

Follow-up Action

ACTION ITEM	KEY STAFF
1. <u>Closed Session – 2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7</u> (No action)	
2. <u>Invocation</u> (Rev. Dwight Haynes, Memorial Christian Church, provided the invocation)	
3. <u>Recognitions</u> a. <u>Featured Employees</u> (Recognized Eddie Viars and Lee Bentley as Featured Employees for March) b. <u>Recognition of Difficult Duty Due to Weather Conditions</u> (Board expressed appreciation for & commended the dedicated service of a host of public employees who went the extra mile to address: debris filled water entering Claytor Lake resulting in pumping and treatment difficulties and including the need to implement contingency plans for fire fighting and the provision of potable water to area citizens and businesses; and heavy snows resulting from collapsing roofs, stranded citizens, difficulty in providing emergency response, clearing access to public buildings, picking up trash, finding and fixing water leaks, reading water meters, and maintaining other public services – Draft statement by Board of Supervisors and publish in local newspapers and send to employees)	Mr. Hiss
4. <u>Additions to Agenda</u> (None)	
5. <u>Public Hearings</u> (None)	

6. Citizen Comments

(Comments were heard Shannon Turner, President, Pulaski County Education Association; Bob Anderson, teacher; Carolyn Yee, para; Sara Egleston, parent; Francis Viars, substitute teacher; C. E. Boyd, resident; Angela Clevinger; Erin Edwards, teacher; Rob Hodges, parent; Cody Hamilton, son of teacher; and Julia Reed, special ed teacher, requesting Board of Supervisors fully fund school budget requested for FY 11, including capital needs and shortfall of funds by state)

(Mr. Sheffey thanked those in attendance for voicing concerns; noted Board of Supervisors is not responsible for implementation of SOL testing; referenced Board's involvement and representation on VACo committees, particularly education committee; expressed concern over state mandates affecting funding for education; encouraged citizens to contact Governor and legislative representatives directly; and noted difficulties facing Board in FY 11 funding)

(Mr. Huber discussed options available to county for increasing taxes to allow for funding shortfall by state including the \$3.8 million shortfall to schools not including \$800,000 in use of reserves requiring a 33% increase and encouraged citizens to voice concerns to Governor and state legislators)

(Mr. McCarthy encouraged citizens to contact Governor and state legislators)

(Mr. Sheffey advised revenue generated from real estate taxes is the equivalent to funds provided for the education portion of the county budget; and confirmed the county is limited on the type of taxes it can generate – Mr. Sheffey referenced recent proposed legislation that would have eliminated the machinery and tools tax, noting the legislation failed)

(Supervisor Akers advised legislation to eliminate a locality's ability to impose a machinery and tools tax is gaining momentum in the General Assembly and expressed concern that businesses will be lost if machinery and tools tax is lost – Supervisor Akers encouraged citizens to contact Governor and legislators to express concerns re: state funding reductions)

7. Highway Matters:

a. Follow-up from Previous Board meeting:

- Review of Highway Matters Section of Key Activity Timetable

(Mr. Clarke reported no change to the timetable – He advised VDOT was patching potholes as needed)

(Mr. Sheffey questioned the discontinuance of snow fences by VDOT – Mr. Clarke advised VDOT was not using snow fences but may use in the future)

b. Repair to New River Trail

(Mr. Huber advised repair to the New River Trail, following use as a bypass around flooded portions of Route 693, is requested – VDOT to review to determine all policies are being met – Place on KAT)

c. Route 11 Crossover at the intersection of Roundhouse Road

(Mr. Huber reported increasing traffic and poor weather conditions have made this intersection increasingly dangerous and noted adjacent property owner's willingness to work with the county in changing the configuration to allow a cross over where visibility is improved – County staff and VDOT to review possible crossover at top of hill on Route 11 closer to Route 114/11 interchange – VDOT to review and determine if needs standards; however, if proposed crossover does not meet standards a waiver will need to be requested – Place on KAT for future update by VDOT)

Ms. Hanks

- d. Establishment of "No Loitering" Areas
(Mr. Clarke referenced law passed allowing counties to regulate handing out of information at intersections, specifically referencing recent situations at the intersection of Route 114/11 – County staff to complete application process and submit to VDOT) Mr. Huber/Mr. Hiss
- e. Citizen Concerns

(Curtis Selleck questioned the exact location for the proposed move of the crossover currently located on Round House Road – Staff provided details regarding proposed location)

(Supervisor Akers suggested a speed study may also be appropriate if deemed necessary)
- f. Board of Supervisors Concerns
(Supervisor Akers expressed appreciation to VDOT for snow removal efforts and advised of additional roads in the Snowville community needing attention for snow removal – VDOT to review) Mr. Clarke

(Supervisor Conner advised of additional snow removal needed on Mountainview Drive and Godbey Drive – VDOT to review) Mr. Clarke

(Mr. Clarke advised signs for Hatcher Road would be installed in the future, once snow melts)

(Supervisor Bopp expressed appreciation to VDOT for snow removal on 738, Little Walker Mountain)

(Supervisor Sheffey advised of the need for continued snow removal for roads in the county, particularly on Harry Brown Road, to allow for use of both lanes – VDOT to review) Mr. Clarke

(Supervisor Sheffey commended VDOT for the recent work to remove snow from roads)

(Supervisor Sheffey inquired as to the budget outlook for VDOT, particularly VDOT's current budget status due to the recent snow removal – Mr. Clarke advised funding for snow removal was depleted; however funding was being taken from VDOT maintenance funds and requests

had been made for federal reimbursements from FEMA)

(Supervisor Akers inquired if maintenance money for Pulaski County would be lost due to the funding to reopen rest areas – Mr. Clarke indicated funding for reopening of rest areas to be from one source and was uncertain as to how maintenance funds would be affected in future years)

8. Treasurer's Report & Publication of 2007 Delinquent Real Estate

(Ms. Worrell reported approval needed to advertise for second year delinquent real estate taxes for 2007 with 792 accounts to be advertised on March 7, 2010; and reported first half collections at 99% and 2nd half at 98.8% collected – Board approve advertising for 2007 collections)

Ms. Worrell

9. Reports from the County Administrator & Staff:

a. Appointments:

1. New River Highland RC&D

(Appointed Richard Guthrie to fill vacancy created due to expiration of term of Ronnie Powers, with Mr. Guthrie's term to end March 31, 2011 – Notify and New River Highland RC&D and Mr. Guthrie)

Ms. Hanks

2. Planning Commission

(Appointed David Dean to fill vacancy created due to expiration of term of Bill Kegley, with Mr. Dean's term to end March 31, 2014 – Notify Mr. Dean - Send Mr. Dean March 9 packet - Add Mr. Dean to payroll records)

Ms. Hanks
Ms. Wright
Ms. Spence

3. Building Appeals Committee

(Confirmed appointment of Thomas Holsinger with a term ending 6/30/2010 – Place consideration to filling one additional vacancy on March Board agenda)

Ms. Hanks

4. Pulaski Encouraging Progress
 (Reported appointment being sought for Radford University representative – Invite Kay Kline of Southwest Times to fill vacancy in SW Times representation – Place appointments on March Board agenda)
- Ms. Dehart
- Ms. Hanks
- (Update appointment list to reflect new appointees and term limits)
- Ms. Safewright

- b. Key Activity Timetable
 (Supervisor Akers inquired as to the status of the installation of sewer service to Rolling Hills – Mr. Huber advised work continued on the tunnel connection under Route 11 and Highland Road)
- (Supervisor Sheffey requested an update on the Maple Shade facility – Staff to provide architects report via weekly update)
- Ms. Hanks/
Mr. Huber

(Mr. Huber reported plans to provide work to small contractors in the county for the Maple Shade project, noting the county plans to serve as general contractor and bid out to individual contractors)

- c. Unsafe Structures
 (Mr. Huber provided an update on two structures declared unsafe, noting certified notices had been sent to the following properties having an unsafe structure located in Pulaski County: Flora Hendricks (Decd) located on Baskerville Street in Pulaski County and George Holmes, Robinson Tract Road in Pulaski County – Board confirmed structures fall under county ordinance regulating unsafe structures - Staff to proceed with next step in ordinance)
- Ms. Dehart/
Ms. Hampton

- d. Citizens Alert Update
(Bobby Clark provided update on "AlertPulaski" and advised the alert had been activated five times since December 18, 2009, including the recent issue related to the boil water notice, flooding issues and water conservation)
- (Mr. Sheffey inquired if a property owner can be forced off their property if an emergency evacuation is declared – Mr. Clark responded that a mandatory evacuation can be given, but residents cannot be forced off private property)
- (Supervisor Akers inquired as to the privacy of cell numbers when registered with "Alert Pulaski" – Mr. Clark advised cell numbers are kept confidential and used only for "AlertPulaski" situations)
- e. TMD Purchase by IDA
(Mr. Huber recommended consideration by the IDA to the purchase of the TMD building, noting this would assist local economic development and would likely slow down the development of a wellness center, but allow the YMCA an opportunity to determine the future of the YMCA)
- (Mr. Huber advised staff was working with Blacksburg officials to allow access to the Bob White Building by Blacksburg, as needed, for sports practices)
- (Board expressed appreciation to staff for working towards option of having a wellness, but with the current focus to be on attracting industry – Mr. Huber advised one advantage of IDA owning building allows for breaking up of facility for use as by smaller employers)
- f. Budget Update
(Mr. Huber reported multiple proposals were before the General Assembly by both the House and Senate and had not been finalized; presented a revised budget calendar which would allow for the pushing back of setting a tax rate to as late in the schedule as possible, with a goal of giving as much time as possible in order to have solid numbers from the state to allow for a more accuracy in budget planning for FY 11)

(Mr. Huber advised the working draft of budget would require cuts to constitutional officers and spreads cuts across departments and eliminates capital improvements, although this is not sustainable over several years; noted public safety and the provision of services by constitutional officers is basic to county operations; reported that budget holds school funding level despite reductions in other departments due in large part to the overall impact of the state cuts)

(Mr. Sheffey confirmed the Monday, March 1 joint meeting with School Board at 6:00 p.m. in Pulaski Elementary School)

(Mr. Hiss provided an update on the health insurance for employees, advising the maximum increase is expected to be no more than 6.8%, with a low percentage of increase at 3.6%, noting the Consortium needs to vote on the re-rating structure with final details expected by mid March – Provide update at future meeting)

Mr. Hiss

(Place adoption of revised budget calendar on March 1 joint meeting agenda)

Ms. Hanks

10. Items of Consent:

a. Approval of Minutes of January 25 & February 2, 2010
(Approved – Copy and enter into minute book)

Ms. Dehart

b. Accounts Payable
(Approved)

Ms. Spence

c. Interoffice Transfers & Appropriations
(Approved)

Ms. Newby

d. Ratification and/or Approval of Contracts, Change Orders & Agreements, Etc.

1. Renewal of NRV HOME Consortium Agreement
(Approved – Arrange for execution by appropriate individuals)

Mr. Utt

2. New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Area Amendment to Fiscal Agent Service Agreement
(Approved – Arrange for execution by Chairman)

Ms. Hanks

3. Grant Application for Maintenance of Citizens Alerting System
(Ratified)

- e. Personnel Changes
(Reviewed)

- f. Endorsement of Commission and Children and Families Strategic Plan
(Endorsed)

Mr. Hiss

11. Citizen Comments
(None)

12. Other Matters from Supervisors
(Supervisor Pratt advised it was his desire to have the TMD building marketed for industrial use and noted the need for additional detailed planning for a wellness center, with the main focus of the TMD building to be for industrial purposes)

13. Adjournment
(To reconvene at joint Board of Supervisors/
School Board meeting on Monday, March 1, 2010
a 6:00 p.m. at Pulaski Elementary School)