

The Wise County Board of Supervisors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Education Center located at 628 Lake Street in Wise, Virginia. The following members were present:

Honorable J. H. Rivers, Chairman	<u>ABSENT:</u> Honorable Fred Luntsford*
Honorable John T. Schoolcraft, Vice-Chairman	(*Appeared via Zoom at 6:53 pm
Honorable Randy Carter	and left the meeting prior to closed session)
Honorable Robert R. Adkins	
Honorable Steve Bates	
Honorable Tim Boardwine	
Honorable Clarence S. "Rusty" Peters, Jr. – members of said Board and	
Michael W. Hatfield – County Administrator	
Karen T. Mullins – County Attorney	
Rebecca Mullins – Executive Secretary	

PRAYER

Bob Adkins led in prayer.

PLEDGE

All led by Tim Boardwine in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

MINUTES

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Tim Boardwine to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 8, 2024, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL USE PERMIT LAWSON FAMILY FARMS, LLC

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens' comments regarding a special use permit requested by Lawson Family Farms, LLC.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL USE PERMIT DOUBLE T, LLC

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens' comments regarding a special use permit requested by Double T, LLC.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – PETITION TO CLOSE AND VACATE A PORTION OF A 40 FT. RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE BRUMMITT HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens' comments regarding a petition to close and vacate a portion of a 40 ft. right-of-way on the Brummitt Heights Subdivision.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – PUMP AND HAUL – FOUNTAIN OF LIFE WORSHIP CENTER

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens' comments regarding a pump and haul request from Fountain of Life Worship Center. Carla Mullins, representing the church appeared to answer any questions from the Board.

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

PRESENTATION – COURTHOUSE RENOVATION FUNDING – DAVENPORT

Roland Kooch, Davenport appeared and presented the Courthouse Improvement Project Funding Approach outlining their findings in which Davenport recommended that the County proceed with funding on an interim basis through a 3-year Bond Anticipation Note option with Webster Bank which offers a highly competitive fixed interest rate and will allow the County to maintain approximately \$3 to \$4 Million of Fund Balance which helps the County maximize interest income, provide operating cash flows, and protects the County's credit status.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Walter Crouse, Wise, VA, expressed concern for the following issues:

- Need for a regional recycling center
- Area roads need lines re-painted and potholes repaired
- Hwy 58 needs connector road to Darden Dr.
- Upcoming Town of Wise 100th Anniversary Celebration
- Upcoming UVA-Wise Homecoming
- Need for new sidewalks from campus to town
- Early voting
- Inflation
- PSA water deposit makes difficult for new renters

Wesley Lawson, St. Paul, VA, appeared to advise that St. Paul Fire Department has completed all steps required to implement the BLS non-transport first responder status. They have all equipment and medication on hand and are prepared to act.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

IN RE: PUMP & HAUL – FOUNTAIN OF LIFE WORSHIP CENTER

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Randy Carter, to approve pump and haul for Fountain of Life Worship Center. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: PERSONAL PROPERTY REFUND REQUEST OVER \$2,000

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Randy Carter, to approve the personal property refund request over \$2,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION – FUNDING FOR COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Tim Boardwine, to approve the resolution approving the Lease Revenue Bond Financing. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vote:

J.H. Rivers, Chair	Aye	Absent: Fred Luntsford
John Schoolcraft, Vice Chair	Aye	
Randy Carter	Aye	
Bob Adkins	Aye	
Steve Bates	Aye	
Tim Boardwine	Aye	
Clarence Peters, Jr.	Aye	

RESOLUTION #25-2024

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

IN RE: REQUEST FOR FUNDING – TOWN OF WISE - SPORTS COMPLEX

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Chairman Rivers to table this matter until after closed session. Attorney Mullins said a vote would not be necessary to move this issue to be discussed upon conclusion of closed session.

IN RE: 2ND QUARTER APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by Randy Carter, seconded by Clarence Peters, Jr., to approve the 2nd Quarter Appropriations, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION – TOWN OF WISE 100TH ANNIVERSARY GRAND CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Administrator Hatfield read aloud the Resolution Commending the Town of Wise, Virginia for its 100th Anniversary Grand Centennial Celebration. A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Steve Bates to approve the Resolution, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #26-2024

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

IN RE: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – JAMES A. BLAND HIGH SCHOOL

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Chairman Rivers, to approve the resolution of support for the nomination of James A. Bland High School to the Virginia State Review Board, the Virginia Board of Historic Resources, and the National Register of Historic Places. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #27-2024

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

IN RE: SPECIAL USE PERMIT – LAWSON FAMILY FARMS, LLC

A motion was made by Clarence Peters, Jr., seconded by Tim Boardwine, to approve the Special Use Permit requested by Lawson Family Farms, LLC. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: SPECIAL USE PERMIT – DOUBLE T, LLC

A motion was made by Randy Carter, seconded by Tim Boardwine, to approve the Special Use Permit requested by Double T, LLC. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: PETITION TO CLOSE AND VACATE A PORTION OF A 40 FT. RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE BRUMMITT HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION

A motion was made by Randy Carter, seconded by Tim Boardwine to close and vacate a portion of the 40 ft. right-of-way on the Brummitt Heights Subdivision. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Tim Boardwine, seconded by Clarence Peters, Jr. to approve budget amendments #4 through #6. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Randy Carter 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

Commonwealth’s Attorney Brett Hall was invited to join closed session. Following closed session, a motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Randy Carter, to reconvene the regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION CERTIFICATION FOR CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Peters read the certification for closed meeting.

A motion was made by Clarence Peters, Jr., 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 #28-2024

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

At the conclusion of the closed session, a motion was made by Randy Carter, seconded by Bob Adkins to amend the Agenda to add to the agenda consideration for a part-time employee in the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: PART-TIME EMPLOYEE IN COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

A motion was made by Randy Carter, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to approve a part-time position for the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office for up to two years at a salary not to exceed \$25,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: REQUEST FOR FUNDING – TOWN OF WISE – SPORTS COMPLEX

After a brief discussion about the sports complex, it was decided that per statute, the matter would be sent to the Tourism Committee for review and a recommendation on how to proceed.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Hatfield announced Bob Adkins' upcoming birthday on September 19 and encouraged everyone to wish him a happy birthday.

BOARD COMMENTS

All wished Bob Adkins a happy birthday.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Tim Boardwine, seconded by Randy Carter to adjourn this meeting at 9:15 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk

J. H. Rivers, Chairman