

GRAYSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2007

The Grayson County Board of Supervisors held an adjourned meeting. Members attending this meeting were: Larry Bartlett, Ralph Tuggle, Thomas Maynard, and Joe Vaughan. Doug Carrico was absent. Mr. William D. Ring attended this meeting. VDOT representatives Junior Goad, Brandi Holloway, and Matthew Cox also attended this meeting.

Junior Goad explained the estimated allocations for the 2008 Fiscal Year.

Brandi Holloway discussed funds available for the Six-Year Plan.

A public hearing regarding the Six-Year Plan will be held at the Grayson County High School Auditorium at 6:30 pm on January 29, 2007.

The Grayson County Administrator is to work with the School System regarding Fuel Oil Bids.

Larry Bartlett moved to solicit bids for propane, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

GRAYSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2007

A regular meeting of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, January 11, 2007. Board members attending this meeting were: Larry Bartlett, Douglas Carrico, Ralph Tuggle, Thomas Maynard, and Joe Vaughan. Mr. William D. Ring also attended this meeting.

IN RE: REORGANIZATION

Mr. Ring made opening comments, stating that this is the reorganization meeting for the Board of Supervisors and opened the floor for nominations for Chairman for the year 2007. Thomas Maynard nominated Ralph Tuggle, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Larry Bartlett moved that Mr. Tuggle be elected by acclamation, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

Doug Carrico nominated Larry Bartlett for Vice Chairman for the year 2007, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Thomas Maynard moved that Mr. Bartlett be elected by acclamation, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

Larry Bartlett moved that Mr. William Ring be the Clerk of the Board, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

In the Executive Session, an Economic Development Opportunity is listed, but the Economic Development Opportunity will be moved to the Information section of the agenda. Mr. Ring will address the position description for Animal Control Officer during the County Administrator's Report. Laura George has requested that she be added to the agenda. She will be added to the agenda following the Sheriff's Office. Doug Carrico moved to approve the agenda as modified, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe Vaughan moved to approve the minutes of the December 2006 Board meeting as presented, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS

Doug Carrico moved to pay the monthly bills as presented, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: VDOT

Matthew Cox addressed the Board on behalf of VDOT. Mr. Cox provided Mr. Ring with a copy of the monthly incidental construction expenditures to distribute to the Board. No requests were presented.

IN RE: TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report is included in the prepared Board Packets.

IN RE: SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

John Delp addressed the Board regarding Solid Waste collection. Mr. Delp reported that his department collects trash from approximately 7,500 homes each week and is averaging 130 tons each week of garbage. Fuel costs average about \$5,000 per month. There are 11 employees. Solid Waste Collection runs 6 days later than the County employees, working holidays that County employees are off but Public Works employees get Personal Days for this. Mr. Delp also reported that the rent on the building has gone up as of January 2007 from \$1,300 per month to \$1,600 per month. This amount will stay the same for 3 years. Larry Bartlett asked Mr. Delp if the move from 2 large item collections per year to 1 collection per year had contributed to the

growth of original dumps. Mr. Delp stated that it had not increased the number of dumps in the County and added that only having one large item pick up saves the County around \$20,000 per year. Mr. Tuggle inquired as to the fuel budget with the fluctuations in fuel costs. Mr. Delp stated that they are still on target for the budget.

IN RE: RETIREMENT OPTION

Mr. Ring addressed the Board regarding the retirement agreement for Rosemary Morton, allowing her to participate in the local retirement option. This option has been in place since 2000. An employee of the County that is 50 years old with 5 years of service is able to retire. If that person so elects, under the agreement as it stands today, they can come back after a 30 day period and work a deferred retirement period of one year and work approximately 87% of the time for the next year, depending the option that they so elect/choose, about 24-30% of their salary is paid to them. The remaining percent goes into a trust fund. After the year of deferred employment, the employee can draw from the trust fund depending on the number of years that they have elected to choose in their option. The County adopted this in response to an early retirement program that the School System had drafted for their employees. The schools have since abandoned that program and bought out the remainder. The County's contribution during that year of deferment is for the FICA (for example salary \$41,000 the contribution that the County would make would be about \$9,800 roughly to Social Security and to Medicare). Mr. Ring asked the Board to consider whether the County would like to continue the local retirement option and perhaps bring it up in a meeting in the near future. Mr. Ring submitted Ms. Morton's deferred compensation plan to the Board. Mr. Ring recommended that if the Board decided to discontinue this plan, that it would be discontinued to employees hired after January 2007 and then phase it out over a period of years. Doug Carrico moved to approve the retirement agreement with Ms. Morton, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Bartlett requested that the Board be provided the information as to why and at what cost the School Board bought out their employees.

IN RE: TAX RELIEF TO THE ELDERLY

Larry Bolt, Commissioner of the Revenue, addressed the Board regarding Tax Relief for the Elderly and/or Disabled for the year 2006. Mr. Bolt reported changes over the past year and gave a general update. The number of participants increased from 230 to 249, marking the highest number of participants the County has ever had on this program.

IN RE: FREE CLINIC OF THE TWIN COUNTIES

Dana Slusher, Director of the Free Clinic of the Twin Counties, addressed the Board regarding the Free Clinic. Ms. Slusher presented the Board with a Power Point report regarding the Clinic. Ms. Slusher expressed wishes to expand the Free Clinic, open up a building, and hire a nurse practitioner to be there, and look for programs that will bring volunteers in such as student physicians and retired physicians. She also discussed opening a pharmacy. Ms. Slusher is asking for funding from localities. The Clinic needs a building and Ms. Slusher asked that they be included in the budget.

IN RE: TRANSFER OF SALARIES

Sheriff Jerry Wilson addressed the Board requesting a transfer of salaries. Sheriff Wilson needs to transfer money around within his budget because he had a dispatcher quit and he had to replace and train that employee. Larry Bartlett moved to allow Sheriff Wilson to transfer money around in his budget as needed to cover his salary requirements, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: PROPOSED PRISON AT COX'S CHAPEL

Ms. Laura George addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed prison site at Cox's Chapel.

"Good evening. Um...I am here tonight facing you all for the first time and I'm hoping the last to discuss the prison on the New River, um...which is located directly across from the home that I purchased in this county about a year ago. Um...for those who don't know, this is my house. They didn't even have the um...courtesy to crop it out. I guess because it is so close it didn't make much sense to do so, but this is my house. I was first brought to this county two years ago by a friend of mine who is Mont Cox's grandson and Shirley Gordon's nephew, and I want to tell you gentlemen that although I've only been here for a year, I could not love this county more than anyone in this room. The first time I saw that valley in particular, I knew I would move here one day. As fate had it, that Mickey Finn house came up for sale and it was as wacky and weird as I am and it was the perfect house for me. Little did I know that already some of you if not all of you knew that there was a prison going in right across from me on the Corriher farm. There are so many violations of statutory laws and local ordinances here that I am not going to list them here tonight. I'm going to be giving you a letter after I have finished speaking, which delineates all the violations in enough detail that no one here can any longer claim ignorance of the laws. I've also written a letter that I copied you all on, on December 11th, which set forth most precisely the laws which pertain to the rezoning, which is mandatory of this property, if you wish to proceed. I have seen a film on which Mr. Tuggle represented that he no longer had authority to deal with this prison site and that is the first thing I want to address. That is baloney. You all know that now. Your attorney knows that and everyone in the room here knows that. The fact of the Public Private Education Infrastructure Act is involved in no way vitiates your obligation to this county. And, I want to...I want to underscore this, because if we go down that path, it's going to be not only time-consuming expensive for everyone involved, but that will blow this prison. It would be a very lengthy, difficult, and complex law suit, which I am prepared to bring, but...it will mean this prison will move, because it will take years to resolve and we will get injunctive relief and (inaudible)...It is very clear that the proposed site violates the Comprehensive Plan. It violates the Zoning Ordinance and it violates the official Zoning Map of this County. It is so obvious that I wish also to put an end to the Orwellian tactics being brought to bear here and the doublespeak. I am so tired of elected officials using these tactics to confuse the public. Let's see, we've got um...the No Child Left Behind Act, which is presently undermining our public educational system and harming our children. We've got a treaty in place call the Security and Prosperity Partnership Act, which is supposed to be protecting us, but which is opening up our borders and demolishing the middle class in this country. And my personal favorite: the Patriot Act, which is taking away our civil liberties as we speak and which

our Founding Fathers are rolling over in their graves about. The truth is that a child of ten could open up your Comprehensive Plan, flip to the back, and see that this land is designated Agricultural and Open Space. A child of ten could also look at the Zoning Map and see that this is labeled RURAL FARM. This prison does not belong in this area. If you wish to have it be there, then you must start following procedures, which are as clear again as they could be, and that's gonna involve public hearings, it's gonna be...it's gonna require this going to the Planning Commission, and it's gonna require Environmental Impact Studies, and it's gonna require so much more that even then, you will probably lose the prison altogether if you go that route. Therefore, I am suggesting and recommending to this body that you exercise the powers that you do have and let DOC and the contractor know this site is unacceptable. Now there has been a lot of press that has been, I think, purposely generated that goes along these lines: if anyone balks at this sighting, the prison will leave altogether. That is a lie and the lie will stop right now. I have spoken with Kim Lipp at DOC and I have spoken with Senator Wampler and they both tell me that they don't know HOW this rumor started but that someone should set it straight, so I'm setting it straight right now and I hope there is a newspaper in the room. The truth is, if you tell this contractor "No, we will not allow a prison on this site", they will look for another site in this county. In fact, they already have back-up sites. What's really going on here is that there are some unseen forces at work. One of them I would put in the category of fear. I know this county is hurting. Even though I am a newcomer, I have been doing my homework and I understand that the people here are hurting. It is your job to lead these people to greener pastures. Don't...don't succumb to the fear yourself. You are elected to do a job and do it. What's really going on here is that fear and also greed have taken hold. The greed has taken hold by the contractors involved. This is a pork barrel project...classic pork barrel. The reason they want to put it on that site is because it is the most expensive site they could have possibly found. It's gonna require a bridge. They are admitting now that Phase II proposal that it's gonna require on site water and sewage treatment facilities. They have chosen the most expensive real estate as well, that along the river, and these people don't give a damn about this county. Every extra million dollars they can pump this project up is more money in their pockets. That doesn't help anyone here. This building is mostly pre-fab. The bridge...the bridge construction crew will also come from outside this county. If it the jobs for the prison that you seek for your constituents, that too...almost necessitates it moving off the river. It will be built faster, more efficiently. It will take advantage of the proposed water system between Alleghany and this county. There is also some hubris involved, another unseen force. And I have been doing my homework and I don't know what the hell is going on here with the William Wampler and the William...the William Wampler, Sr. and the William Wampler, Jr. but there is something here very bizarre that too should be looked into. Now to the other unseen force...The other unseen force, gentlemen, is love. I can't even begin to tell you what has happened to me in the last month since this happened. Overnight, I have met all my neighbors...wonderful, strong, dedicated people who will not stop. You've seen these people work before. For fifteen years they fought that dam. President Clinton came. Someone came to my home a couple weeks ago. She still had her...her ... her ticket stub. Do you think these people are gonna stop? And let's talk about the environmental climate, shall we? I woke up here New Year's Day and walked outside barefoot. All right, we all know that due to our collective negligence we're destroying this planet. Environmentalists will descend on this so fast and so furiously you're not even gonna know what hit you. The PR campaign that is gonna get unleashed very, very shortly is gonna put Independence on the map and not in the way you all would like. I know you all are on

that podium because you care about this county. The motto is...is right over your head too, which, the irony involved is...is...is as bizarre to me as the Wampler, Sr. /Wampler, Jr. situation. Protect this county. Protect this asset. It doesn't even really belong to this county. It's the oldest river in the nation. Some people say the oldest in the world. We know the Appalachian Mountains are the oldest in the world, but at a minimum, it's the second oldest in the world. You have a Boy Scout Camp, incidentally, right across the way. There's also been a lot of press about this church that's near, not next to the alternate site. Under your Zoning Ordinance, the Boy Scout Camp would be considered an adjacent owner. The river would come out of the mix and you'd be building a prison next to a Boy Scout Camp. How do you think that's gonna play? And believe me, the PR campaign that's coming is gonna be dealing with that issue as well. This is so simple. This is so very simple. Get it off the river. The quicker you do so, the better your chances of retaining this prison project. The longer you delay, the longer this goes on, the greater the odds that you will lose it entirely, which, frankly, I wouldn't mind, but I do understand there are people here who think these jobs would be beneficial. So much for the unseen forces. I am pledging to you gentlemen that I will not rest, that I will not stop and that I will continue in my efforts as long as need be. But I do very much hope that we can jointly work on getting this prison off of the river and sharing the love that I know I've already come to feel in this...in this county. I'm gonna be dropping a letter now with uh... Mr. Ring and it's uh...written in a very different tone than I am speaking to you now. I don't wish to approach you in the tone that's in that letter, but if I need to, I will. I wanna make that clear as well. I'm here tonight under a provision of the Code, which really deals with claims for money, and I've no way...in no way prejudiced myself from all the other statutory relief available to me. I'm requesting that within fifteen days you respond to this letter. Failure to respond I will take as a refusal to comply and then we will move into litigation. I don't wish to do that. In fact, I wanted, the first time I met you all, to be...to occur in very different circumstances because I wished to bring a business here when I move here in a couple of years. This is not how I wanted to meet you all but I have to do what is right, and I don't mean for me, I mean for everyone involved and that would be getting this prison off the New River. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them."

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING - KAY MOSS

A public hearing was held to receive comments regarding a zoning application submitted by Kay Moss requesting that her property (Tax Map 8-A-4A) be rezoned from Rural Farm to Rural Residential. The total acreage for this tract of land is 12.3. Mr. Chris Morton attended this meeting as the representative for the owner, Kay Moss. The purpose of this request is the subdivision of the property into six different parcels. No correspondence has been received either written or verbal regarding this request. The Planning Commission approved this rezone request 8-0 and it is their recommendation that the Board approve this request. The public hearing was closed. Chris Morton addressed the Board, explaining Ms. Moss's request. Joe Vaughan moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: LIBRARY REQUEST

The Board received the Wythe-Grayson Regional Library's quarterly request for the Library's operating appropriation in the amount of \$52,556.25. Thomas Maynard moved to appropriate the Library's quarterly operating funds, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: INFORMATION WITH ACTION LATER

The Board received a letter from the Carroll County Administrator asking them to take part in the upcoming Entrepreneurship Week USA. There is a sample resolution which will be discussed at the February Board meeting.

IN RE: INFORMATION

The Board received a letter from Centex-Moseley to the Virginia Department of Corrections, which forwarded the Phase II proposal for a correctional facility in Grayson County, which was submitted on December 15, 2006. There is a 60 day public comment period on that, and the Board encourages anyone who has public comment on that to provide it to the Department of Corrections. Ms. Kimberly Lipp is the appointed contact that that should be provided to.

The Mount Rogers Planning District Commission executive committee passed a resolution in support of placing a correctional facility in Grayson County.

Data was received on staffing at correctional facilities Pocahontas and Green Rock.

An Economic Development Opportunity was announced at Crossroads Institute on Monday, January 8, 2007. The Twin County Region, Carroll County, the City of Galax, and Grayson County have gone together to sponsor the location of the Call Center, which should result in 255 jobs. The Call Center will be located at the Crossroads Institute. Their plan is to start hiring almost immediately and the training for new employees will begin in early February and have the system up and operating before the end of February.

In order to do that, the build-out area of the Crossroads Institute has to be accomplished and as sponsors of that, the three localities will be responsible for underwriting a portion of the build-out at \$45,000 each over a three year period. The money will only be spent if in fact the tenant of that facility were to vacate the facility at some point in time.

The Virginia Business Registry, which is an online registry of Virginia businesses. The Board encourages the businesses in the County to take advantage of this and register.

The Board received a letter from the Department of Housing and Community Development. The letter is from Mr. Dennis Ambrose notifying the Board that the Fiscal Year 2007 Appalachian Regional Commission Annual Strategy Statement and Four Year Development Plan have been approved by Governor Kaine and file approval is expected to be provided by the Commission at the upcoming meeting in February.

IN RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ring addressed the Board and passed out a tentative schedule for budget preparation. Budgets are due back in by February 9, 2007. Mr. Ring reminded the Board that the Statement of Economic Interest is due by January 15, 2007. Mr. Ring provided the Board with a copy of the 2007 VACO Legislative Statement Report. Mr. Ring spoke about the differences of Mr. Shaver being the Animal Control Warden as opposed to being the Dog Warden. Mr. Ring also addressed the Board about his health issues.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT – PROPOSED PRISON

Mary Young spoke supporting the Tourism industry. Bob Edwards read a letter regarding the Boy Scout Camp, representing Troupe 299 from Sparta, NC. Jerry Young spoke regarding the proposed site at Cox's Chapel, stating that he had been researching other more appropriate sites. Kate Irwin spoke of the division the proposed prison site was causing and stated that she is opposed the prison. Michaux Crocker, not from Grayson County, spoke about Camp Cheerio being close to Grayson County, and Virgil McBride asked the board for assistance in moving the proposed prison site.

IN RE: UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Tuggle announced that 1pm on January 19, 2007 the Board will meet in the Boardroom of the Grayson County Courthouse with the officials of the Grayson County School System to receive their requests in regard to their Capitol Construction Program. On the 29th at 6:30 in the High School Auditorium will be the VDOT Public Hearing on the Six-Year Plan, followed by the Public Comment meeting for the School Construction Program.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ralph Tuggle moved to approve an executive session in accordance with Subsection A (1) of Section 2.2-3711 Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended for the purpose of two personnel matters – one is personnel appointments for the coming year and the other is County Administrator review; and that the Board go into Executive Session for consultation and briefing with legal council pertaining to actual or probable legal matters in accordance with or pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 A7 of the Code of Virginia, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan, motion carried 5-0.

Whereas the Grayson County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive meeting on this 11th day of January, 2007, 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: Thomas Maynard – I so certify; Joe Vaughan – I so certify; Larry Bartlett – I so certify; Ralph Tuggle – I so certify; Douglas Carrico – I so certify.

IN RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SALARY

Ralph Tuggle moved that a 5% raise be given to the County Administrator effective January 1, 2007, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried.

IN RE: APPOINTMENTS

Thomas Maynard moved to approve the appointments as found in the schedule and notify each one, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Being no further business, meeting adjourned until January 29, 2007 at 1 pm.

GRAYSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2007

The Grayson County Board of Supervisors held an adjourned meeting. Members attending this meeting were: Douglas Carrico, Larry Bartlett, Ralph Tuggle, Thomas Maynard, and Joe Vaughan. William D. Ring also attended this meeting.

Ralph moved to amend the agenda, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried 5-0.

An update on prison activity was presented by Mr. Tuggle, reading from a statement by the Governor in response to a resolution that was passed by the Board of Corrections. Mr. Tuggle introduced a resolution that was passed by the Board of Supervisors in June of 2004. A vote was held to reaffirm the resolution. Joe Vaughan moved to adopt this resolution, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote: Douglas Carrico – aye; Larry Bartlett – aye; Ralph Tuggle – aye; Thomas Maynard – aye; Joe Vaughan – aye.

A School Facilities Presentation was given by Ms. Thomas. Steve Cornett presented the academic and instructional aspect of the plan. Julie Bare gave a presentation of the financial aspect of the proposal.

Members of the Grayson County School Board were present at this meeting to receive questions. They will provide answers and further information at the January 29th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Betty Richardson, Director of Department of Social Services, asked the Board to oppose two proposed House Bills that would put more responsibility on Social Services and cost more money. Ms. Richardson also asked the Board to oppose mandated categories.

Larry Bartlett moved to approve requests for Deferred Retirement for JL Reedy and Gary Umbarger, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned until January 29, 2007.

GRAYSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2007

The Grayson County Board of Supervisors held an adjourned meeting, Monday January 29, 2007. Members present were Doug Carrico, Larry Bartlett, Ralph Tuggle, Thomas Maynard, and Joe Vaughan. Mr. William D. Ring was also present.

The meeting regarding the VDOT Six-Year Plan was called to order by Ralph Tuggle.

Junior Goad, Resident Engineer for VDOT made opening remarks and described where the revenue came from for secondary roads. Brandi Holloway, also from VDOT, gave an explanation of how money is expended and which categories can be used for funding different types of roads.

The public hearing was called to order by Ralph Tuggle.

SPEAKERS:

June Shaw, Dr. Jim Nuckolls, Robert Andrews, and Patsy Blevins.

The public hearing was closed.

Public comments were received regarding the School Facility Plan. A presentation was given by Steve Cornett (instruction) and Julie Bare (financial). Comments were made by Ms. Thomas, School Superintendent.

Jerry Young, Patsy Blevins, James Hayes, Rebecca Absher, Kenneth Kilby, and Chris Isaacs all spoke opposing the closing of Mount Rogers School.

Pam Craig, and Tammy Halsey spoke opposing closing Elk Creek School.

Dennis Cox spoke opposing closing any existing school.

Closing comments were made by Ralph Tuggle.

Meeting adjourned until February 8, 2007.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD ADJOURN:

_____, Chairman