



MINUTES

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BEDFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

APRIL 27, 2015

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 Personnel Committee Recommendations Concerning Human Resources Positions (*Resolution #R042715-01*)
 - b. Consideration of a request from the Department of Social Services and the Domestic Violence Prevention Program to submit a grant application in the amount of \$193,750.00. (*Resolution #R042715-02*)
 - c. Consideration of a request from the Commonwealth Attorney's Office to submit applications for the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund Grants. (*Resolution #R042715-03*)
 - d. Consideration of a request from the Sheriff's Office to submit an application for the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Grant. (*Resolution #R042715-04*)
 - e. Consideration of a request from the Natural Resources Department for Acceptance and Supplemental Appropriation of the DEQ Historic BMP Data Clean-Up Grant. (*Resolution #R042715-08*)
- (7) Approval of Minutes – March 2 and 9, 2015**
- (8) Public Hearings & Presentations**
 - a. Proclamation Recognizing National Travel and Tourism Week 2015
 - b. Proclamation Recognizing Business Appreciation Month 2015

(9) Action & Discussion Items

- a. Consideration of a request to adopt the FY2015-16 Budget
(*Resolution #R042715-10*)
 - *Staff Presentation: Mark K Reeter, County Administrator*
- b. Consideration of an Amended Tax Rate Ordinance correcting Code Sections.
(*Ordinance #O 042715-07*)
 - *Presentation: Carl Boggess, County Attorney*
- c. Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board Report on new Bedford County Fair Project and Resolution Concerning Elk Hunting (*Resolution #R042715-06, to follow under separate cover*)
 - *Presentation: Jeff Powers, AEDAB Chairman*
- d. Consideration of a request to dissolve the Tri-County AEP Relicensing Committee (TCRC). (*Resolution #R042715-05*)
 - *Staff Presentation: Carl Boggess, County Attorney*
- e. Consideration of a resolution regarding the Cormier Warrant Claim
(*Resolution #R042715-09*)
 - *Presentation: Carl Boggess, County Attorney*
- f. Appointment of Interim County Administrator
 - *Presentation: Chairman Tammy Parker*

(10) Board Committee Reports

(11) Board Member Comments

(12) Board Appointments

- a. Request for nominee to serve on the Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee
- b. An appointment is needed to the Economic Development Authority for District 7 to fill an unexpired term

(13) County Attorney Report

- a. Closed Session pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 (A) (3) for consideration of the acquisition or disposition of real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of negotiating strategy of the public body; and 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

- a. April 29 Commonwealth Transportation Board Hearing in Roanoke - Salem District Primary Highways Six-Year Improvement Plan

(15) Board Information

- a. Department of Social Services Board meeting minutes from October 16th, November 20th and December 18th, 2015 and January 15th and February 12, 2015
- b. Bedford E-911 Communications Report for March 2015
- c. Library Board of Trustees meeting packet for April 7, 2015; approved meeting minutes for February 3, 2015
- d. Petition to establish a ‘Virginia Mountains’ tourism region of the Commonwealth.
- e. Welcome Center Quarterly Report for January – March 2015
- f. Planning Commission meeting minutes from February 3 and March 3, 2015
- g. Bedford Regional Water Authority Board of Directors meeting minutes from January 20, 2015
- h. Community Development’s Building Report for March 2015
- i. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes from March 19, 2015 (draft)
- j. Notice of Certificate of Achievement from Government Finance Officers Association for Susan Crawford, Director of Fiscal Management

(16) Board Calendar & Reminders

- May 11th – Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Work Session from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.)
- May 26th – Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (**Tuesday**)
- June 8th – Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Work Session from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.)

(17) Adjourn

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; and Annie Pollard, District 6

Absent: Steve Arrington, District 5

Staff Present: County Administrator Mark K. Reeter, County Attorney Carl Boggess, Community Development Director Gregg Zody, Fiscal Management Director Susan Crawford, Economic Development Director Traci Blido, I.T. Director Eric Rice, Public Works Director Sheldon Cash, Recycling Coordinator Vicki Esposito, Tourism Director Jerry Craig, Registrar Barbara Gunter, Human Resources Manager Dawn Fields, Domestic Violence Services Director Leanne Dudley, Captain Mike Miller and Executive Assistant Brigitte Luckett

REGULAR MEETING

- (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**

Mr. Reeter noted the following additions to the agenda:

- Additional Documentation for Agenda Item #9A: Under ‘Action & Discussion Items’ – Attached is the General Fund Summary, as well as supporting documentation for the Commonwealth Attorney’s New Position Request.
- Additional Documentation for Agenda Item #9c: Under ‘Action & Discussion Items’ – Attached is a Resolution opposing Elk Hunting Restrictions in Bedford County.
- Mr. Reeter noted that the agenda order for the County Attorney Report and the County Administrator Report has been reversed.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to approve the 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.

(5) **Citizen Comments**

- Jackie Davis, citizen from Thaxton, addressed the Board with a prayer.
- Mickey Johnson, citizen from Moneta, thanked the Board for the time and effort they put into governing the County. Mr. Johnson asked that the Board do its due diligence in searching for a new County Administrator. He also asked that there be better communication and cooperation between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board.

Supervisor Pollard commented that she works very well with her counterpart for District 6 on the School Board. She asked Mr. Johnson for more details regarding where he perceived discord between the two boards; he replied that funding seems to have been a major issue according to the media. Supervisor Pollard responded that there have been many things in the media that were not true; Mr. Johnson replied he was glad to hear that.

- John Briscoe, citizen from Thaxton, said he stopped receiving the newspaper due to the lack of truth in the reporting. Mr. Briscoe said in the past ten years Bedford County has spent over \$1,000,000,000 in school funding, and in spite of that schools have failed. He asked how much money would be enough, and said the newspapers do not report how much the taxpayer has spent on schools.

(6) Consent Agenda

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

Supervisor Thomasson made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- a. Consideration of Personnel Committee Recommendations Concerning Human Resources Positions (*Resolution #R042715-01*)
- b. Consideration of a request from the Department of Social Services and the Domestic Violence Prevention Program to submit a grant application in the amount of \$193,750.00. (*Resolution #R042715-02*)
- c. Consideration of a request from the Commonwealth Attorney's Office to submit applications for the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund Grants. (*Resolution #R042715-03*)
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Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Parker

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

(7) Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson noted that on page 5, line #151, the word ‘Chairman’ should be corrected to ‘Supervisor’.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2nd, 2015 as corrected.

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

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

Supervisor Pollard made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2015 as presented.

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

(8) Public Hearings & Presentations

(8a) Chairman Parker presented the following Proclamation to Tourism Director Jerry Craig:

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM WEEK 2015

WHEREAS, travel and tourism have a positive effect on Bedford County’s economic prosperity and image abroad, it also impacts business productivity and to individual travelers’ well-being; and

WHEREAS, meetings, events and incentive travel are core business functions that help companies strengthen business performance, educate employees and customers and reward business accomplishments - which in turn boost the U.S. economy. In 2014, domestic and international business travelers spent \$283 billion; and

WHEREAS, leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken in the United States, spurs countless benefits to travelers’ health and wellness, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity and relationships; and

WHEREAS, travel to and within Bedford County has made a substantial contribution to the County’s tourism-related industry, businesses, amenities and associations, which contribute so much to the development of this growing industry; and

WHEREAS, travel is a pillar of economic growth creating jobs at a faster rate than other sectors, and providing significant local revenues from which our entire citizenry benefit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that the Board does hereby recognize our existing travel and tourism related businesses, attractions and our tourism development effort, and by virtue of this resolution call upon the citizens of Bedford to recognize and participate in National Travel and Tourism Week May 2-10, 2015 by enjoying Virginia's many scenic, historic, recreational, and leisure attractions, activities and events.

(8b) Chairman Parker presented the following Proclamation to Economic Development Director Traci Blido:

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH – MAY 2015

WHEREAS, Governor Terry McAuliffe has designated the entire month of May as Business Appreciation Month in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Bedford County is pleased to have a thriving base of business and industry to support the local economy; and

WHEREAS, these businesses provide essential employment opportunities for the citizens of Bedford County; and

WHEREAS, these businesses provide local revenues from which the entire local citizenry benefit; and

WHEREAS, these businesses also make significant contributions in our communities to promote educational opportunities for our children and promote a variety of activities which increase the quality of life of the area; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and appreciate these businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Bedford County Board of Supervisors and Bedford County Economic Development Authority, hereby recognize and thank our existing businesses, and by virtue of this proclamation, honor them for their continued contribution and positive impact in our County.

(9) Action & Discussion Items

(9a) Mr. Reeter addressed the Board with a request to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget. He stated that there are no School Board budget amounts included, as that will be determined this evening prior to adoption. Mr. Reeter noted that there is also a new position request for the Commonwealth Attorney's office, which Chairman Parker said would be addressed at a Personnel Committee meeting at a later date.

Chairman Parker noted that while the State and County are giving a 2% increase for employees, the State is only giving 1.5% for teachers. She said she feels it is reasonable to add in another .5% for the teachers so everyone is receiving 2%; this will total approximately \$735,000, which is almost half of the discretionary revenue available. Chairman Parker noted that the Schools will save \$2.7 million between

school consolidations, fuel savings and declining enrollment numbers; the School Office has also projected coming in under budget, which will be additional savings.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson stated that he supported giving the \$735,000.00 to the Schools, and further suggested moving the remaining balance back into the Contingency Fund.

Supervisor Pollard concurred, and noted that the funding for fireworks is in the Parks and Recreation budget. She stated that the July 4th fireworks show would be held at the D-Day Memorial.

Supervisors Thomasson and Martin concurred with Vice-Chairman Wilkerson's proposal. Supervisor Sharp said that while he would have preferred to be able to put funds aside for the new middle school, he agrees with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman regarding the raises for employees and funding for the Schools.

Supervisor Martin asked if the Board could direct the School Board on how to spend the funding. Chairman Parker said they can only strongly suggest that the additional funds be used for raises for the teachers; School Board Chairman Hostutler concurred that this is how the School Board anticipates using the funds as well. Mr. Hostutler noted that there are still other projects that need funding, but increasing teacher salaries is a top priority. There followed a brief discussion between Mr. Hostutler and members of the Board.

Ms. Crawford summarized that the Board of Supervisors will be voting on the County's budget tonight. The School Board will take the amount approved by the Supervisors this evening and pass their own budget at their next meeting; it will come back before the Supervisors to adopt in May. In June, both budgets will be appropriated.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to approve Resolution #R042715-10 with the solidified funding for the School's transfer of \$38,776,103, and a transfer of 49,241 into the Contingency Fund.

WHEREAS, the FY 2015-2016 Budget has been duly prepared and presented to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate advertisements and public hearings, as required by the Code of Virginia, have been conducted; and

WHEREAS, numerous budget work sessions, open to the general public have been conducted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has considered the services required and desired by the citizens of Bedford County; and

WHEREAS, of the \$91,382,975 General Fund budget, \$38,776,103 will be allocated as local funding for Bedford County Schools; and

WHEREAS, the remaining unallocated amount of \$49,241 will be added to the Contingency Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the FY 2015-2016 Budget is established as follows:

General Fund	\$ 91,382,975
Law Library Fund	\$ 12,060
Vehicle Replacement Fund	\$ 512,500
General Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 3,580,602
Nursing Home Fund	\$ 5,551,604
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 2,664,250

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

(9b) Attorney Boggess addressed the Board with an amended Tax Rate Ordinance, which corrects a typographical error regarding the Code Sections on the original Ordinance. Specifically, the subsection for mobile homes should have been 10 rather than 8; for physically handicapped, the subsection should have been 14.

Supervisor Pollard made a motion to approve Ordinance #O042715-07.

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia requires all Counties to annually adopt a budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has duly advertised and held a public hearing on the subject of tax rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Board of Supervisors of the County of Bedford, Virginia, that there be, and is hereby levied, the following tax and tax rates for tax year 2015:

- (1)** \$0.52 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all taxable real estate located in this County;
- (2)** \$0.52 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on the property classified in Section 58.1-3506 A 10, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended;
- (3)** 2.35 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for classifications of tangible personal property as defined in §§58.1-3503 and 3506 of the Code of Virginia: automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, camping trailers, travel trailers, motor homes and other recreational vehicles, trailers, boats, watercraft and aircrafts.
- (4)** \$ 1.70 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for certain other classifications of tangible personal property as defined in §58.1-3506 of the Code of Virginia: heavy construction

equipment, forest harvesting and silviculture equipment, computer hardware, programmable computer equipment and peripherals.

(5) \$.00 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on the property classified in Section 58.1-3506 A 14 of the Code of Virginia: vehicles for the transportation of the physically handicapped.

(6) \$1.20 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on the property classified in Sections 58.1-3506 A5, A7, and A18, 58.1-3507 and 58.1-3508 of the Code of Virginia, commonly known as machinery and tools.

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

(9c) Mr. Jeff Powers, Chairman of the Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board, addressed the Supervisors with a report on the Bedford County Fair project. Mr. Powers stated that the biggest hurdle to hosting a fair was finding the right location, which has been remedied by Supervisor Martin offering a location in Huddleston. Mr. Powers briefly outlined the event schedule and various activities planned for the fair, and noted the numerous streams already secured for this event. Several Board members voiced their support for bringing a county fair back to Bedford. Mr. Powers thanked everyone for their assistance in getting the fair underway.

Mr. Powers then addressed the issue of restrictions imposed by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries on elk hunting in Southwest Virginia. He noted the various problems this would pose for Bedford agriculture and road safety, and asked the Board to support a resolution opposing the hunting restriction.

Supervisor Thomasson made a motion to approve Resolution #R042715-06.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has proposed to amend the regulation found in 4VAC15-90-85. Game: Deer. Elk Hunting; and

WHEREAS, under the present regulation, elk of either sex, antlered or antlerless may be taken during any open deer season, using weapons legal for deer hunting in that season, except in the Counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, and Wise; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries proposes to amend the aforesaid regulation by establishing a continuous closed season for elk hunting in Alleghany, Augusta, Bath, Bland, Botetourt, Carroll, Clarke, Craig, Floyd, Frederick, Giles, Grayson, Highland, Lee, Montgomery, Page, Pulaski, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Russell, Scott, Shenandoah, Smyth, Tazewell, Warren, Washington, Wythe.; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting the harvest of elk is a reintroduction of the species in the aforesaid counties and regions; and

WHEREAS, state law prohibits the reintroduction of species that threaten agriculture without the consultation and authorization of the local government; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and our citizens will bear the cost of the lack of hunting of elk through crop damage, property damage, and potential closed markets due to disease; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has solicited comments upon the proposed regulation for the sixty (60) day period beginning April 8, 2015 and ending May 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Board of Supervisors has been requested to adopt the following resolution concerning establishment of an elk population in Bedford County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors is opposed to the amendment of 4VAC15-90-85. Game: Deer. Elk Hunting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries prior to the expiration date for comment upon the proposed regulation and that Bedford County's opposition to the amendment of the aforesaid regulation be noted in the records of the April 27, 2015 meeting of the Bedford County Board of Supervisors.

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to grant the County Administrator the authority to execute the contract between Cole Shows Amusement Company, Inc. and the County of Bedford.

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

(9d) Attorney Carl Boggess addressed the Board with a request to dissolve the Tri-County AEP Relicensing Committee (TCRC). Attorney Boggess stated the Tri-County Lake Administrative Commission (TLAC) was unanimous in its support of this resolution. He noted that this has been a good

organization, but the majority of its goals have been accomplished; any remaining issues will be addressed by TLAC.

Supervisor Thomasson made a motion to approve Resolution #R042715-05.

WHEREAS, a cooperative agreement was entered into by the counties of Bedford, Franklin and Pittsylvania for formation of the Tri-County AEP Relicensing Committee (“TCRC”); and

WHEREAS, the cooperative agreement was subsequently amended to include the County of Campbell; and

WHEREAS, the purpose for forming TCRC was the realization that the four counties could be more effective if they negotiated a common position throughout the relicensing process of American Electric Power’s Smith Mountain Hydroelectric Plants if they worked in unison towards achieving common goals; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and mission of the TCRC was to exclusively focus on the relicensing process of the Project; and

WHEREAS, by Order dated December 15, 2009, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the “FERC”) issued a new and amended license to Appalachian for the project; and

WHEREAS, a Shoreline Management Plan was made part of Appalachian’s license by FERC Order dated July 5, 2005. When the FERC renewed Appalachian’s license in the FERC License Order, it stated that the Shoreline Management Plan filed with Appalachian’s license application on March 27, 2008 was approved and made a part of the license; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2013, Appalachian and TCRC signed a Settlement Agreement with revisions to the Shoreline Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purposes for which TCRC were formed have been met; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Counties to name the Tri-County Lake Administrative Commission as the successor in interest to TCRC for any issues that may arise and specifically to be the successor in interest as to the above referenced license issued to Appalachian Power and the above referenced Settlement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors concurs that the purpose and mission of TCRC has been accomplished and that Tri-County Lake Administrative Commission should be named the successor in interest to TCRC and that the Chairman of the Bedford County Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign the Dissolution of the Tri-County AEP Relicensing Committee Agreement dissolving TCRC.

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

(9e) Attorney Boggess addressed the Board with a resolution to deny a Warrant Claim. Attorney Boggess stated that the County has received a claim for unspecified damages related to a 'slip and fall' for medical expenses. Attorney Boggess stated there was no negligence on the part of the County, and it should be disallowed under the County's sovereign immunity.

Ms. Dawn Cormier, the claimant, addressed the Board to state her concern that even if her claim is disallowed, she would ask that the Board authorizes work to fix the area where she fell so no one else has to go through the same experience. She noted the expense and physical pain she has endured due to this incident, and asked the Board to act quickly to avoid future injuries.

In response to a question from Vice-Chairman Wilkerson, Attorney Boggess stated that the County's insurance would not cover this type of incident, and clarified that if the claim was allowed the funds would come from the General Fund.

Supervisor Sharp voiced his concern that, while he understands sovereign immunity is designed to protect taxpayers, he feels that at the very minimum the County should repair the area when the claimant fell so it is not slippery. He said he would not vote to disallow the claim unless a resolution is also passed to resolve the sidewalk issue.

Chairman Parker asked for a motion to address the sidewalk issue.

Supervisor Sharp made a motion to direct the Public Works Department to immediately address the slick surface issue on the concrete between the Depot Street steps and the steps to the second level of the garage within the next seven working days.

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

Supervisor Pollard made a motion to approve Resolution #R042715-09.

WHEREAS, the County received a notice of claim pursuant to Section 15.2-1245 and Section 15.2-1248 from Dawn Cormier for an unspecified sum; and

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of November 2014, Ms. Cormier was walking up the steps from Depot Street unto the first level of the Courthouse garage. As she was walking on the flat smooth concrete surface between the Depot street steps and the steps to the second level of the garage, Ms. Cormier slipped and fell; and

WHEREAS, under all relevant concepts of negligence, there is no liability on the part of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that the claim filed by Dawn Cormier for an unspecified sum is hereby denied.

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

(9f) Due to Mr. Reeter's resignation, Chairman Parker called for a motion to appoint an Interim County Administrator to serve until the position is filled.

Supervisor Thomasson made a motion to appoint Carl Boggess Interim County Administrator.

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

(10) **Board Committee Reports** – *there were no committee reports at this time.*

(11) **Board Member Comments**

Supervisor Pollard noted that on the Recreation Advisory Board (RAB) minutes, it is noted that the County fair will be held at Supervisor Arrington's property, but it will actually be held on land owned by Supervisor Martin. The RAB's Chairman, Andy Dooley, commented that this error was noted at the last meeting of the RAB; it will be corrected in the final set. Supervisor Sharp noted that the funds which had been borrowed from Montvale Park have been repaid in full, and said that this is not clear in this set of minutes. Supervisor Pollard said she has not been satisfied that all the funds have been repaid; Supervisor Sharp disagreed, stating that the Board already took action to repay those funds.

(12) **Board Appointments**

(12a) Supervisor Martin noted that Mr. Wagoner has dedicated a lot of time to his position on the Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee, and would like to continue to serve.

Supervisor Martin made a motion to nominate Mr. Mark Wagoner as the re-appointee to the Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee.

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

(12b) The appointment to the Economic Development Authority to fill an unexpired term for District 7 was tabled until the next regular meeting. Attorney Boggess clarified for the Board that these appointments are ‘at large’.

(13) County Administrator Report

(13a) Mr. Reeter reminded the Board of the Virginia Department of Transportation meeting on April 29th for the Salem Six-Year Highway Improvement plan. He noted that each year the County Administrator and/or members of the Board have attended this meeting and spoken regarding the highway needs of Bedford. Mr. Reeter noted the letter listing highway improvements being requested by Bedford County, which have not changed much over the past few years, was included in Board’s agenda packet for this evening. There followed a brief discussion between Mr. Reeter, Attorney Boggess and members of the Board regarding the Highway Improvement Plan.

Mr. Reeter distributed to the Board a mock-up of what the ‘In God We Trust’ sign will look like with the revised lettering. The Board reached a consensus to hold off on making a decision on the sign until they can see a better sample of the sign materials and how the sign will look. Mr. Cash, who is in charge of the sign project, said he would get back to the Board with a sample.

Mr. Reeter thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve Bedford County, and listed his accomplishments during his employment here over the past two years. Chairman Parker thanked Mr. Reeter for his service on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

(14) County Attorney Report

Attorney Boggess stated that the Board of Equalization has finished the majority of their work, noting that this year’s process went very smoothly.

(14a) Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 (A) (3) for consideration of the acquisition or disposition of real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of negotiating strategy of the public body;

and 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.

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to go back into regular session.

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington

Motion passed.

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.

MEMBERS:

VOTE:

Tammy Parker, Chairman	Yes
Steve Wilkerson, Vice Chairman	Yes
Bill Thomasson	Yes
Curry W. Martin	Yes
John Sharp	Yes
Steve Arrington	Absent
Annie S. Pollard	Yes

(15) Board Information

- a. The Board received a copy of the Department of Social Services Board meeting minutes from October 16th, November 20th and December 18th, 2015 and January 15th and February 12, 2015 for review.
- b. The Board received a copy of the Bedford E-911 Communications Report for March 2015 for review.
- c. The Board received a copy of the Library Board of Trustees meeting packet for April 7, 2015; approved meeting minutes for February 3, 2015 for review.
- d. The Board received a copy of the Petition to establish a ‘Virginia Mountains’ tourism region of the Commonwealth for review.
- e. The Board received a copy of the Welcome Center Quarterly Report for January – March 2015 for review.
- f. The Board received a copy of the Planning Commission meeting minutes from February 3 and March 3, 2015 for review.
- g. The Board received a copy of the Bedford Regional Water Authority Board of Directors meeting minutes from January 20, 2015 for review.
- h. The Board received a copy of Community Development’s Building Report for March 2015 for review.
- i. The Board received a copy of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes from March 19, 2015 (draft) for review.
- j. The Board received a copy of a Notice of Certificate of Achievement from Government Finance Officers Association for Susan Crawford, Director of Fiscal Management for review.

(16) Board Calendar & Reminders

Chairman Parker noted the Board’s upcoming meetings as follows: May 11th – Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Work Session from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.); May 26th – Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (**Tuesday**); June 8th – Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Work Session from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.)

(17) Adjourn

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

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

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Arrington
Motion passed.