

Grayson County Board of Supervisors
January 8, 2009

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

IN RE: REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Brenda Sutherland was welcomed as new board member.

County Administrator, William D. Ring, opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board.

Doug Carrico nominated Thomas Maynard as Chairman of the Board, duly seconded by Brenda Sutherland. No other nominations were made. Doug Carrico moved to close nominations. Thomas Maynard was reelected as Chairman of the Board by acclamation.

Joe Vaughan nominated Larry Bartlett as Vice Chairman, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. No other nominations were made. Joe Vaughan moved to close nominations. Larry Bartlett was reelected by acclamation.

Larry Bartlett nominated County Administrator William D. Ring as Clerk of the Board, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. No other nominations were made. Larry Bartlett moved to close nominations, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. William D. Ring was reelected Clerk of the Board by acclamation.

Chairman of the Board, Thomas Maynard, welcomed Brenda Sutherland as new Board Member.

IN RE: AGENDA

Mr. Ring explained Check #10354 payable to the Commonwealth of Virginia for \$77,157.00. This is payment of the Comp Board funds for cuts for funding from the State.

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Doug Carrico moved to approve the Consent Agenda, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: ADDITION TO AGENDA

Thomas Maynard added VDOT under Reports & Requests. Mr. Ring added the Library funding request under New Business. Larry Bartlett moved to approve the agenda with these changes, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: VDOT

Matthew Cox, VDOT Representative, addressed the Board. Mr. Cox stated that he had nothing new to report tonight. Doug Carrico commented about the prompt removal of tree limbs and downed trees by VDOT. Mr. Carrico also commented on the promptness of snow removal by VDOT. Mr. Maynard commented about the progress being made with the Highway 16 guardrail at Volney.

IN RE: GRANT WATER SYSTEM

Kevin Heath provided cost estimates for connection to the Troutdale Water System. Three different plans were discussed. No test drills have been dug.

Mr. Heath stated that the first estimate called Water Alternative 1A. This would be connections to the Town of Troutdale's water system running an 8 inch main along Route 16 to the school site. It would provide domestic water service and fire protection to the school as well as any potential customers along the way. This particular routing would make water service available to possibly 40 potential customers. It would include about 17,000 feet of water line. The construction cost is estimated at \$663,900. Mr. Heath stated that he had provide an estimate of related costs and contingencies in a format that most of the funding agencies like to see, giving a total of just over \$865,000.

The next estimate is called Walter Alternative 1B. The only difference between 1A and 1B is that 1B would make water service available along the loop at Route 737 near the school site. There is a possibility of 18 additional homes out that road. This would add a little over 6,000 feet of water line to the estimate for Alternative 1A. A total estimated project cost for this would increase to about \$1,074,000.

The last estimate is if they did not connect to the Town of Troutdale Water System. In other words, the school would be served with an on site system which would include drilling and developing of a minimum of one well. This budget reflects one well and pump station. In order to provide fire protection to the school, an elevated water storage tank or a ground storage tank and a fire pump station. The construction cost for this is just under ½ million dollars according to the estimate. The total estimated project cost for this would be about \$620,000.

The estimated time for completion for 1A from start of construction to substantial completion would be approximately 4 months with an additional month of "clean up."

The estimated time for completion for 1B about 6 weeks would be added to the time estimate for 1A.

The third alternative would be approximately 4 months also.

Travis Jackson from Rural Development sent an email that Mr. Ring presented to the Board, providing estimate for interest rates. Mr. Jackson projects the interest rate to be

around 2 ¾ %. The term would be up to 40 years. Mr. Jackson has made the commitment that funding would be available from Rural Development. It is not yet known what the Town of Troutdale will be charging for water.

Tobacco Commission money is also possibly available potentially in the amount of as much as \$112,000.

Mr. Heath recommended that the County proceed as a minimum with Alternative 1A. Mr. Heath states that the extension of a public system would better serve both the school and the community than an on-site system would. Also, potential funding sources would be available that would not be for an on-site system.

IN RE: NEW RIVER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Don Philen presented a report on the New River Soil and Water Conservation District, providing the 2006-2007 annual report to the Board. Mr. Philen noted that a lot of funding that comes to Grayson County is due to the programs of the New River Soil & Water Conservation District and requested that funding continue for their project during budget sessions.

IN RE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS – SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Vaughan requested funds transfer for purchase of bullet proof vests. Funds for this would need to come from the Special Law Enforcement Funds. Sheriff Vaughan stated that vests would have to be replaced every 5 years. Sheriff Vaughan stated that this would be considered in his budget process. Larry Bartlett moved to approve the request for funding in the amount of \$7,700, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: LINE OF CREDIT

Assistant County Administrator, Mitch Smith, addressed the Board regarding the information he had acquired regarding a line of credit for Grayson County. Documents have been requested from Carter Bank for the Board of Supervisors to review. Mr. Smith stated that they should be ready to present to the Board at the February Board Meeting.

IN RE: FISHING DESTINATION

Larry Bartlett moved to approve the following resolution, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution in Support of the Regional Effort to Promote Areas of Southwest and
Southern Virginia as a Premier Virginia Fishing Destination

WHEREAS, the Southwest and Southern regions of Virginia are abundant with fisheries and tourism infrastructure that can accommodate and sustain visitation, and the economic

impact of fishing and outdoor recreation in Virginia demonstrates that the angler market is one of significance to tourism;

WHEREAS, freshwater fishing in Virginia provides \$500,663.394 in retail sales, 9,213 jobs, \$228,392,324 in salaries, wages, and income, and \$105,641,717 in federal and state taxes;

WHEREAS, Tourism is a significant aspect of Virginia's economy as an \$18.7 billion industry in Virginia, supporting 210,000 jobs and providing \$1.2 billion in state and local tax revenue for Virginia's communities;

WHEREAS, other states such as Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and Alaska have all worked at their respective state levels to market their fisheries, but also to develop and coordinate attractions and amenities so as to increase the amount of visitation at their public fisheries;

WHEREAS, there is a concerted planning effort to promote the Southwest and Southern regions of Virginia as a premier fishing destination, with representatives of various Destination Marketing Organization, Convention and Visitor Bureaus, localities, organizations, and state agencies such as the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation involved in the planning effort;

WHEREAS, there are opportunities to fund the initial development of such a promotional effort through funding requests to the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Revitalization Commission, the Virginia Tourism Corporation, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and other funding sources, as well as sustain the effort through partner contributions from localities, businesses, and organizations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Grayson County Board of Supervisors is supportive in the effort to plan, request, and secure funds, and develop a regional marketing effort to promote the Southwest and Southern regions as a premier fishing destination in Virginia;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Grayson County anticipates participating in the planning and development effort, and partnering by not only being actively involved in the effort, but also by partnering financially to support the effort.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that Grayson County fully supports the concerted planning effort to promote the Southwest and Southern regions of Virginia as a premier fishing destination by representatives of various Destination Marketing Organization, Convention and Visitor Bureaus, localities, organizations, and state agencies such as the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation, and intend to be an active partner in the overall planning and implementation of the promotional effort.

IN RE: ZONING AMENDMENT