

Grayson County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
December 10, 2009

Members attending this meeting were: Larry Bartlett, Joe Vaughan, Mike Maynard, Brenda Sutherland, and Doug Carrico.

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Joe Vaughan moved to approve the consent agenda, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

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Larry Bartlett moved to add Free Clinic under New Business, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: VDOT

Matthew Cox, Residency Administrator for VDOT, addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding the Route 94 Carico Bridge. Mr. Cox stated that the bridge repairs were expected to be completed by next week.

IN RE: SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT(S) UPDATE

Jonathan Sweet stated that he had received notification from the school system that Mr. Ring would be unable to attend this meeting but the report would be given at the next school board meeting (December 14th at 6:30 pm) and that the Board of Supervisors was welcome to attend. Mr. Sweet stated that he planned to attend this meeting to bring back information to the Board. Mr. Sweet stated that the entrance permit for the turning lane must be completed before the certificate of occupancy can be issued. Mr. Sweet stated that the priority of the Grant Water Project is to provide water to the school.

IN RE: SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMITTEE – BRIDLE CREEK

Kevin Spurlin addressed the Board stating that the Independence Fire Department requested the use of the Bridle Creek School Building for a substation. There is approximately 9 acres of land there. John Smith stated that the classrooms and the gym would be of use to the Fire Department. The land would provide an area where fundraising activities could be held. Kevin Spurlin stated that the only recommendation from the community was that the community and the fire department work together on coming up with potential solutions and that the fire department would not be the facility manager. The ideas for uses for the building would be collective community effort. A joint community and fire department board would be formed to oversee the school

building and grounds and would not be part of the actual substation. The fire department would have the ultimate say and the community board would be accountable to them.

Jonathan Sweet stated that all potential uses for the property will be considered.

Mike Maynard requested that the Independence Fire Department provide the Board with a document stating how much land would be needed for their proposed uses. This document will be provided by the January 2010 meeting.

IN RE: GALAX-GRAYSON EMERGENCY JOINT MEDICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This item was continued from the November 2009 meeting. Joe Vaughan moved to approve the Galax-Grayson Emergency Joint Medical Services Agreement as presented, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: APPOINTMENTS

Doug Carrico moved to table this item until the January 2010 meeting, duly seconded by Brenda Sutherland. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Tommy Halsey, Jim Cole, and Don Cox were mentioned as possibilities for the Board of Equalization for consideration at the organizational meeting in January.

IN RE: GRAYSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MONTHLY REQUISITION

Doug Carrico moved to approve the transfer of one twelfth of the 2009-2010 County funding for school operations and debt service to the Grayson County School System in the amount of \$334,792.00, duly seconded by Brenda Sutherland. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: BUDGET REDUCTIONS

The Constitutional Officers responses to budget reductions were presented to the Board of Supervisors. Joe Vaughan moved to reduce the Constitutional Officers budgets per the amount directed to be reduced by the Governor, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: REGIONAL WATER AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – VA/NC REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

Brenda Sutherland moved to adopt the proposed amendment to the original Water Agreement Article 6 Section 6.2 to ensure that each user has a reduction equally in time of shortage proportionally to the percentage used, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF TRAN

Joe Vaughan moved to adopt the resolution extending the line of credit until April, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – DHCD – CDBG GRANT

Larry Bartlett moved to schedule a public hearing for the DHCD – CDBG Grant, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: FREE CLINIC

The Free Clinic requested \$7,500. Jonathan Sweet stated that there was little money available. Larry Bartlett moved to provide the clinic with \$1,000, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BOND – GRANT WATER PROJECT

A public hearing was held to receive public comments regarding the intention of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance for a revenue bond for financing a portion of the cost to extend water services to the Grant community and for the cost of such issuance. The proposed bond to be issued would be \$290,000.00. No comments were received. Joe Vaughan moved to close the public hearing, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. This item will be placed under Old Business next month for approval of the resolution.

IN RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Jonathan Sweet addressed the Board. Mr. Sweet stated that the NACO Drug Discount Program yielded a savings of \$887 for the 46 utilizers of the program for the month. To date, the savings for participating citizens of Grayson County is \$47,763.97.

Grant Water Project - drilling under Mill Creek is complete.

Carolina Profiles – December 22nd a ceremonial check will be issued and the performance agreement will be signed that day.

Through Goodwill employees, trustees, Rooftop of Virginia, and WCC employees, there are a total of nine people working for Grayson County not on Grayson County payroll.

The second and third trainings for staff have been completed. One was retarding trustees; the other was customer care and training.

There will be a County Christmas Lunch for all employees on December 16th.

Courthouse improvements are underway. The third floor is completed. The second floor is currently being done.

Lisa Barker, Zoning Administrator is being relocated next to the Assessor's Office due to lack of space in the County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Sweet introduced Emil Butler as Day Report Program Manager. Mr. Butler addressed the Board regarding the benefits to the County and community of Day Reporting. Mr. Butler also stated that due to this program, there would be additional workforce available for service to the various County departments. Participants are required to attend Life Skills classes and will be encouraged to participate in GED programs as well.

A notice has been issued to award a contract for Phase I.

The old landfill inspection by DEQ went very well and the notice of violation should be removed.

Economic Interest Statements are due by January 15, 2009.

Mr. Sweet gave an update on the progress of the 10 Point Financial Plan. An RFP for Financial Forecast has been issued. Recommendations for a capital improvement plan will be made very soon. Constitutional Officers have submitted their action plans. A memorandum was issued on October 26th stating that there was a spending freeze on discretionary items. Several projects are temporarily on hold due to cash flow problems. The Solid Waste Collection site has been reconfigured. \$2,000 will be saved annually through the US Cellular tower contract. An additional \$36,000 has been saved annually with the Solid Waste Contract. Free labor from Goodwill and Rooftop has been provided in the form of 9 workers. The Governor's Opportunity Fund has been renegotiated with a savings of \$150,000.

Mr. Sweet presented the certification of Board Members re-elected to Brenda Sutherland of the Elk Creek District and Mike Maynard of the Wilson District.

IN RE: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

An organizational meeting to appoint new members to Boards, etc. will be held on January 6, 2010.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Thomas Maynard moved to approve an executive session in accordance with Subsection A (1-27) of Section 2.2-3711 Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, duly seconded by Doug Carrico, motion carried 5-0.

Whereas the Grayson County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive meeting on this 10th day of December, 2009, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (II) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors with recorded confirmation from members as follows: Larry Bartlett – I so certify; Joe Vaughan – I so certify; Doug Carrico – I so certify; Brenda Sutherland – I so certify; Thomas Maynard – I so certify.

IN RE: TWIN COUNTY AIRPORT

Larry Bartlett addressed the Board regarding the Twin County Airport Commission and their upcoming year's operating budget.

IN RE: CONTINUANCE

Larry Bartlett moved to continue this meeting until January 6, 2010 at 6:30 pm, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

Grayson County Board of Supervisors
Special Called Meeting
December 21, 2009

Members attending this meeting were Larry Bartlett, Mike Maynard, Brenda Sutherland, and Doug Carrico.

IN RE: RESOLUTION OF THE GRAYSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TO FISCALLY SAFEGUARD AND PROTECT GRAYSON COUNTY VA

Larry Bartlett moved to adopt the following resolution, duly seconded by Doug Carrico.
Motion carried 4-0.

Whereas, It is the duty of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors to safeguard and protect the fiscal integrity and solvency of Grayson County; and

Whereas, the Board continues to identify both short and long-term financial threats, challenges, and opportunities; and

Whereas, the Board is taking aggressive action to mitigate and manage the impact various revenue reductions, formula adjustments, cost increases, unanticipated expenditures and debt service have and will continue to inflict on the County's financial health and its future budgets; and

Whereas, the Board realizes the citizenry is unable to shoulder significant increases in taxes and fees in these exigent economic times; and

Whereas, the Board has made numerous efforts to reduce overall expenditures, generate new revenues, increase efficiencies in operations, offset costs, control and curtail spending, manage the budget, and strategically plan for the future; and

Whereas the Board finds it necessary and in the best interest of the County's fiscal well being to address the County's largest long-term financial obligation and insure our ability to meet this obligation as intended; and

Whereas, the Board agreed to fund up to \$16.3 million in new school and renovation construction for the communities of West Grayson and the Town of Fries for the purpose of advancing our students' educational offerings and enhancing their educational environment; and

Whereas, \$16.3 million is substantially larger than the estimated aggregate cost of \$14 million originally anticipated and well above ten percent (10%) of such estimated cost; and

Whereas, the Board has taken actions to contribute to the success and stability of the project by effectively reducing the Total Project Cost in the amount of \$600,000 through grant procurement for necessary water infrastructure to service the West Grayson School; and

Whereas, the project savings is expected to be realized and enjoyed for the benefit it will have on reducing the debt load of the County; and

Whereas, this realization effectively reduces the Total Project Cost from \$16.3 million down to \$15.7 million; and

Whereas, this reduction in borrowed funds will translate into sizable long-term savings and this savings can be passed along to our citizens;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Grayson County Board of Supervisors do hereby pledge to uphold our fiduciary responsibilities to safeguard and protect the fiscal integrity and solvency of the County through sound and prudent financial practices during these most challenging of economic times;

Now, Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that the Grayson County Board of Supervisors do hereby solidify, by way of resolution, our original intent to fund Phase I of the School Improvement Plan in the Amount of \$16.3 million for new school and renovation improvements to benefit the future of Grayson County and our citizens;

Now, Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that the Grayson County Board of Supervisors, for the long-term benefits to the County and its citizens, wish to enjoy the fruits of our labors and capture the \$600,000 savings by logically reducing the Total Project Cost by the sum of such savings to \$15.7 million and shall not in anyway contribute in excess of the restated Total Project Costs.

Declared this 21st day of December, 2009, in Grayson County, Virginia.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Doug Carrico moved to adjourn until January 6, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Chairman