



**MINUTES AGENDA**

**BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM  
BEDFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

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**5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION**

- a. FY 2015-16 Draft Budget Review of C.I.P., Solid Waste and Nursing Home
- b. Presentation by Bedford County Education Association Concerning Teacher Compensation (*Chad Honeycutt, Presenter - Bedford County Education Association*)

**6:20 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 from the Sheriff's Office to submit a DMV Selective Enforcement – Speed Grant application for \$24,811.00. A local match of 50% (\$12,406.00) is required and will be met with funds from the Sheriff's 2015-16 budget. (*Resolution #R020915-01*)
  - b. Consideration of a request from the Sheriff's Office to submit a DMV Selective Enforcement – Alcohol Grant application for \$26,868.00. A local match of 50% (\$13,434.00) is required and will be met with funds from the Sheriff's 2015-16 budget. (*Resolution #R020915-02*)
  - c. Consideration of a request from the Department of Community Development, Division of Natural Resources, to submit an application for the Department of Environmental Quality's Historic Best Management Practices Data Clean-Up

Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 (no local match is required). (*Resolution #R022315-03*)

- (7) **Approval of Minutes** – January 26<sup>th</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (*to follow under separate cover*)
- (8) **Public Hearings & Presentations**
  - a. Annual Report of Bedford County Recreation Advisory Board
    - *Presentation by Andy Dooley, Chairman*
- (9) **Action & Discussion Items**
- (10) **Board Committee Reports**
  - a. Public Safety Committee Meeting of February 18 (*to follow under separate cover*)
- (11) **Board Member Comments**
- (12) **Board Appointments**
- (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; motion passed by acclamation.
- (14) **County Administrator Report**
- (15) **Board Information**
  - a. Bedford Public Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes from January 6, 2015
  - b. Bedford County Transportation Safety Commission meeting minutes from January 15, 2015
  - c. Planning Commission's Annual Report for 2014
  - d. Community Development's Building Report for January 2015
  - e. VACo Notice of Appointment of the County Administrator to the 2015 Conference Planning Committee
  - f. Notice of Proposed Lease Renewal for the Department of Corrections Probation and Parole Office at 1071-C Turnpike Road
- (16) **Board Calendar & Reminders**
  - March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Budget Work Session at 5:00 p.m.
  - March 9<sup>th</sup> – Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Work Session 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.)
  - March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Work Session 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.)

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

**(17) Adjourn**

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**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

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**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

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Chairman Parker called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance, and then turned the meeting over to Mark Reeter and Susan Crawford for a FY2015-16 draft budget review of the C.I.P. and Solid Waste fund.

They began the review with the C.I.P. (Capital Improvement Projects) revenues, noting that the only new source of revenue is coming from a PSAP Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00. Mr. Reeter said these funds will be used to refit the E-911 Center, and commented that all others revenue sources are level funded from last year.

C.I.P. expenditures include a reduced funding proposal for the next reassessment in four years (due to left over funds from this year's reassessment being carried over); an additional \$240,000.00 for new election equipment; \$200,000.00 (to be added to the \$400,000.00 already set aside) to replace the 20-year-old financial software in Fiscal Management; \$500,000.00 for Emergency Apparatus; \$73,320.00 for EMS Fee-For-Service System Maintenance; and \$250,000.00 (which includes the PSAP grant funds mentioned earlier in the revenue review) to refit the E-911 Center.

Ms. Crawford also reviewed the County Buildings Fund (which combines building issues - and funds for those issues - throughout the County under one line item). She noted that this fund has already been hit hard due to the Courthouse clock tower (at \$700,000.00), leaving \$290,000.00 in County Buildings.

There followed a brief discussion between staff and members of the Board clarifying a few points made during the budget presentation.

Mr. Reeter then briefly reviewed the Solid Waste fund, with Mr. Cash noting that the \$104,000.00 request was to complete the Stewartsville project. Approximately \$8 million will be needed for closure of the old landfill cell, which is expected to reach capacity in late 2019, and the opening of the new one. Additional Solid Waste requests include \$35,000.00 for equipment reserve, and \$30,000.00 for the transfer building repairs.

There being no further discussion on the budget, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Chad Honeycutt, representative for the Bedford County Teachers Association, for a presentation concerning teacher compensation.

Mr. Honeycutt began his presentation by noting the importance of education to both individuals and the community, and stated that the school system in Bedford County is drastically underfunded. He proceeded through a series of slides illustrating that Bedford's teacher compensation, especially beginning pay for new teachers, is lower than most surrounding localities, and said that Bedford ranks last in per-pupil spending.

Throughout the presentation Board members questioned whether Mr. Honeycutt was comparing apples-to-apples with the figures being shown in the presentation. Supervisors also noted that in the past they had given funding to the School Division with the suggestion it be used for teacher compensation, but the School Board has invariably used the funds for something else. Supervisor Sharp noted he was in favor of compensating teachers, but didn't feel administrative staff should be included. Chairman Parker pointed out that since the School Board is closing two schools and have said they will save an estimated \$1.6 - \$2 million in savings, perhaps those funds could be used for increasing teacher compensation.

There being no further topics for discussion or presentations, the board recessed for dinner at 6:46 p.m.

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**7:00 P.M.**

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**Staff Present:** County Administrator Mark K. Reeter, County Attorney Carl Boggess, Community Development Director Gregg Zody, County Engineer Kevin Leamy and Executive Assistant Brigitte Lockett

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**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**

- Correction to Work Session Item #b: the presenters name is Chad ‘Honeycutt’, not ‘Honeywell’
- Additional Documentation for Agenda Item #7: Minutes for January 26 and February 9, 2015
- Deletion of Agenda Item #10a: The Public Safety Committee Report will be presented at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting instead.
- Added Agenda Item #13a: There will be a closed session under ‘County Attorney Report’.  
(added 2.23.15)
- Deletion of Agenda Item #14a: This item is not ready for presentation to the Board.

**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.**

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(5) **Citizen Comments**

- Jackie Davis, citizen from Thaxton, addressed the Board with a prayer.

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(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 a request from the Sheriff’s Office to submit a DMV Selective Enforcement – Speed Grant application for \$24,811.00. A local match of 50% (\$12,406.00) is required and will be met with funds from the Sheriff’s 2015-16 budget. (*Resolution #R020915-01*)
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**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Arrington,  
Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Parker**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**(7) Approval of Minutes**

In the minutes for January 26, Chairman Parker noted that on page 5, line 143, 'Middle' should be corrected to 'Elementary'; on line 158 of the same page, '2013' should be '2014'.

**Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2015 as corrected.**

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

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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In the minutes for February 9, Vice-Chairman Wilkerson noted that on page 2, line 67, 'do' should be changed to 'due'; on page 4, line 125, the extra 'if' should be removed from the sentence.

**Supervisor Pollard made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 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.**

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**(8) Public Hearings & Presentations**

**(8a)** Andy Dooley, Chairman of the Bedford County Recreation Advisory Board (RAB), addressed the Board with the RAB's annual report. Mr. Dooley stated they have met four times in 2014, during which time the bylaws were adopted and the officers for the RAB were elected; organizational structure was reviewed; the budget was reviewed; and the RAB relationship with the youth associations was evaluated. Mr. Dooley said they have taken a tour of some of the Parks and Recreation facilities, and planned to see a few more once the weather breaks. He said the tours were very enlightening to some of the RAB members who did not realize how many volunteers assisted with Parks and Recreation. Mr. Dooley said that he feels once relationships and partnerships are rebuilt with senior groups and recreation associations, the Board will see a much better operating Parks and Recreation Department.

Supervisor Thomasson stated that the senior citizen groups have a much better outlook now that Parks and Recreation is working with them.

Mr. Dooley invited the Supervisors to attend future facility tours with the RAB.

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**(9) Action & Discussion Items** – *there were no action items*

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

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**(11) Board Member Comments**

In response to a question from Supervisor Martin, Attorney Boggess stated that he had spoken to Treasurer Becky Jones about splitting the personal property tax into two yearly bills; she has advised against doing this. The law does allow localities to collect twice a year, but few localities do it that way.

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**(12) Board Appointments** – *an appointment was made later in the meeting under ‘Board Information’ (see Item #15)*

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**(13) County Attorney Report**

Attorney Boggess informed the Board that Nancy Johnson is no longer able to serve on the Board of Equalization and said he would need a new recommendation from the Board as soon as possible unless the Board wanted to only have four people serving.

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**Supervisor Sharp 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; motion passed by acclamation.

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

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**Supervisor Sharp made a motion to go back into regular session;** motion passed by acclamation.

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

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**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	Yes
Steve Arrington	Yes
Annie S. Pollard	Yes

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

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**(15) Board Information**

- a. The Board was given the Bedford Public Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes from January 6, 2015 for review.
- b. The Board was given the Bedford County Transportation Safety Commission meeting minutes from January 15, 2015 for review.
- c. The Board was given the Bedford Planning Commission's Annual Report for 2014 for review.
- d. The Board was given the Bedford Community Development's Building Report for January 2015 for review.



- e. The Board was given the Bedford VACo Notice of Appointment of the County Administrator to the 2015 Conference Planning Committee for review.
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**Supervisor Pollard made a motion to recommend Virginia Lynch to the Circuit Court as an appointment for the Board of Equalization.**

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

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**(16) Board Calendar & Reminders**

Chairman Parker noted the Board's upcoming meetings as follows: March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Budget Work Session at 5:00 p.m.; March 9<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Work Session 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.); March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Work Session 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.); April 9<sup>th</sup> – VDOT Public Hearing at \*7:00 p.m. (Work Session 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.) (*\*corrected from original schedule, which read 7:30*)

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**(17) Adjourn**

**Supervisor Thomasson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.**

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

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**