

Board of Supervisors – June 9, 2022 Regular Meeting

The Wise County Board of Supervisors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022, @ 6:00 p.m. in the Wise County School Board Education Center located at 628 Lake Street, Wise. The following members were present:

Honorable J. H. Rivers – Chairman
Honorable John T. Schoolcraft – Vice-Chairman
Honorable Fred Luntsford
Honorable Randy Carter
Honorable Robert E. Adkins
Honorable Steve Gates
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 Randy Carter, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2022, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

AGENDA

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

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – COUNTY FY 2022/23 BUDGET

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens comments regarding the County's proposed FY 2022/23 Budget.

Due to the state's proposed budget being provided after the County had advertised for a public hearing on its proposed FY 2022/23 budget, the County will REVISE its proposed 2022/23 budget accordingly.

Another public hearing will be advertised for June 24, 2022, for public comments on the REVISED budget.

Chairman Rivers stated that anyone wanting to make comments regarding the proposed County Budget that was advertised for this date could make their comments.

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

IN RE: WISE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET FOR FY 2022/23 – PRESENTATION

County Administrator Hatfield stated that Dr. Greg Mullins, has recently had hip surgery and is out on sick leave at this time. He briefed the Board on changes that have been made to the School Board Budget since receiving the proposed state budget on Tuesday, which has been evaluated by County Staff.

He explained that the proposed state budget includes new funding for local school construction needs, which can be used toward paying down the construction debt brought about by the consolidation of high schools. This in turn, will allow the County to apply other local funds to the school system's requests for the upcoming budget, which includes a 5% pay raise for all school system employees and will provide funding for all programs that the school system currently has. He further explained that the School Board has been told that this is a temporary fix. These additional funds must be spent by the end of FY 2023/24 budget cycle.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Walter Crouse, a resident of the Hurricane section of Wise County voiced his concerns as follows:

- The County needs to recycle more
- VDOT needs to work on mowing the roadsides and pick up bags of trash that has been collected
- The County needs to think about getting into energy business
- Keep tax rate low

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

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

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

IN RE: CIP PLAN

Approved the FY 2022/23 CIP Plan as presented

IN RE: T&L RETAINER AGREEMENT – MOU #28, MOU #29, MOU #30

Approved MOU #28.. To prepare 2022/Semi-Annual Groundwater Report

Approved MOU #29 .. To provide services associated with the Wise County Solid Waste Management Facilities in accordance with the DEQ recommendations

Approved MOU #30 ... To prepare update of Solid Waste Management Plan

The motion to approve the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

IN RE: CANCELLATION OF JULY 14, 2022, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Bob Adkins, to cancel the Regular BOS meeting scheduled for July 14, 2022. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by J. H. Rivers, seconded by Tim Boardwine, to approve budget amendment #33 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Bob Adkins, to appoint Gene Vanover, Jr. to fill the unexpired term of Roger Mullins on the Planning Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by J. H. Rivers, to re-appoint Robert Bloomer to the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Board of Directors for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD

A motion was made by James Lawson, seconded by Tim Boardwine, to appoint Kalen Hunter to the Mountain Empire Community College Advisory Board for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were some comments regarding the need for another budget workshop. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to meet on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 @ 12:00 Noon in the conference room of the County Administrator's Office to review some possible changes to the County's proposed budget.

Also, at 11:00 a.m. there will be a FOIA Meeting that is required for all BOS members, which will be in the conference room of the County Administrator's Office prior to the Budget Workshop.

RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Tim Boardwine, seconded by Bob Adkins, to recess the meeting to Friday, June 24, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Education Center. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk

J. H. Rivers, Chairman