

Grayson County Board of Supervisors  
December 9, 2010

Members attending this meeting were: Mike Maynard, Joe Vaughan, Larry Bartlett, 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.

IN RE: DROUGHT RELIEF

Kevin Spurlin, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, addressed the Board, informing them as to the details of Drought Relief. Mr. Spurlin also notified the Board of the restructuring plan for the Cooperative Extension Service. Local offices will be centered around a regional business center. One co-funded position in the County will remain. Currently there are five. Part of the burden will be shifted to the business center at no cost to the County. The other positions, if they are to continue, will have to be financed by the County. Mr. Spurlin will no longer be lead coordinator; there will be someone from the business center doing that. Mr. Spurlin will continue to be in Grayson County, but will have multiple responsibilities.

IN RE: SMART BEGINNINGS

Doug Carrico moved to authorize Jonathan Sweet to look in budget areas for available funding for Smart Beginnings in response to their request for funding, no second was made.

Joe Vaughan moved to delay the funding until next year, duly seconded by Mike Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: APPOINTMENTS

District III Governmental Cooperative – Doug Carrico (Term expires 12/31/10) agreed to serve another term.

Mount Rogers Community Services Board – Vicki Johnson Hauslohner (Term expires 12/31/10) does not wish to continue.

Grayson County Recreation Board (Term expires 12/31/10) Robbie Isom, Mitch Hawks, Doug Carrico, Chris Anders. Joe Vaughan moved to reappoint these members, duly seconded by Brenda Sutherland. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: GRAYSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTHLY REQUISITION

Mike Maynard moved to approve the Grayson County Public Schools monthly requisition for transfer of county funding for school operations and debt service to Grayson County School System in the amount of \$348,084.00, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: MOUNT ROGERS HEALTH DISTRICT QUARTERLY REQUISITION

Doug Carrico moved to approve the request submitted by Mount Rogers Health District for their quarterly requisition for 2 quarters in the amount of \$83,655.00, duly seconded by Brenda Sutherland. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: RESOLUTION – CORE SERVICES

Mike Maynard moved to adopt the following resolution, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution  
Of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors  
To Encourage the Commonwealth of Virginia to Operationally Fund  
Investments in Core Services

Whereas, it is the desire of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors to incite and foster employment opportunities for its citizens; and

Whereas, Grayson County possess a six month average unemployment rate of 11.3%. the highest in the WIA II Region and 4.4% higher than that of the Commonwealth of Virginia as a whole; and

Whereas, many quality and gainful employment opportunities are derived from the public sector of government through the delivery of core services to its citizens; and

Whereas, the Board feels that certain investments made by the Commonwealth with the intent to efficiently deliver core services for the greater good should be utilized for their intended purpose;

Whereas, the utilization of such investments would render a cost savings to the Commonwealth and residually create opportunities for employment; and

Whereas, a premier example of such an investment that would render both results is that of the State Correctional Facility newly constructed yet unoccupied in Independence, Virginia; and

Whereas, the many benefits of the \$104.5 million investment will never be realized without the appropriation of operational funding from the Commonwealth;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors beseeches the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide said funding in order to realize the significant financial benefits and employment opportunities this immense investment will yield for our citizens.

#### IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – TAX RELIEF TO THE ELDERLY

A public hearing was held to receive public comment regarding a proposed amendment to “Tax Relief to the Elderly”. No public comment was received. Mike Maynard moved to close the public hearing, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

Joe Vaughan moved to approve the proposed amendment, duly seconded by Mike Maynard. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Mike Maynard – aye; Joe Vaughan – aye; Brenda Sutherland – aye; Doug Carrico – aye; Larry Bartlett – aye.

#### IN RE: PROCLAMATION – GENA P. HACKLER

A proclamation was presented to Gena Hackler for her years of service to Grayson County as Ms. Hackler is retiring.

#### IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – ERNEST LAWSON

A hearing was held to receive public comment regarding an application submitted by the Log House Trading Post and Restaurant, LLC on behalf of Ernest Lawson to rezone property (Tax Map 67-A-109) from Rural Farm to Commercial for the purpose of operating a recycling center within the Wilson District.

Public comments were received in favor of the rezoning from Kathy Cole and Bruce Noble. Joe Vaughan moved to close the public hearing, duly seconded by Mike Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

Mike Maynard moved to approve the request to rezone property tax map 67-A-109 from Rural Farm to Commercial, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Mike Maynard – aye; Joe Vaughan – aye; Brenda Sutherland – aye; Doug Carrico – aye; Larry Bartlett – aye.

#### IN RE: RESOLUTION – DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY (DROUGHT RELIEF)

Joe Vaughan moved to approve the following resolution, duly seconded by Mike Maynard. Motion carried by roll call vote. Mike Maynard – aye; Joe Vaughan – aye; Brenda Sutherland – aye; Doug Carrico – aye; Larry Bartlett – aye.

Resolution  
Declaration of an Agriculture State of Emergency

Whereas, the drought and excessive heat conditions in Grayson County during the summer of 2010 have negatively affected farm production; and

Whereas, unusually dry weather in April when livestock are historically placed on fresh pasture resulted in limited pasture growth, low pasture reserves for the rest of summer; and

Whereas, excessive heat and rainfall deficits beginning in June exacerbated limited pasture supplies; and

Whereas, accumulated effects of summer heat and drought resulted in a 60% pasture yield loss on approximately 51,000 acres of pastureland in Grayson County; and

Whereas, an estimated 24,000 acres of hay land with an average 40% yield loss; and

Whereas, livestock owners facing hay yield loss and limited pastures were also forced to use hay supplies during the summer resulting in less hay available for winter feed programs; and

Whereas, excessive heat during critical production times for high-value cabbage and burley tobacco resulted in estimated yield losses of 70% on 175 acres and 60% of 105 acres, respectively; and

Whereas, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors request the Governor to declare Grayson County in an agriculture state of emergency for federal drought relief to local farmers;

Be It Therefore Resolved: by the Grayson County Board of Supervisors petition, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to declare an agricultural state of emergency and request Federal Drought Relief Assistance for Grayson County Farmers.

#### IN RE: REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Hazard Mitigation Plan is required to be completed for the County to continue to receive FEM A disaster relief reimbursements. A meeting of the Advisory Committee to update this plan will be held on Jan. 21, 2011.

Brenda Sutherland moved to appoint Larry Bartlett and Mitch Smith as members of this Advisory Committee with Jonathan Sweet being appointed as alternate, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

#### IN RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Jonathan Sweet reported to the board on the renovations to the courthouse, the Southeast RCAP for new wells or well up fits, value added services to employee's 457B compensation plan and deferred comp through payroll deductions. Mr. Sweet also

reported on the Public Works Facilities, biodiesel fuel, and the County being up to speed in Green Technology. Also Grayson County Tourism received the Government of the Year award.

#### IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Chekanow – People for a Cleaner Environment – Discussed issues concerning fluoride and its contamination to local streams and its dangers to humans. She also discussed the fluoridation of water in the Carolina/Virginia Water System.

Louis Zeller – Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League – Science Director for Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League – spoke concerning the risks of fluoride.

Jerry Brooks – spoke concerning fluoridation issue.

Dennis Smith – spoke concerning fluoridation issue.

Mildred Richardson – spoke concerning fluoridation issue.

#### IN RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TIME

Mike Maynard commented concerning Oracle Institute's request for zoning. Mike Maynard moved to rescind the motion made on July 8, 2010 to revisit the Oracle Institute's zoning request in on year, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

#### IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Larry Bartlett moved to approve an executive session in accordance with Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) Code of Virginia, 1950, Acquisition or Disposition of Real Property, and 2.2-3711(A)(1) Personnel Matter, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010, 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.

IN RE: ADJOURN

This meeting was continued to January 4, 2010 for reorganization of the Board at the Grayson County Board Room at 6:30 pm.