

May 9, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. at the Rockingham County Administration Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia. The following members were present:

- PABLO CUEVAS, Election District #1
- SALLIE WOLFE-GARRISON, Election District #2
- RICKY L. CHANDLER, Election District #3
- WILLIAM B. KYGER, JR., Election District #4
- MICHAEL A. BREEDEN, Election District #5

Also present:

BRYAN F. HUTCHESON, Sheriff

- STEPHEN G. KING, County Administrator
- THOMAS H. MILLER, JR., County Attorney
- CASEY B. ARMSTRONG, Assistant County Administrator
- PATRICIA D. DAVIDSON, Director of Finance
- KIRBY W. DEAN, Director of Parks & Recreation
- ANN MARIE FREEMAN, Director of Court Services
- JEREMY C. HOLLOWAY, Fire & Rescue Chief
- JENNIFER J. MONGOLD, Director of Human Resources
- TERRI M. PERRY, Director of Technology
- PHILIP S. RHODES, Director of Public Works
- RHONDA H. COOPER, Deputy Director of Community Development
- JAMES B. MAY, Senior Planner
- DIANA C. STULTZ, Zoning Administrator
- JESSICA G. KILBY, 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.

Chairman Cuevas called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

On behalf of the Board and staff, Chairman Cuevas welcomed Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison to the Board.

County Attorney Miller gave the Invocation and Assistant County Administrator Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On motion by Supervisor Chandler, seconded by Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of April 25, 2018.

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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.

In regard to Supervisor Kyger’s previous request for spot improvements to North River Road (Route 867), Mr. Komara reported that VDOT began cutting trees to improve site distance for vehicles.

Recent maintenance work includes mowing, brush cutting, skin patching and installing pipes.

Mr. Komara reported that the recent Spring Transportation Conference and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) long-range transportation plan open house were both well attended.

Supervisor Breeden invited Mr. Komara to attend the Blue Ridge Heritage Project Dedication and Unveiling on Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m.

Supervisor Breeden inquired about a funding request to hard surface treat Power Dam Road (Route 651). He pointed out that Power Dam Road would benefit greatly if funding is secured.

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison expressed appreciation to VDOT for clearing trees and brush along the roads in District 2. She said with so much large agricultural equipment on the road this time of year, citizens appreciate the work and hope it continues.

There was discussion regarding the timing of the traffic signal at the intersection of Spotswood Trail (Route 33) and Island Ford Road (Route 649). Supervisor Breeden and Chief Holloway explained how the timing of the light creates delays for emergency service volunteers entering the McGaheysville Fire Station. Mr. Komara said he requested a yellow flashing arrow at the light and explained that railroad crossing arms will need to be added before the yellow flashing arrow. Mr. Komara stated that he will work to resolve the timing issue.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S STAFF REPORT.

Administrator King reported that the School Board declared the Dayton Learning Center surplus property at their last meeting and intend to vacate the building by July 15, 2018. Administrator King recalled that the Board previously discussed whether to surplus the property or solicit proposals to see if there is any immediate interest in the property.

Chairman Cuevas requested a motion directing staff to advertise a public hearing notice for the May 23, 2018, Board meeting with the disposition of not only the Dayton Learning Center, but also an unused County-owned parcel in the Chimney Rock area.

On motion by Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison, seconded by Supervisor Chandler, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board directed staff to advertise a public hearing for May 23, 2018, to receive public comment on the Board’s intention to declare the Dayton Learning Center and a parcel in the Chimney Rock Area as surplus.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY’S STAFF REPORT.

County Attorney Miller reported that the County was named as a co-defendant in a federal court lawsuit involving medical allegations of a former inmate of Rockingham County Jail. Mr. Miller noted that Virginia Risk Management will cover the case for the County.

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ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mr. Armstrong’s Community Development staff report dated March 9, 2018.

Assistant County Administrator Armstrong provided information from the Virginia Cooperative Extension in regard to the spotted lanternfly, which was detected in Virginia in January 2018. The lanternfly, a pest of grapes, peaches, hops, and apples, has the potential to be a serious pest of agriculture and home gardens in Virginia. The Extension Service is actively providing information to as many local growers, vineyards, and orchards as possible to stay ahead of a possible problem, Mr. Armstrong explained.

Senior Planner May provided Board members with the Rockingham Bicycle Advisory Committee’s Annual Report 2017 and Annual Work Plan 2018 for review and consideration.

Senior Planner May pointed out that the Annual Report summarizes the meetings held in 2017. He explained that the Annual Work Plan 2018 is similar to the 2017 plan, with an increased focus on project review, so that comments and advice can be provided to the Board and VDOT.

On motion by Supervisor Kyger, seconded by Supervisor Chandler, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN - AYE; CHANDLER - AYE; CUEVAS - AYE; KYGER - AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board endorsed the Rockingham Bicycle Advisory Committee’s Annual Work Plan 2018.

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FINANCE DIRECTOR’S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mrs. Davidson’s staff report dated April 27, 2018.

On motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN - AYE; CHANDLER - AYE; CUEVAS - AYE; KYGER - AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board declared the following items surplus to be disposed of through the public surplus auction website:

Items to Declare Surplus – May 2018

Description	Quantity
1997 Air Compressor	1
Davey Air Compressor	1
500 Gallon Diesel Fuel Tank	1
275 Gallon Heating Oil Tank	1

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HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR’S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mrs. Mongold’s staff report dated May 9, 2018.

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mr. Rhodes’ staff report dated May 9, 2018.

On motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Kyger, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN - AYE; CHANDLER - AYE; CUEVAS - AYE; KYGER - AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board authorized a change order for the finished water pumps as part of the Three Springs Finished Water Pumping Station project.

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TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR’S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mrs. Perry’s staff report dated May 2018.

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FIRE AND RESCUE CHIEF’S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Chief Holloway’s staff report dated May 2018.

Chief Holloway reported that Fire and Rescue staff have been working with the Forestry Department and Great Eastern Resort in the urban interface areas to clear brush. The goal is to prevent the spread of fire should an incident occur.

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison commended the Fire and Rescue Department for receiving the American Red Cross Good Neighbor Award.

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PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR’S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mr. Dean’s staff report dated April 26, 2018.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS.

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

AIRPORT

Supervisor Kyger reported that boarding has increased and customers are pleased with the new carrier, SkyWest Airlines. He said departures and arrivals have been without delay, other than the occasional weather concern.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY PARTNERSHIP (SVP)

Assistant County Administrator Armstrong reported that the SVP will host an open house May 18, 2018 from 1 – 3 p.m. to showcase their new office space.

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ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Cuevas declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Chairman