

Board of Supervisors – January 14, 2021 Regular Meeting

The Wise County Board of Supervisors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2021 @ 6:00 pm in the School Board Education Center located at 628 Lake Street in Wise. The following were present:

Honorable J. H. Rivers – Chairman
Honorable Steve Bates – Vice-Chairman
Honorable John T. Schoolcraft (By phone)
Honorable Fred Luntsford
Honorable Bobby Cassell (By phone)
Honorable Robert R. Adkins
Honorable James R. Lawson
Honorable Robert E. Robbins, Jr. – members of said Board and
Michael W. Hatfield – County Administrator
Karen T. Mullins – County Attorney
Annette Underwood – Executive Secretary

MINUTES

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Steve Bates, to approve the minutes for December 10, 2020 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Bob Adkins, to approve the agenda as presented to include the items in red. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPLETION OF COALFIELDS EXPRESSWAY

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by James Lawson, to approve the resolution supporting the completion of the Coalfields Expressway for the benefit of the Commonwealth's citizens in far Southwest Virginia. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION # 1 -2021

(Said resolution is on file in the County Administrator's Office)

IN RE: APPOINTMENT -SOUTHWEST VASAP POLICY BOARD

Administrator Hatfield explained that at last month's Board meeting, the Board re-appointed Adrian Collins to the Southwest VASAP Policy Board. According to the Policy Board By-laws, this position must be filled with someone from the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Since Mr. Collins is no longer an employee of the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, he is not eligible for re-appointment. Mr. Hatfield asked the Board to consider rescinding that motion, which would allow someone from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to be appointed to fill that position.

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Bob Adkins, to rescind the motion re-appointing Adrian Collins to the Southwest VASAP Policy Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: AGENDA AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Steve Bates, to amend the agenda for the purpose of appointing someone to the Southwest VASAP Policy Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – SOUTHWEST VASAP POLICY BOARD

Steve Bates nominated Steven Davis to the Southwest VASAP Policy Board.

Fred Luntsford made a motion that nominations cease, and Steven Davis be appointed by acclamation. J. H. Rivers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: AirMedCare NETWORK

County Administrator Hatfield stated that AirMedCare Network has approached the County with an offer of its services at a reduced rate of \$60.00 per year per person as a benefit for County employees. This cost for the County would be approximately \$11,000 per year, and will cover all full time County employees and eight (8) Board of Supervisors members

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Robby Robbins, to approve the AirMedCare Network Group Full Census Membership for Wise County as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: PLANNING WORKSHOP

There was some discussion among Board members regarding the need to map out and plan for the future of Wise County. During discussion, it was noted that organizations need to present plans to move their organizations forward, which would be taken into consideration by the Board.

After further discussion, it was agreed that a Planning Workshop would be the best way to review and discuss these plans, in a timely manner, and be considered by the Board in its future planning to enhance future growth in Wise County.

Administrator Hatfield asked Board members to let him know any specific items they want to be placed on the Planning Workshop Agenda, which will allow him time to work with his staff and others in providing plans for Board review.

A motion was made by James Lawson, seconded by Steve Bates, to hold a Planning Workshop on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 @ 9:00 am in the School Board Education Center. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by Bob Adkins, to approve budget amendment #18 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – COAL AND GAS ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bob Adkins nominated J. H. Rivers for re-appointment to the Coal & Gas Road Improvement Advisory Committee. Fred Luntsford made a motion that nominations cease, and J. H. Rivers be appointed by acclamation. James Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Bobby Cassell, seconded by Fred Luntsford, to appoint Shelly Logan to the Wise County IDA for a term of four years. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by J. H. Rivers, to re-appointment Karen Hall to the Wise County IDA for a term of four years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – LENOWISCO PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded J. H. Rivers, to re-appoint Bob Adkins to the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by James Lawson, seconded by Bob Adkins, to re-appoint Robby Robbins, to the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by Bob Adkins, to re-appoint Bobby Cassell to the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Board of Director for a term of one (1) year. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Bobby Cassell nominated Robert Ledford to Planning District 1 (Behavioral Health Services Board).

Robby Robbins made a motion that nominations cease, and Robert Ledford be appointed by acclamation for a three (3) year term. Steve Bates seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Bobby Cassell, seconded by Fred Luntsford, to re-appoint Martha Jett to the Planning Commission for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Bob Adkins, to re-appoint Worley Smith to the Public Service Authority for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Bob Adkins, to table the appointment to the Social Services Board until the February meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by Bob Adkins, to table the appointment to the MECC Advisory Board until the February meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: CLOSE SESSION

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Bob Adkins, to go into closed session 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.

After a brief closed session, a motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by Robby Robbins, to reconvene the regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION CERTIFYING CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Luntsford read the certification for closed meeting.

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by J. H. Rivers, 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 # 2 – 2021

(Said resolution is on file in the County Administrator's Office)

BOARD COMMENTS

There were brief comments from Board members regarding COVID-19.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Fred Luntsford, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk

J. H. Rivers, Chairman