

VIRGINIA: County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Recessed Meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the Conference Room of the Lee County Courthouse on May 2, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Shoemaker, Vice-Chairman
Josh Flanary
Mike Kidwell
Roger Waddell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

D.D. Leonard

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dane Poe, County Administrator
Robby Wright, Assistant County Administrator

OTHERS ABSENT:

Angie Thomas, Administrative Assistant
Stacy Munsey, County Attorney

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:37p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Kidwell, seconded by Mr. Flanary, to enter Closed Session pursuant to Code 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 evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. 2.2-3711 A.6. The investing of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Flanary, Mr. Kidwell, Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Waddell,

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

VOTING AYE: Mr. Flanary, Mr. Kidwell, Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Waddell

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.

HIRING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

It was moved by Mr. Flanary, seconded by Mr. Kidwell, to hire Jonathan Bennett as Economic Development Director at an annual salary of \$50,000.00. In the event Mr. Bennett declines, the position will be offered to the next ranked candidate. The employee is hired on a one-year probationary period. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Flanary, Mr. Kidwell, Mr. Shoemaker

VOTING NAY: Mr. Waddell

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

TRACTOR BIDS

Mr. Poe advised that advertising for a new tractor for Public Works resulted in the receipt of two bids as follows:

Lawson Building Supply	Kubota M7060 HDC	\$59,350.00
Meade Tractor	John Deere 5075e	\$64,605.91

The cost estimate to repair the existing tractor is \$37,975.00. Staff recommendation is to purchase the Kubota tractor.

PURCHASE OF NEW TRACTOR

It was moved by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Kidwell, to bid to Lawson Building Supply for a Kubota M7060 HDC at a cost of \$59,350.00. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Flanary, Mr. Kidwell, Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Waddell

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD

CENTRALIZED ACCOUNTING

Mr. Waddell requested more information about consolidating the School Board's accounting functions with those in the Administrator's Office and what would be the pros and cons in this consolidation.

Mr. Poe explained the biggest con would be the county provides the minimal funding allowed to the School Board which includes this function. If the accounting functions were consolidated into the Administrator's Office, the funding to the School Board would not change and more people would need to be hired to complete the increased workload which would actually increase the amount of tax dollars spent on this process.

Mr. Kidwell asked why the School Board would not want to help in this process if these functions were consolidated into the Administrator's Office.

Mr. Poe explained that this would not be required of them and they may choose to spend the money in other areas. He added that even if they did choose to help with this function, the net effect on savings would be zero as the salaries would still be paid.

It was moved by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Flanary, to recess until May 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Flanary, Mr. Kidwell, Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Waddell