

VIRGINIA: County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Regular Meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse on October 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. D. Leonard, Vice-Chairman
Larry Mosley
Charles Slemp, Jr.
Robert Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathan Cope, Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT: Stacy Munsey, County Attorney
Dane Poe, County Administrator

OTHERS ABSENT: Jeny Hughes, Administrative Assistant

INVOCATION

Dane Poe, County Administrator, led the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Charles Slemp led the Pledge to the Flag.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Written departmental reports for Building Inspection, E-911, Extension Office, Tourism, Planning and Zoning were included in the packet.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of September 2019 was submitted as follows:

Revenues	\$ 4,266,662.07
Expenditures	\$ 5,992,252.60
General Fund	\$ 1,873,213.20
Total Assets and Liabilities	\$ 6,317,655.79

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment and advised that each speaker would be limited to a three-minute time-period for individuals, and five-minute time-period for a group.

Carolyn and Phillip Minton, Dryden, addressed the Board about the appearance of their neighbor’s property.

Mr. Poe stated that the Litter Control Officer has been given this information.

There was no further public comment.

The Chairman closed the floor for public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting and the October 1, 2019 Recessed Meeting. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

PAYROLL

The County Administrator reports that payroll warrants have been issued.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the disbursements for the month of August in the amount of \$927,417.27. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

DELEGATIONS

**LONESOME PINE REGIONAL LIBRARY UPDATE
REGIONAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR
JULIE SHORT**

Julie Short, Regional Library Director, gave the Board an update of events that have been held at the Libraries in the region. Audrey Evans, Branch Manager of the Library in Pennington, gave the Board an overview of programs available for adults at the Library.

NEW BUSINESS

**COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY'S REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION OF
DELINQUENT FINES COLLECTION FUNDS**

Mr. Poe reported that the Commonwealth Attorney's Office generated \$24,579.00 in new revenue to the County through the delinquent fines and costs collection program. Mr. Cridlin is requesting that amount be appropriated to his office for salary supplements in the amount of \$15,579.00 and the remaining \$9,000.00 into a general expense line item to be used in emergencies during the fiscal year.

Mr. Leonard asked to discuss this in closed session.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD YOUTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mr. Poe presented the Board with a copy of the Workforce Development Board Youth Services Agreement for delivery of workforce services to both in school and out-of-school youth. This agreement is for a four-year term with the option to renew for three additional one-year terms.

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the Workforce Development Board Youth Services Agreement. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ONE-STOP OPERATOR AGREEMENT

Mr. Poe stated that earlier this year, the County requested proposals for operation of the One-Stop Workforce Development Area One and the Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board was awarded the contract. He presented a copy of the agreement to the Board for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Slemp, to approve the Workforce Development Area One-Stop Operator Agreement with the Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

ELECTION DAY CLOSING

Mr. Poe reported that it has been a long-standing custom to close all County offices on local Election Day. Since this is not part of the Personnel Policy, the Board would need to act on it in order to implement closing.

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Slemp, to close all County offices for the local Election Day. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

LOCAL BURN BAN DISCUSSION

Mr. Poe stated that it has been unseasonably dry and warm for the past several weeks resulting in an increased possibility of wildfires. This threat will continue to escalate as leaf fall increases. To date, more than 24 Virginia localities have enacted outdoor burn bans in an attempt to alleviate this increased risk. Based on the Weather Channel's extended forecast, there is a 40-50% chance of rain showers on 9 of the next 15 days. This may provide some temporary relief but will not considerably impact the overall dry conditions. Due to these factors, Mr. Poe felt the Board might wish to discuss possible actions with respect to a ban on outdoor open burning.

Mr. Poe presented the Board with a list of the Virginia localities currently imposing a burn ban, as well as a copy of Scott County's emergency declaration, which has exemptions for certain types of outdoor fires. Burn bans are adopted by the declaration of a local emergency by the Emergency Management Director or the Coordinator, and confirmed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

There was no action taken on this matter.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

PART TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR APPLICATIONS

Mr. Poe reported that he advertised for the Part Time Building Inspector position, and no applications were received.

RECYCLING

Mr. Poe reported that earlier this year the decision was made to suspend recycling of plastics due to the poor market. Since that time, the overall recycling collections have decreased. In the weeks prior to dropping plastic from what is collected, cardboard was averaging about 1.65 bales per week. In the most recent 12 weeks, it has averaged about 1.17 bales. Mixed paper went from 1.8 bales per week to about 1.5 bales per week. Solid Waste Superintendent, Gary Collingsworth feels like the numbers have dropped more in the past couple of weeks. With the rate of collection, everything Countywide could be accomplished in 2 to 3 days every 2 weeks. Mr. Collingsworth has explored options in taking the County materials to a different vendor in Knoxville or Limestone Tennessee. It would be double the money the County is receiving now, but there would be an expense for an outside hauler.

Mr. Leonard stated that the Recycling program has cost the County money, and suggested that the recycling program be stopped and more focus put into cleaning up the County.

Mr. Mosley stated that the market has changed but it may come back. He is concerned that if the program is halted, people will not start recycling again if the program is restarted. There are other options besides ending the program.

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Poe stated that he has a request for Closed Session under Personnel and Prospective New Business.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD

RESPONSE TO LETTER TO STATE REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING REGIONAL JAIL COSTS

Mr. Leonard asked about a response to the letter regarding Regional Jail costs.

Mr. Poe stated that is on his list, but the sitting Senator will be going out of office and asked if the Board wishes to wait until the new Senator takes office.

Mr. Leonard stated to send it to both.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Slemp, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to enter Closed Session pursuant to Section 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 and Section 2.2-3711 A.5., Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to exit Closed Session. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED SESSION

It was unanimously agreed as follows.

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

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a Certification by this Lee County Board of Supervisors that such Closed Meeting was conducted within Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lee County Board of Supervisors hereby certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Closed Meeting in 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 Lee County Board of Supervisors.

FIELD INSPECTOR

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Slemph, to advertise for a full time Field Inspector in the Building Department. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

It was moved by Mr. Slemph, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to adjourn. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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