



MINUTES

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BEDFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

MARCH 23, 2015

5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION

- a. Presentation of School Division's FY2015-16 Budget Proposal by School Board Chairman Gary Hostutler and School Superintendent Dr. Doug Schuch

6:30 P.M. Break for Dinner

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

- (1) **Call to Order & Welcome**
- (2) **Moment of Silence**
- (3) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- (4) **Approval of Agenda**
- (5) **Citizen Comments (15 Minutes)**
- (6) **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Consideration of a request for authorization to proceed with the procurement of professional engineering services for the Corporate Park Drive Extension Project (*Resolution #R032315-01*)
 - b. Consideration of a request authorizing Bedford County to remain in the current Virginia's Region 2000 Workforce Investment Board Region. (*Resolution #R032315-02*)
 - c. Consideration of a request from the Registrar's Office to accept the Mobile Voter Photo ID Grant, and for authorization of a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$885.60 (no local match is required). (*Resolution #R032315-03*)
 - d. Consideration of a request from the Public Works Department to relocate the Victim Witness Program office. (*Resolution #R032315-04*)
- (7) **Approval of Minutes – February 23rd**
- (8) **Public Hearings & Presentations**

- a. Presentation – Proclamation in Recognition of National Crime Victims Rights Week
- b. Presentation – Proclamation in Recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month
- c. Annual Report of the Bedford County Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board
 - *Presentation by Jeff Powers, Chairman*
- d. Update from VDOT on road issues and projects
 - *Presentation by Todd Daniel and Brian Casella, VDOT Residency Office*

(9) Action & Discussion Items

- a. Consideration of a request to upgrade the Animal Shelter HVAC and Electrical Systems (utilizing donated funds). (*Resolution #R032315-05*)
 - *Staff Presentation: Sheldon Cash, Director of Public Works*
- b. Authorization of Tax Rate and Budget Proposal Advertisements (*Resolution #R032315-06*)
 - *Staff Presentation: Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator*

(10) Board Committee Reports

(11) Board Member Comments

(12) Board Appointments

(13) County Attorney Report

- a. Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) as to the 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.

(14) County Administrator Report

(15) Board Information

- a. Bedford/Franklin Regional Rail Initiative meeting minutes from February 27, 2015 (*draft*)
- b. Bedford E-911 Communications Report for February 2015
- c. Bedford County Planning Commissions meeting minutes from January 6, 2015
- d. Community Development’s Building Report for February 2015

(16) Board Calendar & Reminders

- April 9th – VDOT Public Hearing at *7:00 p.m. (Work Session 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.) (**corrected from original schedule, which read 7:30*)

- April 13th – Regular Meeting (Public Hearing on tax rate and proposed budget) at 7:00 p.m. at Bedford Science and Technology Center (Work Session 5:00 – 6:00 at BSTC)
- April 27th – Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (*Budget Adoption*)

(17) Adjourn

5:00 P.M. – WORK SESSION

Board of Supervisors: Tammy Parker, Chairman – District 7; Steve Wilkerson, Vice-Chairman – District 3; Bill Thomasson, District 1; Curry Martin, District 2; John Sharp, District 4; Steve Arrington, District 5 and Annie Pollard, District 6

School Board: Chairman Gary Hostutler – District 4; Mr. Kevin Willis – District 7; and Mr. Richard Downey – District 1

School Staff Present: School Superintendent Dr. Doug Schuch, and Chief Financial Officer Randy Hagler

Staff Present: County Administrator Mark Reeter, County Attorney Carl Boggess, Fiscal Management Director Susan Crawford, Accountant Ashley Anderson, Public Works Director Sheldon Cash, Community Development Director Gregg Zody, E-911 Manager Jeff Johnson, Registrar Barbara Gunter, and Executive Assistant Brigitte Lockett

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance, and then turned the meeting over to Chairman Hostutler for a presentation of the School Board’s FY2015-16 budget.

Chairman Hostutler proceeded to give a presentation which included raises for employees, technology upgrades, school security, completing projects from the Efficiency Review, and restoration of the maintenance funds. He reviewed the State funding that is being made available for employee compensation, the rationale behind the proposed 4.75% salary increase for School employees, the additional financial burden being felt in increases from VRS and healthcare, etc.

School Board Member Richard Downey then gave a short presentation regarding the technology infrastructure upgrades for both capacity and security that were needed in various schools around the County. Mr. Downey noted that up to 70% of the upgrades could possibly be funded with Federal grants. In response to a question from Chairman Parker, he clarified that CopSync was something taken care of in the Sheriff’s budget, not the Schools.

School Board Member Kevin Willis then addressed the Board regarding the cost savings that have been captured through the school consolidations; fuel savings (both transportation and heating); a net decrease of 26 full-time positions; and enrollment being down by 150 students (which brings with it a reduction in State funding). Mr. Willis noted other issues being handled by the School Board include securing Title I assistance for those schools that qualify; striving to maintain the current student-to-teacher ratio in spite of closing two schools; aging technology infrastructures; and ‘personalized learning’ pilot programs. Mr. Willis also touched briefly on thirteen completed projects from the Efficiency Review, including a time-keeping system and the infrastructure study. He noted they will have nineteen of the projects completed by July 1st, 2015, with another thirty-nine being completed in the upcoming year; twenty-three are forecasted out over multiple years as future budgets will allow, and seven items which the School Board does not feel are necessary. Mr. Willis noted that the School Board’s budget request also includes a request for full funding of the Maintenance budget at \$1 million.

Chairman Hostetler then wrapped up their presentation by stating that a strong education enhances economic development and property values, bringing both people and businesses into the County. He stated that the best way to help the next generation is through education, and noted that many teachers are struggling to keep their heads above water financially. He briefly touched on a few items regarding funding streams in their budget, and concluded by stating he would appreciate the Board of Supervisors full support.

There followed a question and answer session between the two Boards and Dr. Schuch, which included how the State funding for raises would work and funding for maintenance projects. It was noted that in the past the County has given money to the Schools with the suggestion that the funds be used for raises; however, the funds ended up being used for other things. The Supervisors stressed that they are in support of raises for teachers, and asked that the School Board consider making this a priority for the 2016 budget year. The School Board noted that it has been a challenge to balance the budget needs against the rising costs mandated by the State, such as increasing VRS expenses. Supervisor Sharp noted that everyone has had to make difficult budgeting decisions, and not everything can be a number one priority. The discussion continued, with the School Board and School staff clarifying various points in response to Supervisors questions regarding how Title I funding is utilized; additional positions in the School’s budget; and recommendations from the Efficiency Study. Both the Supervisors and the School Board agreed top priorities were teacher compensation, building a new middle school and immediate school maintenance needs.

There being no further topics for discussion, the board recessed for dinner at 6:38 p.m.

7:00 P.M.

Board of Supervisors: Tammy Parker, Chairman – District 7; Steve Wilkerson, Vice-Chairman – District 3; Bill Thomasson, District 1; Curry Martin, District 2; John Sharp, District 4; Steve Arrington, District 5 and Annie Pollard, District 6

Staff Present: County Administrator Mark K. Reeter, County Attorney Carl Boggess, Community Development Director Gregg Zody, I.T. Director Eric Rice, Parks and Recreation Director Wyatt Woody and Executive Assistant Brigitte Lockett

REGULAR MEETING

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- (1) Chairman Parker called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.
 - (2) Chairman Parker asked the room to observe a moment of silence.
 - (3) Chairman Parker led the room in the pledge of allegiance.
 - (4) **Approval of Agenda**

Supervisor Thomasson requested that Consent Item #6b be moved to Action Items as #9c.

Supervisor Arrington made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

(5) Citizen Comments

- Jackie Davis, citizen from Thaxton, addressed the Board with a prayer.
- Lori Shultz Moore, realtor from Smith Mountain Lake, addressed the Board regarding her concerns with the current dock permitting process. Ms. Moore stated misinformation from a County staff member to a potential property buyer regarding the rules in place to acquire a permit from Appalachian Power Company (AEP Co.) resulted in a lost sale. She said she knows of many other sales that were lost due to the AEP Co permitting process, and stated that the AEP Co. permits and their Shoreline Management Program are creating hardships for current property owners as well. Ms. Moore asked the Board to amend the current zoning ordinances so that a dock permit from AEP Co. is not required.

Gregg Zody, Community Development Director, said he would speak on this issue further with Ms. Moore.

- Susan Martin, President of the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Board with the Chambers Resolution of Support for the School Board's proposed FY2015-16 budget. Ms. Martin also asked to the Board to support keeping Bedford in the Region 2000 Workforce Investment Board Region.
- Cheryl Sprouse, President of the Bedford County Education Association, addressed the Board with a request to support the School Board's proposed budget. She said she was happy to hear in the earlier work session that the Supervisors were supportive of better compensation for the teachers. Ms. Sprouse left 500 letters supporting the School Board's proposed budget from people all over the County with the Supervisors. She stated that first rate schools are as important as other infrastructure needs to attract good economic development to the County.
- Richard Mendel, citizen, addressed the Board with a request to be allowed to purchase the soon-to-be-vacated Body Camp School. He said he has already made an offer on the school and would like to repurpose it into a business center. He briefly outlined how he would proceed if he is allowed to purchase the building and asked the Board to assist him in moving this purchase forward.

Attorney Boggess stated that the process for disposing of a school facility would begin with the School Board.

- James Kelley, citizen from Vinton, addressed the Board to voice his support the School Board's proposed budget for FY2015-16. Mr. Kelley also left a petition with signatures from the PTA supporting the budget.
- Carrie Perry, citizen from Thaxton, stated she is a teacher whose family has lived in Bedford for generations. However, unless the School Board is able to give raises to the teachers, she will be forced to move to a locality that enables her to support herself and her family. She urged the Board to fully fund the School Board's proposed budget.

(6) Consent Agenda

Mr. Reeter read the Consent Agenda for the benefit of those in attendance.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- Consideration of a request for authorization to proceed with the procurement of professional engineering services for the Corporate Park Drive Extension Project. (*Resolution #R032315-01*)
- ~~Consideration of a request authorizing Bedford County to remain in the current Virginia's Region 2000 Workforce Investment Board Region. (*Resolution #R032315-02*)~~ moved to *Action Items #9c*

- c. Consideration of a request from the Registrar's Office to accept the Mobile Voter Photo ID Grant, and for authorization of a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$885.60 (no local match is required). (*Resolution #R032315-03*)
- d. Consideration of a request from the Public Works Department to relocate the Victim Witness Program office. (*Resolution #R032315-04*)

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

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

(7) Approval of Minutes

Chairman Parker noted that on Line 183, the abstentions of Mr. Sharp and Mr. Arrington need to be removed.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23rd as corrected.

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

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

(8) Public Hearings & Presentations

(8a) Chairman Parker read the following Proclamation in recognition of National Victims Rights Week:

Proclamation in Recognition of National Victims Rights Week

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of more that 26 million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone anywhere; and

WHEREAS, Many victims face challenges in finding appropriate services during these stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, Engaging victims' communities and learning from leaders about their unique needs help service providers foster a supportive and culturally relevant atmosphere in which victims seek help and healing;

WHEREAS, Incorporating communities' existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime;

WHEREAS, With the full weight of their community and victim service providers behind them,

survivors will feel empowered, understood and worthy of support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of Bedford County does hereby recognize April 19-25, 2015 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and commends the efforts of the Bedford Victim Witness Program for their dedication in building partnerships with trusted sources of support, including community leaders, faith groups, schools, and other agencies to better reach and serve all victims of crime.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board does hereby call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to reaffirm Bedford's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

(8b) Chairman Parker read the following Proclamation in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month:

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of Bedford County does hereby recognize April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and commends the efforts of the Department of Social Services and CASA of Central Virginia to educate the public and eradicate child abuse; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board does hereby call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect, and strengthening the communities in which we live.

(8c) Mr. Jeff Powers, Chairman of the Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board (AEDAB), addressed the Board with his group's annual update. Mr. Powers noted that the AEDAB is in their eighth year representing local agriculture, and briefly reviewed some of the past year's activities and accomplishments, including the receipt of grant funding in excess of \$1 million; holding an annual Ag Conference and Expo; a successful Coyote Lottery (a culling program); better integration with the County's Tourism Department; continued growth of the Bedford Grown brand; and the development of a County Fair (to be held later this year).

Supervisor Pollard said she was very impressed with the growth of agricultural businesses in Bedford and thanked Mr. Powers for his Board's work.

(8d) Mr. Todd Daniel, VDOT Residency Office, addressed the Board with an update on road issues and projects, the entirety of which is given below:

MAINTENANCE

Previous 30 Days:

- Ordinary Maintenance – Gravel Road Repair, Brush Removal, Shoulder Repair, Pavement Patching.
- Route 755 (Nemmo Road) – Slope Repair – Completed January 28, 2015. (District 1 – Thomasson / District 6 – Pollard)
- Route 24 (Stewartsville Road) – Pipe Scour Repair – Completed February 11, 2015. (District 2 – Martin)

Next 60 Days:

- Ordinary Maintenance – Gravel Road Repair, Shoulder Repair, Ditching and Patching on Various Secondary Routes. Mowing Primary Routes – Mid-May.
- Various Routes – Surface Treatment Contract – Tentative Start Date: Early July.
- Various Routes – Regional Guardrail Contract is ongoing and guardrail repairs are in progress countywide.
- Route 460 (West Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike) from Route 691, Quarterwood Road, to Route 690, Nester Road – Latex Overlay – Tentative Start Date: Early to Mid-May. (District 6 – Pollard)
- Route 621 (Cottontown Road) from Route 1240, Lake Vista Drive, to Route 644, Coffee Road - Slurry Seal Overlay – Tentative Start Date: April 20, 2015. (District 5 – Arrington)
- Route 666 (Elkton Farm Road) – Pipe Replacement - 1.650 MI South of RTE 221, Forest Road Tentative Start Date: Late May. (District 4 – Sharp)
- Route 680 (Patterson Mill Rd) – Pipe Replacement – Tentative Start Date: Early April. (District 7 – Parker)

- Route 682 (Kelso Mill Road) – Repair Drainage issue at intersection Route 43, Peaks Road – Channel repair complete, pipe maintenance work underway. (District 7 – Parker)
- Route 691 (Thaxton Mountain Road) – Replace Low Water Structure – Work began February 11, 2015. (District 6 – Pollard)
- Route 699 (Bore Auger Road) – Pipe Replacement – 1.308 MI West of RTE 619, Jordantown Road Tentative Start Date: Mid-May. (District 6 – Pollard)
- Route 727 (Crab Orchard Road) – Box Culvert Replacement – 0.45 MI North of RTE 626, Awaiting Environmental Clearance - Tentative Start Date: Early July. (District 3 – Wilkerson)

LAND DEVELOPMENT AND PERMITS

Private Entrances & Land Use Permits:

- January 2015: Land Use Permits: Issued 7 Private Entrance Permits for new entrances and 2 Permits for existing entrances on state maintained routes, and 3 Utility Activities Permits.
- January 2015: Private (non-state maintained): 7 entrance permits and 1 private road letter.
- February 2015: Land Use Permits: Issued 3 Private Entrance Permits and 3 Utility Activities Permits.
- February 2015: Private (non-state maintained): 3 Private Entrance Permits.
- March 1 - 17: Land Use Permits: Issued 5 Private Entrance Permits for new entrances 1 Temporary Construction Entrance on state maintained routes, and 1 Utility Activities Permit.
- March 1 - 17: Private (non-state maintained): 2 entrance permits and 1 existing entrance permit.

Plat/Plan Reviews:

- January 2015: 7 Plats/Site Plans reviewed.
- February 2015: 11 Plats/Site Plans received for review.
- March 1 -17: 5 Plats/Site Plans received for review.

Secondary Additions:

- Farmington Subdivision, Sections 8 & 15 – Punch list generated by VDOT and developer is addressing deficiencies. (District 4 – Sharp)
- Great Oaks Subdivision – Punch list generated by VDOT and developer is addressing deficiencies. (District 3 – Wilkerson)
- Mayberry Hills Subdivision – Punch list generated by VDOT and developer is addressing deficiencies. (District 2 – Martin)
- Sunset Cay Subdivision – Final inspection on right-of-way on March 19, 2015. (District 2 – Martin)

TRAFFIC STUDIES/SPECIAL REQUESTS

- Route 1390 (Gilfield Drive) – Stop Sign Relocation/Realignment: Revision of existing STOP sign placement to correct issues with traffic flow and sight distance to signage at intersections of Routes 1390 (Gilfield Drive), Route 1407 (Eastway Lane), and Route 1418 (Lakepointe Drive). Intersection was converted to a 3-way Stop on January 13, 2015. (District 5 – Arrington)

SPEED AND SAFETY STUDIES

- Route 122 (Moneta Road) – From Route 805, Morgans Church Road, to Route 654, Morgans Church Road. Study underway. Speed limit is currently unposted. (District 2 – Martin)
- 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. (District 4 – Sharp)
- Route 621 (Cottontown Road) – From Route 221, Forest Road, to Route 660, Hawkins Mill Road. Study under review. Speed limit is currently 35 MPH. (District 4 – Sharp)
- Route 621 (Cottontown Road) – At the intersection of Route 662 (Hooper Road). Intersection study review underway. (District 5 – Arrington)
- Route 622 (Everett Road) – From Route 1331, Kensington Parkway to Route 1560, Walkers Crossing. Study complete. Speed limit is currently 45 MPH. No change recommended. (District 3 – Wilkerson / District 4 – Sharp)
- Route 635 (Beagle Club Road) – From Route 634, Hardy Road, to Route 24, Stewartsville Road. Guardrail review underway. (District 1 – Thomasson)
- Route 634 (Hardy Road) – From Franklin County Line to Roanoke County Line. Study under review. Speed Limit is currently 45 MPH. (District 1 – Thomasson)
- Route 698 (Villamont Road) – From west Route 460, Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike, to east Route 460. Study complete. Speed limit is currently unposted. No change in speed limit recommended. (District 6 – Pollard)
- Route 714 (Falling Creek Road) – at the intersection of Route 715, Otter Hill Road. Study complete. Replaced existing signage. No other changes recommended. (District 3 – Wilkerson)
- Route 755 (Morgans Mill Road) – Speed study requested and under review. (District 1 – Thomasson)
- Route 769 (Screechum Hollow Road) – From Route 671, Centerville Road to the dead end. Study complete. Speed limit is currently unposted. No changes recommended. (District 7 – Parker)
- Route 801 (Flint Hill Road) – From Route 24, Stewartsville Road, to Route 746, Dickerson Mill Road. Study complete. Speed limit reduced to 45 MPH. (District 2 – Martin)

Mr. Daniel noted that approximately \$1.2 million has been spent in snow removal this year; he said this is not unusual, but has kept road crews busy. Supervisor Thomasson said he has received numerous compliments on the job VDOT has done with snow removal, and commended them on a job well done.

A brief discussion followed between the Supervisors and Mr. Daniel regarding how project requests can become funding priorities with the new process VDOT will have in place beginning July 1st of 2016.

(9) Action & Discussion Items

(9a) Director of Public Works Sheldon Cash addressed the Board with a request for approval to award the contracts for HVAC and electrical improvements at the Animal Shelter. Mr. Cash reviewed the procurement process that led to the request before the Board this evening, and gave a brief overview of the intended improvements and the costs. In response to a question from Supervisor Arrington, Mr. Cash stated that staff is working to see if the Town's Overhead Line Cost could be reduced. He noted that this was a figure that given to staff a few years ago, and the Town didn't increase it during this recent bid process.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to approve Resolution #R032315-05.

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Animal Shelter's existing heating, ventilating, and cooling (HVAC) system is over 20 years old and is need of significant improvements, and

WHEREAS, the Board authorized an Invitation to Bid for HVAC/electrical improvements on November 12, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the low bid of \$158,421, the Town of Bedford's Overhead Line Cost of \$7,500, and the project contingency of \$16,600, results in a total estimated project cost of \$182,521, and

WHEREAS, approximately \$254,000 in donated funds are currently available for improvements related to the Bedford County Animal Shelter, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that the Board does hereby authorize the appropriation of \$182,521 in donated funds for the animal shelter to the Animal Shelter CIP (33-9438) for HVAC/Electrical improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that the Board does hereby authorize the County Administrator, following review and approval by the County Attorney, to execute the necessary contracts for the HVAC/Electrical improvement project.

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

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

(9b) County Administrator Mark Reeter addressed the Board with a request to establish the advertised tax rates for the Board's Public Hearing for both the tax rate and the budget on April 13th.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made to a motion to advertise the tax rates at the current amounts.

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

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

Supervisor Arrington made a motion to approve Resolution #032315-06.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Code § 15.2-2506 requires that the Board shall cause to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the County, a brief synopsis of the proposed tax rates and budgets, and notices of a public hearing, at which any citizen of the County shall have the right to attend and state his/her views;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Administrator to publish a brief synopsis and to advertize a public hearing on the proposed CY 2015 tax rates and the proposed FY 2016 County budgets.

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

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

(9c) Mr. Ben Bowman, Executive Director of Region 2000 Workforce Investment Board, addressed the Board with an overview of the Workforce Act. He noted this program receives a little over \$1.2 million to operate a 'one-stop' center in conjunction with other groups and localities to assist people who have lost their jobs by offering career counseling, youth programs, etc. Mr. Bowman gave a few brief examples of assistance they have provided in the past, including the work they've done with the local Chamber of Commerce. He said they also have a rapid response team that assists in helping large groups of employees from companies that have been laid off all at one time.

There followed a brief question and answer session between the Supervisors and Mr. Bowman clarifying some of the finer points and by-laws of the program. Mr. Bowman also noted that the funding comes from the State, not the localities.

Supervisor Sharp made a motion to approve Resolution #R032315-02.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that the Board does hereby approve remaining in the current Virginia's Region 2000 Workforce Investment Board region and authorizes the Chief Local Elected Official's designee to execute a letter to Virginia's Secretary of Commerce accordingly.

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

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

(10) Board Committee Reports

Mr. Arrington noted that the School Committee Report was touched on at the last meeting. He said the most productive and beneficial thing that can be done at this point is to have another joint meeting with the School Board and M. B. Khan. A brief discussion followed, with the Board deciding to see if a joint work session could be held on April 27th at 5:00 p.m. to hear the School Committee Report.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson said he was optimistic they will find common ground with the School Board to achieve some common goals.

(11) Board Member Comments - - none

(12) Board Appointments – there were no appointments

(13) County Attorney Report

- Attorney Boggess asked Board members who plan to attend the upcoming Legislative Wrap-Up breakfast to let him know as soon as possible.

- Attorney Boggess distributed the County Code to the Supervisors on a jump drive, and noted if they needed further County documentation, it could be added to the drive.

(13a) Supervisor Pollard made a motion for the Board to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) as to the 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.

Supervisor Thomasson made a motion to go back into regular session.

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Board of Supervisors has convened a Closed Meeting, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify 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 was heard, discussed or considered by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors.

<u>MEMBERS:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
Tammy Parker, Chairman	Yes
Steve Wilkerson, Vice-Chairman	Yes
Bill Thomasson	Yes
Curry W. Martin	Yes
John Sharp, Chairman	Yes
Steve Arrington	Yes
Annie S. Pollard	Yes

(14) County Administrator Report – *nothing to report at this time*

(15) Board Information

- a. The Board received a copy of the Bedford/Franklin Regional Rail Initiative meeting minutes from February 27, 2015 (*draft*) for review.
- b. The Board received a copy of the Bedford E-911 Communications Report for February 2015 for review.
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(17) Adjourn

Supervisor Sharp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 p.m.

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

Voting no: None

Motion passed.