



MINUTES
BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BEDFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MAY 8, 2017

5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION

- a. Joint Meeting with VDOT Prioritization of Additions to the Secondary Six Year Plan

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 approval of miscellaneous School Division Supplemental Appropriations.
(Resolution #R050817-01a through #R050817-01k)
- (7) **Approval of Minutes** – March 20 and 27, 2017
- (8) **Public Hearings & Presentations**
 - a. **Public Appearance** – Proclamation recognizing May 14 to May 20, 2017 as National Police Week
- (9) **Action & Discussion Items**
 - a. Consideration of a request authorizing modifications to the Bedford County Pay and Classification Plan for one additional Deputy Sheriff Deputy
(Resolution #R050817-02)
 - *Staff Presentation by Deputy County Administrator Reid Wodicka*

- b. Consideration of a request authorizing purchases for additional Sheriff's Office Equipment (*Resolution #R050817-03*)
 - *Staff Presentation by Deputy County Administrator Reid Wodicka*
- c. Consideration of a request for approval of a resolution in support of the "Supporting Home Owners Rights Enforcement Act (SHORE). (*Resolution #R050817-04*)
 - *Staff Presentation by County Administrator Carl Boggess*

Continuation of Work Session: Joint meeting with the Bedford County Agriculture Economic Development Advisory Board

(10) Board Committee Reports - none

(11) Board Member Comments

(12) Board Appointments

- a. An appointment of an elected representative to serve on the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board is needed.

(13) County Attorney Report

(14) County Administrator Report

(15) Board Information

- a. Planning Commission meeting minutes from February 21 and March 21, 2017
- b. Department of Social Services Board meeting minutes from March 9, 2017

(16) Board Calendar and Reminders

- May 22 – Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm (Work Session from 5:00 to 6:30 pm)
- June 12 – Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm (Work Session from 5:00 to 6:30 pm)
- June 26 – Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

Adjourn

5:00 P.M. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Board of Supervisors: Curry Martin, Chairman, District 2; Bill Thomasson, Vice-Chairman, District 1; Steve Wilkerson, District 3; John Sharp, District 4; Tommy Scott, District 5; Andy Dooley, District 6; and Kevin Willis, District 7

Staff: County Administrator Carl Boggess, Assistant County Administrator Reid Wodicka, County Attorney Patrick Skelley, and Executive Assistant Brigitte Luckett

Chairman Martin called the work session to order, and then turned the meeting over to County Administrator Carl Boggess. Mr. Boggess explained there be two work sessions this evening: one at 5:00 pm with VDOT, and another with the Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board after the Board hears the Action Items during the regular meeting. He then turned the work session over to VDOT Residency Administrator Todd Daniel for prioritization of additions to the Secondary Six-Year Plan for FY2018-2023.

Mr. Daniel thanked Supervisor Wilkerson for his assistance on Saturday with helping VDOT cut up and remove a tree that had fallen in the road, and then moved on to his presentation.

Mr. Daniel stated that the Board can add a few small projects because everything currently in the plan is funded, leaving approximately \$900,000 that can be distributed for additional projects. He then reviewed the projects that VDOT proposed adding and noted that the draft SSYP is (in total) \$5.3 million. Mr. Daniel clarified that inserting additional projects into the plan as projects #4, #5 and #6 would not delay the advertizing or construction of any other project already in the plan.

Following an explanation of the projects eligible to be added to the SSYP and questions from the Board, a consensus was reached to insert Route #876 (Lindsey Road), Route 680 (Wheatland Road) and Route 635 (Spradlin Road) in the 4th, 5th and 6th positions on the plan list as surface treatment projects. Route 643 (Bellevue Road), Route 660 Old Farm Road and Route 723 (McDaniel Road) were also added to the end of the plan list. Mr. Daniel said he would bring the plan back before the Board in June for adoption.

There being no further discussion, the Board recessed for dinner at 6:08 pm.

7:00 P.M.

Board of Supervisors: Curry Martin, Chairman, District 2; Bill Thomasson, Vice-Chairman, District 1; Steve Wilkerson, District 3; John Sharp, District 4; Tommy Scott, District 5; Andy Dooley, District 6; and Kevin Willis, District 7

Staff: County Administrator Carl Boggess, Assistant County Administrator Reid Wodicka, County Attorney Patrick Skelley, Fiscal Management Director Susan Crawford, and Executive Assistant Brigitte Lockett

REGULAR MEETING

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

(4) Approval of Agenda

County Administrator Carl Boggess noted that a Proclamation recognizing Mr. Ken Palmer's service on the Ag Board had been added to the agenda as item #8b.

Chairman Martin polled the Board for approval of the agenda.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

(5) Citizen Comments

- Lisa Rubilar, 102 Hitching Post Lane, Forest, VA addressed the Board to voice her opposition to the proposed rezoning for the development at Gladden Circle. She noted that this rezoning would possibly destroy the agricultural use already established in this district. *(This issue is scheduled to be heard at a public hearing at a future Board meeting.)*

(6) Consent Agenda

Mr. Boggess read aloud the following items on the consent agenda for the benefit of those in attendance:

- a. Consideration of a request for approval of miscellaneous School Division Supplemental Appropriations. *(Resolution #R050817-01a through #R050817-01k)*

Supervisor Dooley made a motion to approve Resolutions #R050817-01a through #R050817-01k.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

(7) Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Dooley noted that in the March 27, 2017 minutes, line #66 should be corrected to "Deputy" instead of "Assistant".

Supervisor Dooley made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017 as presented and March 27, 2017 as corrected.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

(8) Public Hearings & Presentations

(8a) On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Curry Martin presented the following Proclamation to the Sheriff's Office in recognition of National Police Week:

Presented this 8th day of May, 2017 to Bedford County Sheriff Mike Brown to recognize National Police Week 2016, and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting their communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Bedford County Sheriff's Office play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Bedford County; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has grown to be modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bedford County Board of Supervisors calls upon all citizens of Bedford County and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of May 14th through May 20th, 2017, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FURTHER calls upon all citizens of Bedford County to observe May 15th, 2017, as Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

(8b) On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Martin presented the following Proclamation to Mr. Kenneth Palmer in recognition of his service on the Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board:

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenneth Palmer was appointed to the Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors on February 12, 2007, and was reappointed on January 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ken is one of the original members of the “County Fair Committee”, which was successful in bringing an annual fair back to Bedford; and

WHEREAS, Ken has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Middle School Agriculture Program and the proposed Agriculture Complex, as well as a spokesman for the equine community and the Chairman on the Education and Events Committee; and

WHEREAS, he has been a devoted and instrumental member of the Ag Board and its mission to develop and implement a continuing plan to sustain and enhance our rural economy, including support for farms, dairies, cattle operations and other industries; and

WHEREAS, Ken has announced his resignation from the Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors hereby express their sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Kenneth Palmer for his dedication to public service and agriculture in Bedford County.

(9) Action & Discussion Items

(9a) Deputy County Administrator Reid Wodicka addressed the Board for authorization of modifications to the Bedford County Pay and Classification Plan for one additional Deputy Sheriff. Dr. Wodicka stated that this position would be used specifically to address gang-related activity in the community. He said that \$48,400 was placed in the Contingency Fund by the Board during the last budget meeting for this purpose, and this action will leave \$491,327 in the FY2018 Contingency Fund.

In response to a question from Vice-Chairman Thomasson, Dr. Wodicka stated that the additional office equipment will be addressed in the next action item on this agenda.

Supervisor Wilkerson made a motion to approve Resolution #R050817-02.

WHEREAS, the gang violence is becoming a more prevalent issue nation-wide, and

WHEREAS, there has been recent gang-related violence in Bedford County; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Sheriff has requested one additional Deputy Sheriff be added to the Pay and Classification Plan for the purpose of fighting gangs in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that the Board does hereby approve the following:

1. Authorize the addition of one Deputy Sheriff position at Pay Grade 118 beginning July 1, 2017;

2. Increase the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Sheriff's Office budget by \$48,400 and decrease the Contingency Fund by the same amount.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board directs that this Deputy Sheriff position is funded for the purpose gang-related investigations and interdiction. Should it no longer be necessary for this position to perform those functions, the Board must specifically authorize continued funding of this position.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

(9b) Deputy County Administrator Reid Wodicka addressed the Board with a request authorizing purchases for additional Sheriff's Office equipment that will be used to address gang-related activity in the County. He stated that in addition to the \$25,200 being requested from forfeited asset funds, there are some additional costs that be addressed with funds that had already been set aside for this purpose.

Vice-Chairman Thomasson made a motion to approve Resolution #R050817-03.

WHEREAS, the gang violence is becoming a more prevalent issue nation-wide, and

WHEREAS, there has been recent gang-related violence in Bedford County; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Sheriff has requested a variety of equipment for investigations of gang related activities; and

WHEREAS, the is currently \$34,056 in Federal and State Forfeited Asset Funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that the Board does hereby approve the following:

Authorize an expenditure of \$25,200 for the purpose of purchasing gang-related equipment.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

(9c) County Administrator Carl Boggess addressed the Board with a request for approval of a resolution in support of "Supporting Home Owners Rights Enforcement Act" (SHORE). Mr. Boggess noted that the Board took action several years ago to support this legislation, but it failed to pass at the state level. It has been brought back up by several of our legislators, which is why it is back before the Board for support this evening. Mr. Boggess also commented that staff is in strong support of this legislation, and noted that the County's ordinance amendments regarding dock permits will come before the Board at the second meeting in June.

Vice-Chairman Thomasson made a motion to approve Resolution #R050817-04.

WHEREAS, the SHORE Act (H.R.1538) was introduced to address issues of local landowners and small business owners at nonfederal hydropower projects licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), such as those at Smith Mountain Lake and Claytor Lake in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the bill is an attempt to address concerns about how the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and project licensees govern decisions about docks, shoreline development, and other issues surrounding the hydropower project lakes and reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, often landowners disagree with project licensees over the restrictions and contend their rights and concerns are not given enough weight in the process. Those restrictions can at times exceed the terms agreed to when the reservoir was created and may end up requiring owners to sign away their property rights if they want to build even just a dock. Often these decisions and claims of responsibilities get handed back and forth between property owners, the project licensee, and FERC without any clear options for resolution or consideration of property owner interests and rights; and

WHEREAS, the SHORE Act would require private property rights and land use be considered by FERC when is making regulatory decisions related to nonfederal hydropower project licenses. It also would require license holders to consider the benefit to landowners and tourism when developing recreational amenities. The SHORE Act would further help protect the private property ownership rights of small businesses and families so that overreaching federal regulations will not impede their ability to enjoy their private property, expand their businesses, and create jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that the Board does hereby authorize the County Administrator to forward this resolution to the Honorable H. Morgan Griffith, bill sponsor and to the Honorable Thomas Garrett and Robert Goodlatte, bill co-sponsors.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

Voting no: None

Motion passed.

Continuation of Work Session:

Chairman Martin turned the meeting over to Jeff Powers, Chairman of the Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board (Ag Board).

Mr. Powers asked Extension Agent Scott Baker to give the Board an overview of the grant funding they have received. Mr. Baker said they have received the Tobacco Commission Grant again, which benefits local farmers by providing funds towards project costs for building new facilities, as well

as updating computer systems, etc. Mr. Powers noted that this also benefits other local businesses in the region, as supplies for these projects are frequently purchased locally.

Joy Powers, Chairman of the Bedford County Fair, then addressed the Board with a brief review of the County Fair's success thus far. She noted the new programs and attractions that have been added to the fair, and said that the fair has been extended to four days. Ms. Powers briefly explained the positive impact the Fair has had on the local economy and local businesses, as well as their recent partnerships with the Farm Bureau, Liberty University, etc. She said it will continue to be a "free gate" fair, and a fireworks show will be added as well. She said this year the fair will held September 28 through October 1.

Mr. Powers commended the amount of work that the volunteers and staff have contributed to the fair. He also touched on the farmers markets; the coyote lottery; the Ag and FFA classes that are coming back to the school system; and the development of a strategic plan for the Ag Board for the next few years.

Mr. Baker briefly spoke to the marketing efforts being made for local beef cattle sales. Mr. Baker and Mr. Powers noted that beef cattle production is the largest farm commodity in our county.

Mr. Powers continued his review of the numerous projects of the Ag Board, which included Bedford One Ag Tours; the farm transition workshops; the expansion of the Bedford Grown Brand; ongoing review of ordinance related to livestock; ag tourism; support of broadband service; bio-solids use; support of the equine industry; and the success of the livestock shows in cooperation with Virginia Cooperative Extension and 4-H.

Mr. Powers thanked Carl Boggess, Scott Baker, Reid Wodicka, Traci Blido, Jessica Hupp and the Board for their support of the Ag Board. Exiting Ag Board member Ken Palmer thanked the Board of Supervisors for this support of the Ag Board and the opportunity to serve his community.

Mr. Dooley thanked the Ag Board for their service, and asked if they could look into setting up a farmers market in the Montvale area of the County. Mr. Powers replied that they would look into it.

Mr. Thomasson thanked the Ag Board for their efforts.

Mr. Powers thanked Chairman Martin for making land available for the County Fair.

Chairman Martin thanked the Ag Board for bringing the fair.

Mr. Powers introduced Lindsay Tomlinson (Ag Board member), who thanked the Board for all they do to support the Ag Board.

(10) Board Committee Reports - none

(11) Board Member Comments

In response to a question Supervisor Wilkerson, Mr. Boggess said he has not heard back from the Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA) regarding water fluoridation. He said he had spoken to our Supervisors individually, who had indicated they did not want to add fluoride back to the water supply. The BRWA is going to take another look at this issue.

Supervisor Wilkerson said he had spoken to IT Director Robert Floyd regarding processing credit card payments without accessing a fee. Mr. Floyd said the system we plan to adopt will be able to do this, but it's about 12 months away from implementation. A brief discussion between the Supervisors followed.

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomasson, Mr. Boggess said Mr. Floyd will look into live streaming once he is closer to completing the server updates. We should be working on live streaming in a few months.

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomasson, Mr. Boggess said we are negotiating with broadband consulting firms. He said the Board has made it clear to staff that this is an essential service.

In response to a question from Chairman Martin, Mr. Boggess said he would email the Board in the morning with how many people are using the new broadband service in Montvale and the costs associated with that service.

(12) Board Appointments

(12a) Chairman Martin made a motion to appoint Vice-Chairman Bill Thomasson as the Supervisor Representative to the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board.

Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott, Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis

Voting no: None

Motion Passed.

(13) County Attorney Report – *nothing to report*

(14) County Administrator Report

County Administrator Carl Boggess thanked Tourism Director Nicole Johnson and Leslie Bowyer for their work on the public/private partnership that created the “LOVE” letters sign at the Welcome Center. Mr. Boggess also reminded the Board the upcoming opening ceremony of the Smith Mountain Lake Water Treatment Plant on Thursday. Lastly, Mr. Boggess noted that there is a typo under “Board Calendar” on the agenda, as there is a work session on the first meeting in June, but not on the second meeting in June.

Supervisor Dooley asked for clarification on proffers and how they are utilized. Mr. Boggess suggested discussing this at a future joint work session with the Planning Commission. Vice-Chairman Thomasson asked for a copy of the state statute on proffers; Mr. Boggess said he would have the County Attorney put this information together for the Board.

(15) Board Information

(15a) The Board was given a copy of the Planning Commission meeting minutes from February 21 and March 21, 2017 for review.

(15b) The Board was given a copy of the Department of Social Services Board meeting minutes from March 9, 2017 for review.

(16) Board Calendar & Reminders

Mr. Boggess noted the following upcoming meetings on the Board's calendar: May 22 – Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm (Work Session from 5:00 to 6:30 pm); June 12 – Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm (Work Session from 5:00 to 6:30 pm); June 26 – Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

(17) Adjourn

Supervisor Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

Voting no: None

Motion passed.