

March 28, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Rockingham County Administration Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia. The following members were present:

PABLO CUEVAS, Election District #1
RICKY L. CHANDLER, Election District #3
WILLIAM B. KYGER, JR., Election District #4
MICHAEL A. BREEDEN, Election District #5

FREDERICK E. EBERLY, Election District #2 was absent

Also present:

BRYAN F. HUTCHESON, Sheriff

STEPHEN G. KING, County Administrator
THOMAS H. MILLER, JR., County Attorney
GEORGE K. ANAS, II, Assistant County Administrator
CASEY B. ARMSTRONG, Director of Community Development
PHILIP S. RHODES, Director of Public Works
RHONDA H. COOPER, Deputy Director of Community Development
TAMELA S. GRAY, Deputy Clerk
DONALD F. KOMARA, Residency Administrator
Virginia Department of Transportation
C. BURGESS LINDSEY, Assistant Residency Administrator
Virginia Department of Transportation

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**CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Vice-Chairman Cuevas called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Vice-Chairman Cuevas gave the Invocation.

Supervisor Kyger introduced Christian Rhodes and Nicholas Rhodes from Boy Scout Troop 48, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

Administrator King informed the Board that a letter of resignation was received from Chairman Frederick E. Eberly on March 27, 2018. This creates a vacancy in the Board of Supervisors Chair position, requiring the appointment of a Chairman.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

On motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Kyger, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; the Board elected Pablo Cuevas as Chairman for the remainder of 2018.

Administrator King turned the meeting over to Chairman Cuevas.

Chairman Cuevas indicated Supervisor Eberly's resignation was driven by health issues.

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ELECTION DISTRICT 2 VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

County Attorney Miller presented the following information regarding the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors:

The Board having received the letter of resignation of our colleague and friend, Mr. Fred Eberly, a resignation necessitated by circumstances beyond Fred's control, with gratitude and appreciation for Fred's service to this County, and with sorrow at having to do so,

I move that this Board:

ACCEPT Supervisor Eberly's resignation, effective as of March 27, 2018,

DECLARE the office of supervisor for Election District 2 vacant as of the same date,

INSTRUCT the County Attorney to file those documents necessary with the Circuit Court of Rockingham County to effect the calling of a special election to fill such vacancy coincident with the next general election,

INSTRUCT the County Administrator to issue appropriate public notice of such vacancy and inform the qualified voters of Election District 2 that all those willing to fill the office as the interim Supervisor of Election District 2, to serve until such time as the successful candidate from the special election qualifies to take up the duties of office, must submit applications no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, to the County Administrator for his submission to this Board,

RECEIVE all such applications in closed meeting during its regular meeting on April 11, 2018, for consideration of candidates, and that this Board

TAKE SUCH ACTION as and when it sees fit to attempt to fill the vacancy on an interim basis.

I further move that candidates for the interim office of Supervisor of Election District 2 shall be reminded that the candidate selected by this Board will be required to file the usual financial disclosures mandated by State Law prior to being qualified to take the office.

Mr. Miller suggested that a Board member make such a motion.

On motion by Supervisor Kyger, seconded by Supervisor Chandler, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; the Board accepted Supervisor Eberly's resignation, effective as of March 27, 2018; declared the office of supervisor for Election District 2 vacant as of March 27, 2018; instructed the County Attorney to file the necessary documents with the Circuit Court of Rockingham County; and instructed the County Administrator to issue a public notice informing interested, qualified voters in Election District 2 that applications for interim Supervisor of District 2 to serve until the November 6, 2018 general election, will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on April 11, 2018, for

consideration by the Board in a closed meeting held during the regular Board meeting on April 11, 2018.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On motion by Supervisor Chandler, seconded by Supervisor Breeden, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2018.

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PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY.

Chairman Cuevas offered a special welcome to veterans who served their country, and he expressed appreciation for the sacrifices they made during the Vietnam War. Chairman Cuevas stated the Board appreciates the sacrifices made by the veterans and their families, and noted veterans were not always properly recognized and thanked for serving on behalf of the United States.

County Administrator King read the following proclamation recognizing March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day in Rockingham County:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on January 12, 1962, the United States and other members of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) joined with the South Vietnamese forces to contest communist forces in North Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos; and

WHEREAS, the United States had the largest foreign military presence and directed the war from 1965 to 1973; and

WHEREAS, March 29, 1973, marked the end of the United States Armed Forces involvement in the Vietnam conflict, with combat and combat support units withdrawing from South Vietnam and the last prisoners of war returning to the United States after more than a decade of combat; and

WHEREAS, more than three million U.S. troops served in Vietnam and more than 58,000 Americans lost their lives in service to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, those who were disabled, and those who are still missing in Southeast Asia, deserve the profound gratitude of their countrymen; and

WHEREAS, many Americans returned home burdened by the invisible wounds of post-traumatic stress and memories that never fade; and

WHEREAS, National Vietnam War Veterans Day honors the American men and women who sacrificed during the longest conflict in United States history, pays tribute to those laid to rest and missing, and reaffirms dedication to showing a generation of veterans the respect and support of a grateful Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of its citizens, that each year March 29, be recognized as **National Vietnam War Veterans Day** in Rockingham County, and the Board encourages County citizens to commemorate the sacrifices that veterans and their families made during the Vietnam War.

On motion by Supervisor Kyger, seconded by Supervisor Breeden, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; the Board adopted the proclamation recognizing March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day in Rockingham County.

Chairman Cuevas and Supervisors Chandler, Kyger and Breeden presented the framed proclamation to Tom Snook, Secretary of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1061.

Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1061 Senior Vice President Danny Sanders was recognized.

Chairman Cuevas plans to invite local VFW groups to a future meeting so the Board can recognize service members from the Korean War, Second World War, and other conflicts.

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PROCLAMATION – ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH.

County Administrator King read the following proclamation recognizing the Meals on Wheels program in Rockingham County during the 16th Annual March for Meals Month:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home-delivered, and to raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 observance of March for Meals celebrates 16 years of providing an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs – both congregate and home-delivered, in Rockingham County have served our community admirably for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program in Rockingham County are the backbone of the program, providing nutritious meals to seniors who are at risk of hunger and isolation, and by showing concern for their welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Meals on Wheels program in Rockingham County provides nutritious meals to seniors throughout the County that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and premature institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, the Meals on Wheels program in Rockingham County provides a powerful socialization opportunity for hundreds of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation; and

WHEREAS, the Meals on Wheels program in Rockingham County deserves recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to local communities, our State and our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of its citizens, that March is the 16th Annual March for Meals

Month in Rockingham County, and the Board encourages County citizens to support the Meals on Wheels program, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them.

On motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Kyger, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; the Board adopted the proclamation recognizing the 16th Annual March for Meals Month in the County.

Supervisor Cuevas presented the framed proclamation to Beth Bland, Director of Senior Services, Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Director of Development at Valley Program for Aging Services.

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

The Board heard Mr. Komara's report on the activities of the Transportation Department, including updates to bridge, road and rural rustic projects.

Mr. Komara noted pipe linings will be installed during May on Beldor Road (Route 528) and on the top of the Blue Ridge mountain. The pipes are being coated because the bottoms rusted out.

Mr. Komara reported that work began to replace the one-lane bridge on Lindale Road (Route 780) in Linville. The current structure will be replaced with another one-lane bridge.

Recent maintenance work includes snow removal, sweeping gravel and grit from bridges, brush cutting, stabilizing roads and hauling stone.

Mr. Komara informed the Board that the Spring Transportation Conference will be held May 3, 2018, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Staunton.

Mr. Komara noted that a public hearing regarding VDOT's Secondary Six-Year Improvement Program will need to be scheduled during a Board meeting in April or May.

Mr. Komara reported that \$500,000 in special funding was approved to hard surface treat Power Dam Road (Route 651) since it has a vehicle count of over 500 vehicles a day.

Supervisor Kyger reminded Mr. Komara about posting speed limit signs on Tilghman Road (Route 902). He asked Mr. Komara to check with the Forest Service about erecting signs on their property, and questioned whether the bridge on Tilghman Road is maintained by VDOT or the National Forest Service. Since it is maintained by the Forest Service, Supervisor Kyger asked that volunteers clear gravel that is blocking the drains on the bridge so water can flow back into the stream.

Supervisor Kyger said a citizen asked if the approaches on either side of the one-lane bridge on North River Road (Route 867) can be widened when the bridge is widened. The gentleman indicated he and a neighbor would be willing to provide rights of way to widen the approaches. Mr. Komara agreed that the approaches need to be widened along with some spot improvements. He indicated North River Road will be used as a detour route when improvements are made on the Friedens Church Road (Route 682) bridge.

Supervisor Kyger asked about the timing of the stoplight at the intersection of Cecil Wampler Road (Route 704) and South Valley Pike (Route 11). Since tractor trailers take a longer time to make the turn, if the first vehicle at the traffic signal is a tractor trailer, the signal changes before other vehicles navigate through the light. If there are three or four tractor trailers, motorists have to wait through three or four cycles of the signal light. Mr. Komara said he will look at extending the time the signal is green when turning from Cecil Wampler Road.

Supervisor Breeden asked Mr. Komara about the status of his request to reduce the speed limit from 55- to 45-miles per hour on Spotswood Trail (Route 33) near the Elkton Food Lion. Mr. Komara responded that he talked with Elkton Town Mayor Printz about conducting a speed study since there is so much activity in that corridor with East Rockingham High School students exiting from the commercial businesses. Mr. Komara noted that after vehicles pass the shopping center, traffic opens up. He said the Town of Elkton supports reducing the speed limit on the section of Spotswood Trail near the Elkton Food Lion.

Supervisor Breeden asked about his request to change the timing of the traffic light at the intersection of Island Ford Road (Route 649) and Spotswood Trail (Route 33), where motorists frequently sit through the light three or four times.

Chairman Cuevas asked Mr. Komara about the realignment of the exits from J. Frank Hillyard Middle School (Hawks Hill Drive) and Hartz Boulevard so they merge together before connecting with West Lee Street (Route 259) at the Spar Mine Road (Route 617) intersection. Mr. Komara stated it may be possible to rework the Hawks Hill Drive and Hartz Boulevard entrances to reduce the number of roads converging together on West Lee Street (Route 259). He said the intersection could possibly be a candidate for a traffic circle, but it would be difficult for tractor trailers traveling on Route 259 to navigate around it.

Mr. Komara noted improvements to the Interstate 81 overpass bridge on North Valley Pike (Route 11) at Mauzy will be advertised in January. The project will include turn lanes for entering secondary routes and the interstate.

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INTRODUCTON OF SCHOOL BOARD AND STAFF.

Chairman Cuevas asked Rockingham County School Board Chair Dan Breeden to introduce guests from the school division. Those attending were School Board members Jackie Lohr, Lowell Fulk, Renee Reed and Vice-Chair Dr. Charlette McQuilken, along with Superintendent Dr. Oskar Scheikl and Chief Financial Officer Cheryl Mast.

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VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (VCE) REPORT.

Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent and Unit Coordinator Jeremy Daubert (Agriculture and Natural Resources Dairy Science) introduced Extension Agent Sam Leech (4-H Youth Development) and, part-time 4-H Youth Program Educator Rosemary Life.

Mr. Daubert stated the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service values their partnership with the County, with state and federal funding and the extension of the land grant university system throughout the country. Since Rockingham County's number one industry is agriculture, the Extension Service provides considerable assistance with agriculture, youth and food and nutrition programs.

Mr. Daubert noted that Elise Warmbrod joined their staff as a Food and Nutrition Agent, providing nutrition information for low-income families under a federally-funded position. He advised the Board of the other extension agents and their roles with the VCE. He noted that the agents work together to provide support in the community.

Mr. Daubert noted that Mr. Leech and Ms. Life work with over 300 youth and 100 volunteers in the County through the 4-H development program.

Mr. Leech said he and Ms. Life are currently planning summer camps, summer programs, and working with the Rockingham County Fair since these programs

incorporate youth and agricultural leadership. He expressed appreciation to the Board for their support.

Ms. Life said her position is with the schools but she assisted Mr. Daubert with 4-H development and other programs until Mr. Leech was hired recently. She is currently familiarizing Mr. Leech with the County programs. Ms. Life thanked the Board for their support of 4-H and the extension office.

In response to a question from Supervisor Breeden, Mr. Daubert said the new Food and Nutrition Agent typically schedules meetings with small groups at community centers and other locations.

In response to a question from Supervisor Kyger, Mr. Daubert said he has worked with the extension service in Pennsylvania and is learning about the spotted lanternfly bug, which was first detected in Frederick County, Virginia in January (the only County where they have been seen in Virginia). He will attend a training session in April to view the insects and learn how they spread. He noted the bugs are spreading slower than originally thought. While they prefer “tree of heaven” trees, the insects will attack any plants. It is not known how the spotted lanternfly will affect the forage quality for animals.

Supervisor Breeden said it appears VDOT is cutting off the “tree of heaven” trees rather than removing the root system, which helps prevent the spread of the invasive insect.

Chairman Cuevas thanked Mr. Daubert and his staff for their work with the school system, youth and farmers.

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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET PROPOSAL.

Dr. Oskar Scheikl, Division Superintendent, provided a presentation regarding the School’s proposed FY 2018-2019 budget request.

Dr. Scheikl said the school division wants to redesign the learning environment since the world is changing at such a rapid pace. Rather than students learning a set of skills that may not be relevant for future jobs, the school division is instituting timeless skills such as creativity, communication, problem-solving skills, technical skills, and project-based learning that will be beneficial in any environment, especially during times of rapid change.

Dr. Scheikl noted only 30 percent of jobs will require a four-year degree in the future. Massanutten Technical Center (MTC) wants to create new vocational education programs that lead to good jobs. The County operates MTC along with the City, but City school enrollment has decreased so the County will assume a larger share of the MTC expenses next year.

Dr. Scheikl said School staff took the County’s request that budgets remain flat seriously, and determined how to complete planned school renovations in a flat-budget situation. Schools will make some salary adjustments for classified positions that are difficult to fill.

Dr. Scheikl noted the school division will lose some federal revenue and does not yet know what funds will be provided by the State. They are requesting additional funds of \$560,000 from the County for the digital conversation in grades 3 through 5, and an increase in the County Schools’ share of Massanutten Technical Center expenses. The requested amount may be reduced if digital conversion costs are lower than budgeted and more state funding is received than anticipated.

Chairman Cuevas thanked Dr. Scheikl for his presentation, and said he hopes MTC will continue to provide relevant programs for youth who do not plan to attend college. He also hopes the relationship between the Schools and the Board of Supervisors will continue to be transparent, with good communication.

Supervisor Breeden expressed appreciation to Schools for finding savings in the budget. He stated he is proud that his granddaughters are educated in Rockingham County Schools.

Supervisor Kyger was glad to hear that adding arts and humanity to the curriculum is a priority for Schools.

Chairman Cuevas said several large housing developments are being proposed in the County. He asked County staff to be sensitive to the enrollment capacities and school staffing when considering new developments. Dr. Scheikl said County planning staff has talked with Schools about urban development areas and timetables so they are working together.

Supervisor Chandler confirmed the \$560,000 request from Schools was to cover the digital conversation and MTC expenses; with Schools absorbing the personnel requests. He thanked Dr. Scheikl for providing a clear and concise presentation.

(A copy of Dr. Scheikl's presentation is included in the "Attachments – Board of Supervisors Minutes" notebook maintained in Administration.)

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ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

On motion by Supervisor Chandler, seconded by Supervisor Kyger, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; the Board elected Michael A. Breeden as Vice-Chairman for the remainder of 2018.

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PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

At 7:32 p.m., Chairman Cuevas declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the following proposal to increase property tax levies:

1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 2.28 percent.
2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$0.72 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate".
3. Effective Rate Increase: The County of Rockingham, Virginia proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$0.74 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.02 per \$100, or 2.7 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.
4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of Rockingham County, Virginia will be less than last year's by 0.21 percent.

Administrator King stated a real estate assessment is performed every four years. Since the effective impact of the 2018 assessment is more than one percent, a public hearing is required. Administrator King noted the difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate, or effective tax rate increase is equivalent to 2.7 percent. Individual property taxes may vary from previous years due to changes in the assessed value of the property, he said.

William J. Long, Jr., who said he has worked for the federal and state government, expressed concern over the efficient use of funds. Mr. Long indicated he would have less objection to a 2.7 percent effective increase if he saw a more efficient use of County funds in his neighborhood. Mr. Long noted that over the past few years a tractor has continued to plow the same patch of road when the road is clear.

Additionally, Mr. Long saw two trucks with four employees spend 45 minutes clearing a swath around a fire hydrant at the end of Massanetta Springs Road.

In response to a question from Chairman Cuevas, Mr. Long said the two trucks were County vehicles.

Administrator King noted the tractor pushing snow was probably a VDOT contractor, but stated the County welcomes any and all input. Administrator King asked Mr. Long to contact him or the Director of Public Works if he observes issues with County utilities.

At 7:39 p.m., Chairman Cuevas closed the public hearing.

On motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Kyger, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; the Board approved staff’s recommendation to keep the tax rate at \$0.74 per \$100 of assessed value, but to absorb the effective change that is driven by the percentage of the increase on property values due to the four-year reassessment process.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Administrator King’s staff report dated March 23, 2018.

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ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S STAFF REPORT.

Mr. Anas said economic development activity has increased considerably in the last month. Prospects visited the County March 27, 2018, and other prospects are scheduled to visit the week of April 2-6, 2018.

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FINANCE DIRECTOR’S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mrs. Davidson’s staff report dated March 20, 2018.

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S STAFF REPORT.

Mr. Rhodes did not have a written staff report, but indicated he had one committee item for action.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Supervisor Breeden reviewed the bids received for replacement of the fire alarm system at the Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional Jail. The system is outdated and replacement would be more economical while the ceilings and HVAC components are being replaced as part of the HVAC project. Three bids were received as follows:

Cornerstone Technology	\$170,817.59
Tyco Simplex Grinnell	\$229,532.00
Hawk Security	\$393,951.20

After a review of the three responses received, staff recommended approval of the Cornerstone Technology bid. The City will cover 50 percent of the expense.

On behalf of the Public Works Committee, on motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Chandler, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; the Board authorized staff to enter into a contract with Cornerstone Technology to replace the fire alarm system at the Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional Jail, at a cost of \$170,817.59, with the City paying 50 percent of the cost.

Chairman Cuevas noted the fire alarm system replacement was included in the budget.

Chairman Cuevas thanked Mr. Rhodes for his leadership in the public works department.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mr. Armstrong’s staff report dated March 28, 2018.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The Board heard the following committee reports from Board members and staff:

AIRPORT

Supervisor Kyger reminded the Board that the inaugural flights of SkyWest Airlines, the United carrier from Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport (SVRA) are scheduled on April 3, 2018. He noted this is a critical advancement for the airport and said citizens in the greater Harrisonburg-Rockingham County are encouraged to utilize the airport so SkyWest will continue to be SVRA’s carrier.

Chairman Cuevas asked if the airport sent a promotional mailing to larger employers. Administrator King noted that airport staff has been in touch with James Madison University and President Alger is encouraging the use of Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport. County staff is trying to travel from SVRA since parking is free and it is faster than driving to Dulles. He noted reliability of service is key, and said United Airline has a higher reliability rate than other carriers that have been associated with SVRA.

COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD (CCJB)

Supervisor Kyger reported that there will not be a CCJB meeting in June, but Kathy Rowings, Associate Program Director for Justice, from the National Association of Counties (NACo) will meet with the CCJB in September. Board members, City Council members and the community are invited to attend. Ms. Rowings will discuss a criminal justice reform measure that NACo has studied nationwide and discuss best management practices used in other localities. Supervisor Kyger noted an invitation will be sent to Board members when the date is set. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at James Madison University Memorial Hall. He encouraged Board members to attend to gain information on “smart justice”.

Supervisor Kyger reported that the drug court has been successful as inmates are being moved from the jail into rehabilitation programs in concert with the courts. The key is to reduce incarceration, rehabilitate inmates, and identify individuals with certain risk factors such as addiction and mental illness so they can receive better treatment outside of incarceration. The drug court program should save money, he said.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Cuevas thanked Mrs. Davidson for the extensive time she invested on the budget and the creative way she views the budget and finance matters.

OTHER

Chairman Cuevas thanked the Board and staff for their support in recognizing groups in the community. He said Supervisor Breeden suggested honoring veterans of other wars at a future meeting.

Chairman Cuevas hopes Administrator King and Ms. Cooper will look at developments in the County and visit with the School staff periodically to be aware of the capacity in schools and three to five-year projections by age group so the County has accurate information to make decisions.

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CLOSED MEETING.

On motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Chandler, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; the Board recessed the meeting from 7:55 p.m. to 8:10 p.m., for a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711.A, (1), 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.

MOTION: SUPERVISOR BREEDEN RESOLUTION NO: 18-05
SECOND: SUPERVISOR KYGER MEETING DATE: MARCH 28, 2018

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

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

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies 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 were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors.

VOTE:
AYES: BREEDEN, CHANDLER, CUEVAS, KYGER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT:

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ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Cuevas declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Chairman