

**LUNENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM
LUNENBURG COURTS BUILDING
LUNENBURG, VIRGINIA**

Minutes of February 14, 2019 Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the General District Courtroom, Lunenburg Courts Building, Lunenburg, Virginia. The following members were present: Supervisors Edward Pennington, Frank Bacon, Charles R. Slayton, Mike Hankins, Alvester Edmonds, Robert Zava, County Administrator Tracy M. Gee, Deputy County Administrator Nicole Clark, and County Attorney Frank Rennie.

Chairman Slayton called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Edmonds gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Slayton requested additions to the agenda from the Board and the public. Supervisor Pennington was added as 10A regarding Dr. Mary Cabrera leaving the Centra Medical Group in Victoria.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to accept the Consent Agenda to include the Minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting, the Treasurer's December 2018 reports and the following Warrants for Approval:

January 2019:

Payroll Direct Deposit:	\$ 127,232.46
Payroll Taxes Federal:	\$ 39,596.37
Payroll Taxes State:	\$ 7,160.21
Payroll VRS payment:	\$ 25,656.00
Payroll ICMA-RC payment:	\$ 272.88
Payroll Health Savings Deposits:	\$ 6,326.42
<i>Debt Service wire payments</i>	\$ 212,444.00
Accounts Payable: #57078-57202	\$ <u>968,460.30</u>
 Total:	 \$ 1,387,148.64

Mr. Tommy Johnson of VDOT provided the monthly report. He discussed repairs to the bridge on Wallace's Bridge Road which has been closed due to flooding since the fall of 2018. If weather allows, the road will be reopened in mid-March. Mr. Johnson advised that the project of widening the curve on Route 675, Hardy Road would be funded for FY2020-21. Chairman Slayton asked if there were any plans to place guard rails along Ward's Corner Road. Mr. Johnson replied that currently this road does not meet the guidelines for guard rails; however, he will have VDOT forces check it again.

School Superintendent Charles Berkley provided his monthly report. He advised that there are 69 days of school remaining in the school year. He informed the Board that he and the School Board are working diligently on the FY2019-20 budget and plan to present it within the next six weeks. They have also been working to identify some capital improvement projects that need completing. Assistant Superintendent and Finance Director James Abernathy presented the financial report. He explained federal funds for the current

month are low, however, they will be requesting funds over \$200,000 to be received in mid to late March. He added that expenses are on track as planned. Mr. Abernathy advised that some of the HVAC units at the elementary schools had recently been replaced. He stated that the school's maintenance staff was able to replace the units, eliminating the need to pay an outside source.

Administrator Gee directed the Board to the monthly Landfill Reports. She noted that she would be meeting with the owners of Meridian Waste, who purchased Container First Services, which own and operate the Lunenburg Landfill on February 25th. She will provide an update at the next Board meeting. Supervisor Hoover questioned how many freestanding dump sites remained within the county. Administrator Gee replied that she recently received approval from VDOT on the entrances for the Gary Road Site. Once that site is complete, two to three additional sites will be eliminated, leaving three freestanding dump sites remaining.

Supervisor Pennington made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon and unanimously approved, to appoint Jacia Shaw of 1822 K-V Road, Victoria to the Social Services Advisory Board for District #5, Love's Mill with the term expiring on 12/31/2022.

Mr. Steve Israel and Mrs. Frances Wynn spoke before the Board regarding the Oak Grove School House Restoration Project proposal. The project established in 2015 by Frances Wynn and Karen Wynn of Mount Vernon, New York, seeks to restore the now dilapidated original structure. The black-owned one room schoolhouse stands on the grounds of the newly-rebuild Oak Grove Baptist Church. The one-room structure served children in grades 1-7 who were all taught by one teacher. The structure is believed to have educated over 1,140 students during the course of its existence, from 1915-1953. Mrs. Wynn's mission is to restore the property so generations can continue to appreciate the value and historical significance of the one room schoolhouse in the black community. Mr. Israel and Ms. Wynn propose the school house be moved to the courthouse property for restoration and preservation. Administrator Gee commented that, although the county is very supportive of the restoration project, the open land adjacent to the courthouse is the projected location for the expansion of the tax office. Supervisor Edmonds suggested that Mr. Israel and Mrs. Wynn check with the school system, as he believes they have some open space near the Kenbridge Elementary School.

Administrator Gee shared a letter from STEPS, Inc. requesting support of STEPS receiving funding for the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP) for fiscal year 2019-2020 from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The letter states that STEPS served 281 individuals who needed shelter services and safe housing during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Supervisor Bacon made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to authorize Administrator Gee to sign the form in support of STEPS receiving funding for the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP) for fiscal year 2019-2020 from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Supervisor Pennington commented that Dr. Mary Cabrera will be leaving the Centra Medical Group office in Victoria, effective April 1st. He is concerned as to whether there are plans to replace Dr. Cabrera or if the office will be shutting down. Administrator Gee stated that she understands Centra Medical Group has been recruiting to fill the position; however, they have not had success in finding a replacement thus far.

Mr. Glenn Millican provided his monthly report. He advised that a prospective business will be visiting the county and surrounding counties to look at potential locations. The prospect would employ 20-30 people. Mr. Millican noted that he would like to issue an RFP to retain services from an engineering and agricultural

services firm for prospective businesses. He added that there would be no cost to the county. The prospective business would be responsible for the cost when the services are rendered.

Supervisor Hoover made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to issue an RFP to retain services from an engineering and agricultural services firm for prospective businesses.

Mr. Millican requested a work session on solar farms between the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. He noted that regional efforts have been in place to discuss solar farms to ensure the rural counties in the region are on the same page. However, each locality needs to make decisions specific to their area as well. Supervisors Hankins and Supervisor Hoover volunteered to attend the work session on the solar farms to represent the Board. Mr. Millican advised that the Planning Commission would be holding a public hearing on the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Once approved, the Board will be required to hold a public hearing as well. Mr. Millican stated that a community planning meeting was recently held at the county airport. The purpose of the meeting was to determine interest in starting a new business in the county. Lunenburg County and the Towns of Kenbridge and Victoria are applying for a Virginia Community Business Launch Grant that would assist local entrepreneurs in preparing a business plan and potentially award grant funds to assist in launching the business. Town Manager Rodney Newton commented that the community meeting was very successful and well attended. He requested a letter of support from the Board to include with the grant application.

Supervisor Bacon made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington and unanimously approved, to prepare a letter of support for the Virginia Community Business Launch program and include it with the grant application.

Administrator Gee provided her monthly report. She noted that the school and county finance committees would be meeting on Thursday, March 14th before the Board of Supervisors' meeting to discuss the school budget. She commented that the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority audit was distributed. Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates did not have findings of the severity of those discovered in the last audit. They offered suggestions on accounting of the commissary fund and some of the discrepancies created by the transition from a jail board to an authority.

Supervisor Bacon made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to adjourn.

Tracy M. Gee, Clerk
County Administrator

Charles R. Slayton, Chairman
Board of Supervisors