10) COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS, REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

County Administrator Mark Reeter announced the appointment of Wyatt Woody as the new Director of Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Reeter stated that the Department of Social Services is giving consideration to reverting their agency from a partially deviating agency back to a non-deviating agency. He stated that this will be going back to their original personnel classification format instead of following the County's format.

Vice-Chairman Parker commented that the Social Services Board is recommending this course of action.

(11) PENDING MATTERS

(12) UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chairman Sharp noted the Board's upcoming meetings on March 17 (budget work session at 5:00 P.M.); March 19 (budget work session at 5:00 P.M. - *Wednesday*); and March 24 (regular meeting with a work session at 5:00 P.M.)

Supervisor Thomasson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; motion passed by acclamation.