

Board of Supervisors – January 12, 2023 Regular Meeting

The Wise County Board of Supervisors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Education Center located at 628 Lake Street in Wise. The following members were present:

Honorable J. H. Rivers – Chairman
Honorable John Schoolcraft – Vice-Chairman
Honorable Fred Luntsford
Honorable Randy Carter
Honorable Robert R. Adkins
Honorable Steve Bates
Honorable Tim Boardwine
Honorable James Lawson – members of said Board and
Michael W. Hatfield – County Administrator
Karen T. Mullins – County Attorney
Annette Underwood – Executive Secretary

PRAYER

Bob Adkins led in prayer.

PLEDGE

All led in the pledge.

MINUTES

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by James Lawson, to approve the minutes of December 8, 2022, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Randy Carter, seconded by Tim Boardwine, to approve the agenda as presented to include the items in red. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens' comments regarding a Conflict-of-Interest Policy.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING - FEDERAL AWARDS ADMINISTRATION POLICY

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens' comments regarding a Federal Awards Administration Policy.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Commonwealth Attorney Brett Hall provided the Board with a brief history of his qualifications as Commonwealth Attorney and goals he has set for the Commonwealth Attorney's Office to move forward to reduce the high caseloads, and to work with our law enforcement officers to make Wise County a safer place to live.

Walter Crouse a resident of the Hurricane section of Wise County, touched on the following items that need attention:

- Virtual learning is not good for our children
- Electrical vehicles are worthless and production of such needs to be stopped
- Vaccines are of no benefit
- Stop the Coalfield Expressway Project. This project will destroy the towns of Pound and Appalachia
- Stop using land for Solar Power and use the land to market for businesses
- Do more recycling & stop littering
- Stop tearing down buildings that were constructed to be used for bomb shelters

There being no further public comments, the public expression period was closed.

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Randy Carter, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

IN RE: REFUND - PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Approved the personal property tax refund for Komatsu Financial in the amount of \$19,977.46 as requested by Commissioner of the Revenue Doug Mullins

IN RE: MOU – UPFIT OF BUILDING USED FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Approved a MOU between County of Wise and the IDA for the upfit of the building being utilized by Wise County Department of Social Services

IN RE: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – SOUTHWEST REGIONAL RECREATION AUTHORITY

Approved the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Wise County and Southwest Regional Recreation Authority establishing guidelines for cooperation and coordination between Wise County Erosion and Sediment Control Program, which will be directly managed by the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority related to activities associated with routine maintenance and operation/use of recreational trails and related support facilities

The motion to approve the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

IN RE: CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST POLICY

A public hearing was held on January 12, 2023, to receive citizens' comments regarding a proposed Conflict-of-Interest Policy for. There were no public comments regarding the proposed policy.

A motion was made by Randy Carter, seconded by Bob Adkins, to approve the Conflict-of-Interest Policy as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: FEDERAL AWARDS ADMINISTRATION POLICY

A public hearing was held on January 12, 2023, to receive public comments on a propose Federal Awards Administration Policy. There were no public comments regarding the proposed Policy.

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Steve Bates, to approve the Federal Awards Administration Policy as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by Tim Boardwine, to approve Budget amendments #30 thru #37 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – HEART OF APPALACHIA TOURISM AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Schoolcraft nominated Ked Meade for re-appointment to the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority Board of Directors for a term of two (2) years.

J. H. Rivers made a motion that nominations cease, and Ked Meade be re-appointed by acclamation. James Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – PLANNING DISTRICT 1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

James Lawson nominated Joseph Carico for appointment to the Planning District 1 Behavioral Health Services Board for a term of three (3) years.

J. H. Rivers made a motion that nominations cease, and Joseph Carico be appointed to the Planning District 1 Behavioral Health Services Board by acclamation. John Schoolcraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bob Adkins nominated Bobby Cassell for re-appointment to the Planning District 1 Behavioral Health Services Board for a term of three (3) years.

James Lawson made a motion that nominations cease, and Bobby Cassell be re-appointed by acclamation. John Schoolcraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by James Lawson, seconded by Tim Boardwine, to go into closed session as permitted by the Code of Virginia per the following Code Sections:

- Section 2.2-3711(A)(6) Investing of public funds
- (A)(7) Consultation with legal counsel
- (A)(1) Personnel

The motion was unanimously approved.

Following closed session, a motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Randy Carter, to reconvene the regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION CERTIFYING CLOSED MEETING

Fred Luntsford read the certification for closed meeting.

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by Tim Boardwine, to approve the resolution certifying that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements as were identified in the motion convening the meeting were heard or discussed by the Board of Supervisors.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # 1 - 2023

(Said resolution is on file in the County Administrators Office)

BOARD COMMENTS

There were few comments from Board members.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Hatfield informed the Board that VDOT is doing a Road Study on U.S. 23 for possible safety improvements.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by James Lawson, seconded by Tim Boardwine, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk

J. H. Rivers, Chairman