

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2016

At a regular meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, March 28, 2016, beginning with a Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street in the Town of Pulaski, the following members were present: Andy McCreedy, Chairman; Charles Bopp, Vice-Chairman; Joseph Guthrie; Ranny O'Dell and Dean Pratt. Staff members present included: Peter Huber, County Administrator; Karen Thompson, Assistant County Administrator, Management Services; Michael Solomon, Director, Economic Development and Tim Kirtner, Acting County Attorney. Joining the regular session at 7:00 p.m. were Diane Newby, Finance Director; Danny Wilson, Zoning Administrator and Jared Linkous, County Engineer.

1. Closed Session – 2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7

Chairman McCreedy called the meeting to order and advised a Closed Session would need to be held as follows:

A Closed Session is requested pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss personnel, legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry matters.

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board of Supervisors entered a Closed Session for discussion of the following:

Personnel – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) 1 discussion for consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of public officers, appointees or employees, regarding:

- Appointments

Property Disposition or Acquisition – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) 3 discussion for consideration of the disposition or acquisition of publicly held property regarding:

- Old Riverlawn Trail
- Old Riverlawn Elementary School
- Additional Industrial Property Purchase

Prospective Industry – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) 5 discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, or the expansion of an existing business and industry, where no previous announcement has been made of the business's or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community:

- Project Trailblazer
- Project Pellet

Legal Matters – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)7 consultation with legal counsels and briefing by staff for discussion of specific legal matters and matters subject to probable litigation regarding:

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- Commerce Park
- Proposed Feral Cat Ordinance

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

Return to Regular Session

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board returned to regular session.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

Certification of Conformance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted the following resolution certifying conformance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, Virginia, has convened a closed meeting of this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, Virginia hereby certifies to the best of each members' knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in this motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

Mr. McCready described the purpose of the Closed Session and action needed to return to open session.

2. Welcome, Pledge and Invocation

A. Welcome

Mr. McCready welcomed those in attendance at the Board meeting.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. O'Dell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Invocation

Reverend Kathy Newton, Pulaski Christian Church, led the Invocation.

3. Additions to Agenda

Mr. Huber advised there were no additions or corrections to the agenda by staff. The Board did not submit additions or corrections to the agenda.

4. Annual Financial Fiscal Year Report/Audit Presentation

Chairman McCready provided an explanation to those in attendance regarding the County's audit practice and requirements.

Deanna Cox, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates provided a formal presentation of the FY 15 Pulaski County audit. Ms. Cox advised the County had received an "unmodified opinion" in the independent auditors report or "a clean opinion" which is very good. Ms. Cox pointed out the management's discussion and analysis which is prepared by the County's Finance Director and provides a layperson's summary of the audit results with condensed financial statements. The basic financial statements were comparable to prior years with one significant change, Government Accounting Board Standard #67. This standard requires the reporting of the County's and School Board's pension liability in the financial statements. Ms. Cox highlighted the opinions for the Internal Control letter which had a reference to a finding which was not unmodified and Federal Programs which garnered an unmodified rating. The financial statement finding resulted from material adjustments the auditors had to recommend. Ms. Cox explained this was a transitional year between consultants for the County and she did not anticipate any issues going forward. Ms. Cox discussed a five (5) year trend analysis of the general funds, reserves/expenditures, fund and cash balance. She advised increasing the amount in reserves from the current sixteen (16) percent to the more accepted twenty (20) percent. Additionally, the debt per capita for the County is \$846 which is well below the state average of about \$2, 500. Lastly, tax assessments were reviewed and showed a slight but stable decrease. Ms. Cox is planning a meeting with the new consultants and the staff to ensure everyone is on the same page at the beginning of the audit process and thanked County staff for their assistance in providing information for the FY 15 audit.

Mr. McCready asked about an average across the state for expenditures. Ms. Cox and her team are working on this information to add to the presentation, however it is currently unavailable. She added the Board could check the comparative cost report provided by the APA which should have the requested information. Mr. Guthrie asked about the mix of expenditures and how the County compared to others. Ms. Cox stated the County was on par with most localities with the exception of a little higher spending on health and welfare, specifically the CSA program expenditures. Mr. McCready thanked

Ms. Cox for the work resulting in the FY 15 audit. Mr. McCready advised of the action to approve the FY 15 audit at the March 21, 2016, Budget Work Session.

5. Public Hearings

A. Rezoning Petition – Dalton Property

Mr. Wilson provided an overview of the request to finalize a subdivision plat and a lot line revision plat. In order to complete this action, three (3) separate areas/lots would need to be rezoned from Agricultural (A) to Low Density Residential (LR). Mr. Wilson provided the following staff analysis (noted in italics):

Staff Analysis

The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) specifies that the Intent of the Agricultural and Low Density Residential districts are as follows:

Agricultural (A)

Statement of Intent: *The intent of this district is to support and protect farming and agricultural activities as primary uses, while limiting other uses that may have adverse impacts on agriculture or are considered secondary uses, such as residential development. Specifically, this district is designed to fulfill the following objectives:*

1. *Provide for a wide range of agricultural uses and to accommodate all activities typically associated with the primary production and harvesting of crops, livestock, animal products, or plant materials;*
2. *Allow for incidental uses that support the agricultural community;*
3. *Discourage industrial, commercial, and residential development that negatively impacts the pastoral lands associated with this district;*
4. *Preserve productive agricultural property for production of food and fiber by preventing land use conflicts between incompatible uses and limiting the spread of urban growth into agricultural areas; and*
5. *Reduce costs associated with providing governmental services to non-agricultural parcels scattered among agricultural lands.*

Low Density Residential (LR) (formerly R-1)

Statement of Intent: *The intent of this district is to provide for the use of detached single-family dwellings together with specified accessory uses and other uses as may be compatible with low density residential development. It is intended that the character and use of this district be for housing and living purposes free from the encroachment of incompatible uses. Specifically, this district is designed to fulfill the following objectives:*

1. *Encourage low density development of single-family homes;*
2. *Provide for a safe, clean, and enjoyable environment for living and promote neighborhood character;*
3. *Discourage commercial development or other development that would be incompatible with single-family residential uses; and*
4. *Allow for community and recreational uses to serve the residents of the district.*

The proposed rezoning meets the Intent of the Low Density Residential District, as the subject properties are too small to farm and contain residential structures. No additional development is being proposed for the lots and the rezoning petition is simply to align the zoning with the current land use and to allow the proposed subdivision and lot line revision to occur. In addition, the Future Land Use Map depicts the subject property as Residential, so this Rezoning Petition would be in keeping with the Future Land Use designation.

Staff does not foresee any issues or potential conflicts with this rezoning request and recommends approval as submitted by the applicant with one condition- that the proposed Lot Line Revision plat must be recorded within 6 months of the rezoning; otherwise, staff will bring this matter back to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to change the zoning back to the current configuration.

Mr. Wilson advised of the receipt of about a dozen phone calls from citizens regarding the request; however, no one but the applicant spoke at the Planning Commission meeting. Further, the Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of the rezoning petition, with the condition the proposed Lot Line Revision plat must be recorded within six (6) months of the rezoning; otherwise, staff will bring the matter back to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to change the zoning back to current status.

Mr. McCready opened the public hearing. Mr. Ronnie Dalton, applicant from Fairlawn, told the Board of his reasons behind the request for rezoning. There were no additional comments and Mr. McCready closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. Guthrie and carried, the Board accepted the Planning Commission recommendation with the condition of the Lot Line Revision must be recorded within six (6) months of the rezoning; otherwise, the rezoning will be reverted.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

6. Highway Matters

A. Citizen Comments on Highway Matters and Comments from the Board of Supervisors

Mr. Huber advised Mr. Clarke was not in attendance for the meeting and asked to defer highway matters from the Board and citizens to the next Board of Supervisors regular meeting in April.

Mr. Bopp updated the Board regarding the concerns from Ms. Connie Thornton, Robinson district. Ms. Thornton contacted Mr. Bopp about tree cutting on Schrader Hill Road. Mr. Bopp and Mr. Anthony Barnes from VDOT have been out in the area to investigate the issue.

Mr. McCready opened the floor for citizen comments on highway matters only.

Mr. Ranny Akers, from the Massie district, spoke regarding the need of a study from the New River Valley Regional Commission regarding upgrades for turning

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lanes for RT. 100 through the Town of Dublin. Mr. Akers reminded the Board of the many wrecks in the area and the need for deceleration lanes and other highway improvements. Mr. McCready stated a study had been completed last year for Exit 98 and he felt the Board should speak with VDOT before any action would take place. There were no further citizen comments.

Mr. McCready asked Mr. Huber to defer action on the six (6) year plan and place the item on the agenda for the April meeting.

Mr. Guthrie commented about the receipt of inquiries regarding Route 687 (Church Hill Road in the Parrott community) which is unpaved and services approximately 22 (twenty – two) home and land owners and is a quarter of a mile long. Mr. Guthrie felt it would be worthwhile to improve the surface of the road from gravel to pavement and would help out the citizens in the area. He asked that this item be placed on the April agenda as well.

B. Follow – up from Previous Meetings

Deferred to April meeting.

C. Road Viewers Committee

In previous years, Mr. Huber stated, Board members had served on the Road Viewers Committee with staff and VDOT. He remembered Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Pratt previously served on the committee. Mr. McCready asked the Board members and Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Pratt specifically if they would like to serve on the committee. Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Pratt accepted appointment to the committee.

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Mr. Guthrie and carried, the Board appointed Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Pratt to serve on the Road Viewers committee.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

D. Interstate 81 County Entrance Signage

Mr. McCready explained the current circumstances with the Welcome to Pulaski County Entrance signage. Mr. Huber asked for a reaffirmation of concern for losing the sign and updated the Board on receipt of correspondence from VDOT regarding settlement for the value of the existing sign. VDOT is offering \$3,200 for the existing sign. No agreement has been made as the County desires a sign be erected at another location after construction is complete at no cost. Mr. Guthrie asked how the concern should be expressed and provided the following:

On a motion by Mr. Guthrie, seconded by Mr. O'Dell and carried, the Board expressed its profound concern that the County is in jeopardy of losing a valuable asset in the form of the location of a very prominent welcome sign. The County understands the need for road improvements but also would

strongly emphasize to VDOT our need for a prominent entrance for a welcome sign into our County. While the County would prefer for the sign to remain at its current location, if it has to be moved, we would strongly stress the need for an equally prominent location for a new sign.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

E. Jackson Park Inn Interstate Signage

Mr. Huber received a request from Mr. Shawn Utt, Town Manager, Town of Pulaski, asking for assistance/support in the placement of blue directional interstate (either at Exit 89 or Exit 94) signage for the Jackson Park Inn. The Board asked Mr. Huber to continue to provide updates on the status of the request, specifically the location of the sign, before further action was taken.

7. Presentations and Citizens Comments (related to items on agenda)

A. Citizens Comments Related to Items on Agenda

Mr. McCready explained the purpose of this "Citizen Comments" section was to allow citizens to speak to any item on the current agenda only.

There were no citizen comments related to items on the agenda.

8. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Worrell provided the monthly reports. Mr. McCready commented on sales tax revenue exceeding last year's numbers. Mr. Guthrie asked about the progress with collection of delinquent real estate 2013 taxes that were published in ads in the local newspapers. Ms. Worrell advised about \$20, 000 had been collected from about seventy (70) properties thus far and reviewed the process of payment plans and consequences for non – payment of real estate and property taxes. Mr. O'Dell asked about the collection of taxes from LLC(s) and Ms. Worrell stated she is working with the Commissioner of Revenue to place these on the tax rolls. Mr. Guthrie and Mr. McCready questioned Ms. Worrell about the tax status of the Boy Scouts of America, specifically lodging and meals taxes. Ms. Worrell felt certain the Boy Scouts of America were exempt from taxes and would provide Mr. Huber with code information to give to the Board.

9. Reports from the County Administrator & Staff

A. Appointments

The following appointments were announced by Mr. Huber for approval by the Board:

Library Board

- Penny Golden, Ingles District
- Board of Social Services

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- Reverend Terrie Sternberg
Board of Zoning Appeals
- Approval to solicit interested individuals with real estate or land use experience through ads in local newspapers
Broadband Grant Steering Committee
- Michael Solomon, Director of Economic Development, County of Pulaski
- Tyler Lester, Field Representative, Representative H. Morgan Griffith
- Dennis Reece, Citizen Telephone Cooperative
- Ed Belcher, Retired/Verizon Communication
- John White, Director of Economic Development, Town of Pulaski
- Gary Reedy, Citizens Telephone Cooperative
- Jose Melendez, Media Services Manager, New River Community College
- Nichole Hair, Deputy Town Manager, Town of Pulaski
- Beth Lancaster, IT Security Analyst, Virginia Tech
- Claire Collins, Grant Writer, County of Pulaski
- Christy Straight, Regional Planner II, New River Valley Regional Commission
- Peter Huber, County Administrator, County of Pulaski
- Tim Barnes, Director of Information Technology, County of Pulaski
- Greg Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Pulaski County Schools
- Randy McCallister, Director, Electronic Engineering and Communication Services, Radford University/Resident
- Mick Stewart, Resident
- Debbie and Rusty Warren, Shelburne Road Residents
- Dick Theobald, Resident
- Connie and Tom Wilkinson, (Connie: Associate Director, Services for Students with Disabilities, Virginia Tech); Residents
- Edwin Whitelaw, PE, Owner of NRVUnwired (New River Valley Unwired, LLC)
- Terry and Chris Whittaker, Residents
Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority
- Joseph Guthrie, alternate

On a motion by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board confirmed the appointments.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

B. Four-Year Goals

The four (4) – year goals were not inserted in BoardDocs for review by the Board and therefore were not discussed.

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C. Draper Fire Department Truck Purchase

Mr. McCreedy reviewed the summary provided by staff regarding the shortfall of funds for the Draper Fire Department truck purchase. Staff recommended an additional appropriation of \$45,977 be made from contingency for this purchase. Mr. McCreedy had questions regarding certain features of the truck specifically, the traffic directing light/signboard listed for \$9,678 and asked for officers from the Draper Fire Department, Mr. Phillips (Captain) and Mr. Kiser (firefighter), to come forth. Mr. Phillips explained the signboard type fit the truck well; was recommended by the County Emergency Management Coordinator; would be mounted at the top of the truck and tilted, enabling drivers to see it from a farther distance helping to limit accident and protect lives and was made manufactured by Red Storm, who was building the truck. Mr. Phillips also said he believed installation was included in the cost. Mr. Phillips added they had checked with other manufacturers, including Pierce, whose build time was 500 + days and \$10,000 more compared to a 250 day build time by Red Storm and felt confident with Red Storm as a vendor. Mr. Pratt advised if the options to reduce the cost of the truck were implemented, it would affect the functionality. Mr. McCreedy thanked the officers of the Draper Fire Department for their service to the community.

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. O'Dell and carried the Board approved the recommendation for an additional appropriation of \$45,977 from contingency for the purchase of the Draper Fire Department truck.

Voting yes: Mr. McCreedy, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.
Voting no: None.

D. Refinancing of Riverlawn Elementary – Literary Loan

Mr. Huber provided background information on the Literary Fund Loan and the status of refinancing only the Riverlawn Elementary portion of the bond. Additionally, two refinancing options were discussed: one, assumes the County take a majority of their savings in FY 2016 as the County would be financing the June 1, 2016, payment on the loan not coming due until FY 2017 or two, assumes the County pay the June 1, 2016, payment as scheduled and apply it to the refinancing. The second scenario increases the savings in FY2017 – 2027. Mr. Kirtner requested a review of the resolution documents generated by Bond Counsel for execution of the refinancing and planned to contact Bond Counsel before the Board's budget work session scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2016. Mr. Huber recommended choosing a financing option to be drafted in the resolution documents.

On a motion by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board approved refinancing the Literary Loan for Riverlawn Elementary using option 2 (two), paying the June 1, 2016, as scheduled and apply the payment to the refinancing.

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Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

E. LiDAR Fees/Changes

Mr. Linkous provided an update on LiDAR mapping and capabilities. Various engineering and consulting firms have inquired regarding access to the LiDAR mapping. Staff recommends housing the raw data on the State site with the County neither processing the raw data nor charging a fee for access.

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board approved the availability of LiDAR mapping data to be housed on the State site free of charge with no processing by County staff.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None

F. LEAD New River Valley Meeting Update

Mr. Huber discussed clean – up efforts of the New and Little Rivers. Staff recommends participation of the County in the regional clean – up and providing an in – kind donation for publicity, feeding of volunteers and t – shirts up to \$10,000.

On a motion by Mr. Guthrie, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board approved the recommendation by staff to participate in the regional clean – up and provide an in – kind donation up to \$10, 000.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

G. FY17 Local Technical Assistance – New River Valley Regional Commission

Mr. Huber reviewed the New River Valley Regional Commission's offer of technical assistance for projects submitted by localities and asked the Board for suggestions. Staff suggested assistance with a comprehensive recreation plan and Skyview Subdivision road improvements and a citizen suggested Route 100 Corridor improvements.

On a motion from Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. O'Dell and carried, the Board approved the submittal of aforementioned projects for consideration by the New River Valley Regional Commission FY17 local technical assistance.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

10. Items of Consent

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board approved the Items of Consent, as follows:

Voting yes: Mr. McCreedy, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

A. Approval of February 22, 2016 Regular Meeting and February 29, 2016 Budget Board Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the February 22 and February 29, 2016, Board meetings, as presented.

B. Accounts Payable

The Board approved accounts payable for checks numbered 2049824 through 2050521, subject to audit.

C. Interoffice Transfers and Budget Adjustments

The Board approved the interoffice transfer #9 in the amount of \$37,808.29. The following listing of budget adjustments were also approved: Capital Improvements Fund #2016-08: \$37,918.00; Virginia Public Assistance Fund #2016-01: \$272,000.00; General Fund #2016-15; Industrial Development Authority (IDA) Fund #2016-02: \$477,604.00.

D. Approval of Contracts, Change Orders, Etc.

There were no contracts, change orders, etc. to be considered by the Board.

E. Personnel Changes

The Board ratified approval of personnel changes that were presented in weekly updates from February 25, 2016, through March 24, 2016.

F. Ready Set Go! Program Mitigation Grant

The Board approved the acceptance of the Ready Set Go! Mitigation Grant award of \$1,000.00 for wildfire prevention promotional activities (with a copy of the description of the program and grant application filed in the BoardDocs agenda).

G. Loving Field Usage

The Board approved the request by Adams Construction to store construction gravel at Loving Field through the end of April 2016. The construction gravel will be placed in the lot where old fencing and light poles from Loving Field are currently located; no recreational activities take place in this area and Adams Construction will provide the county with stone for the gravel lots at Loving Field.

H. Resolution for Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Board adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community goal that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment can occur when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources and without the ability to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and does call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in community efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening the community in which we live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the text of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors this 28th day of March 2016, proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

ADOPTED this 28 day of March, 2016.

I. IT Agreement with Pulaski County Sewerage Authority

The Board reviewed, accepted and approved an agreement between the County of Pulaski Information Technology Department and the Pulaski County Sewerage Authority for website development services.

J. Proclamation for Clean – Up Pulaski

The Board adopted the following proclamation:

**A Proclamation Declaring April 2016
Clean – Up Pulaski Month**

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Pulaski County Clean Community Council, the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County declares April 2016 as Clean-Up Pulaski Month; and

WHEREAS, cleaning up private properties, businesses, roadsides and other areas is a way of respecting and appreciating the natural beauty of Pulaski County; and

WHEREAS, discarded containers provide habitat for mosquitoes that carry a variety of diseases; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the need for a community effort for the clean – up of the County, hope to create a healthier and more presentable County for the enjoyment of citizens, visitors and tourists; and

WHEREAS, the continued support of citizens is crucial to the Clean Community Council's efforts; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of the beauty and character of our County is of major importance to our citizens and future generations;

WHEREAS, the coming together of the Pulaski County community in this endeavor strengthens our uniqueness as a County and community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, Virginia, hereby proclaims April 2016, as "Clean – Up Pulaski Month" and hereby urges all citizens, businesses and community organizations to join and support the effort during the month of April, as the official clean-up month of the County of Pulaski.

ADOPTED this 28 day of March, 2016.

K. Proclamation for National County Government Month

The Board adopted the following proclamation:

**A Proclamation Declaring April 2016
National County Government Month**

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Pulaski, Virginia, and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, well –

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being and safety of our residents in efficient and cost effective ways; and

WHEREAS, through National Association of Counties (NACo) President Sallie Clark's "Safe and Secure Counties" initiative, NACo is encouraging counties to focus on strengthening the safety and security of their communities; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe and economically competitive, America's counties provide public health, justice, emergency management and economic Services that play a key role in everything from resident's daily health to disaster response; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote programs and services to the public we serve; and

WHEREAS, Pulaski's own infrastructure is focused on nurturing local economic growth, expanding employment opportunities, fostering partnerships, enhancing public services and education to its citizenship, providing public safety, emergency preparedness and much more; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, Virginia, hereby proclaims April 2016, as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county celebration activities.

ADOPTED by this 28 day of March, 2016.

11. Citizen Comments and Presentations (unrelated to items on the current agenda)

A. Presentation – Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Website and Updates

Dr. John Knarr, President of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, unveiled the new Pulaski County Tourism website and spoke of its potential to better promote the County. Dr. Knarr discussed the goals of the website: promote to get "higher hits" when individuals are searching for Pulaski County, VA, or Pulaski County Tourism and working with 12th (twelfth) Group help small businesses gain the ability to sell items through website/online stores. The Pulaski Happenings website and Facebook page is also going through a redesign, making the calendar feature the focal point, enabling individuals/groups to schedule events. The Chamber also asked the Board of Supervisors to be Featured Members of the Chamber and Mr. McCready accepted on the Board's behalf and a picture with all Board members would be taken at the end of the meeting. Mr. Guthrie asked about the ability to make hotel

reservation from the site and Ms. Peggy White explained that currently a person could not but is only one step away from completing that step after accessing the Tourism webpage. Mr. McCready thanked Dr. Knarr and the Chamber for the presentation.

B. Citizen Comments

Brenda Blackburn, 6497 Ruebush Road, Dublin, questioned the Board on Item of Consent G. Loving Field Usage. She stated there was a rumor the Pulaski Yankees would be using the field for practices and Mr. McCready responded by letting her know there would be some paving conducted in the area and the paving company asked if they could store gravel there. In exchange for the County allowing the company to store gravel, the company is going to provide the County with gravel for the Loving Field parking lots. Ms. Blackburn also thanked staff and the Board for the updates and appearance of Loving Field.

Walt Viars from Draper described circumstances regarding the growth of bamboo in his neighborhood. He approached the Board in 2014 regarding the spreading of bamboo from a neighbor's property and in the summer of 2015 where he was told by Acting County Attorney, Mr. Tim Kirtner, there was nothing the County could do about the issue due to the Dillon Rule. The Board recommended a letter be sent to State Representatives recommending bamboo be added to the grasses and noxious weeds list that could be controlled by local government. He now has an issue with starlings that are roosting in the bamboo. Mr. Viars contacted the USDA regarding the starlings, was advised to use bird bombs and screamers however these measures did not help. He asked the Board to get other counties/localities involved to put pressure on the State to add bamboo to the list so the localities would have the ability to do something about this and also to publicize the issue so people know not plant bamboo. Mr. McCready updated Mr. Viars on legislation that allows localities to regulate more noxious weeds.

12. Other Matters from Supervisors

The Board discussed the bamboo issue further with the Board members stressing education to residents regarding not planting this item as an ornamental plant.

Mr. Guthrie discussed concerns from residents regarding the status of the Twin Communities Fire Department building. The materials are there and citizens want to know when work will begin. Mr. Huber advised this was a project the County is completing and work would begin soon.

Mr. O'Dell received calls regarding the Snowville Fire Department Building. Mr. Huber recommended further discussion regarding options for the County completing the work or obtaining a contractor.

Mr. McCready asked for staff from Animal Control, the County Attorney's

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Office and any administrative department dealing with licensing to review the animal control ordinance, with an emphasis on the feral cat issues.

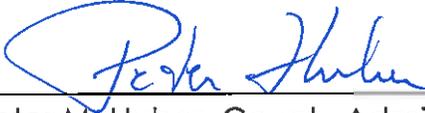
13. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned its regular meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is a joint boards meeting to be held on Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the County Information Technology Training Center, 89 Commerce Street, in the Town of Pulaski. Following the joint board meeting will be a budget work session to be held on Monday, April 4, 2016, at the County Information Technology Center, 89 Commerce Street, in the Town of Pulaski, VA. The next regular Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2016, beginning with a Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. with said meeting to be held in the County Administration Building.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.
Voting no: None.



Howard A. McCready, Chairman



Peter M. Huber, County Administrator