

GRAYSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
MAY 11, 2006; 12 PM

An adjourned meeting of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors was brought to order by the Chairman, Ralph E. Tuggle. Members attending the meeting were: Larry K. Bartlett, Ralph Tuggle, Thomas M. Maynard, Douglas Carrico, and Joe Vaughan. Mr. William Ring also attended the meeting.

IN RE: TAX EVALUATION

Tom Morelli, who has spent more than 30 years with the Department of Taxation, addressed the Board, providing them information on tax evaluation. Mr. Morelli explained that Property Tax is a subjective tax, based upon what someone else thinks your property is worth. He also explained that Land Use Benefits gives the owner a choice as to whether to participate. The disadvantage is administrative costs.

Mr. Morelli outlined four categories of land use:

1. Agricultural
2. Horticultural
3. Forestry – 20 acres, plan prepared by professional forester
4. Open space

The Board has discretion regarding Open Space. 4 years – placed into an open space category. The Board has the choice of adopting any or all of these categories.

Mr. Morelli also discussed Conservation Easements and how they relate to Land Use Taxation. There was a discussion of a potential date for the Board of Supervisors to schedule a budget workshop. The Board members should be prepared to decide whether to pursue Land Use Taxation at the regular Board meeting on May 11, 2006.

The Commissioner of Revenue, Larry Bolt, discussed Conservation Easements and appraisals of property in easements.

The assessed value of County taxable property is \$1,589,699,800 as reported by Larry Bolt, Commissioner of Revenue.

Being no further business, the meeting is adjourned until 6:30 pm on May 11, 2006.

GRAYSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 2006

A regular meeting of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors was brought to order by the Chairman, Ralph E. Tuggle. Members attending the meeting were: Larry K. Bartlett, Ralph Tuggle, Thomas M. Maynard, Douglas Carrico, and Joe Vaughan. Mr. William Ring also attended the meeting.

IN RE: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was presented followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2006 were presented to the Board of Supervisors. Joe Vaughan moved to approve the minutes as presented, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried.

IN RE: THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS

Thomas M. Maynard moved to approve the payment of claims and statements as presented on April 13, 2006, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried.

IN RE: ROAD REQUESTS

Mr. Cox, VDOT Representative, addressed the Board of Supervisors to receive the monthly road requests. Doug Carrico mentioned that the new section of Big Ridge Road has quite a few potholes.

Thomas Maynard mentioned the fatal accident on Flat Ridge Road last Friday and requested that VDOT look into the possible cause of that accident.

Ralph Tuggle presented a request sent via the Town of Independence for the entrance into Reins Sturdivant Funeral Home, stating that many mid-sized automobiles drag on the entrance and they have been receiving numerous complaints. Mr. Tuggle requested that VDOT contact the Town Manager and take a look at this and see if it can be fixed.

Mr. Tuggle also mentioned the stop sign issue, stating that he and VDOT have received several letters. Mr. Tuggle asked if this intersection has all the engineering criteria for having that type of traffic control. Mr. Cox stated that this intersection did meet all the criteria.

Mr. Tuggle stated that he had received a letter from a lady in his district that commutes to work concerning potholes on the Carrico Bridge side of where Nuckolls Curve Road joins Route 94. Mr. Tuggle requested that VDOT take a look at this.

Joe Vaughan requested that the rumble strips be checked at Riverside on 94, stating that they are getting gone.

Mr. Bartlett asked if there was a completion date at the intersection of Snow Hill at 89. Mr. Cox stated that roughly a couple of weeks if that long are expected to complete this.

Mr. Bartlett asked what criteria determined whether the stop sign would be removed in a year's time. Mr. Cox stated that if it would increase the occurrence of accidents rather than prevent them then it would be removed.

IN RE: FOUR WAY STOP SIGNS

Mr. Tuggle called on Ronnie Sikes to address the Board in regard to the stop sign, representing the Mount Vale Community. He stated that most of the people are in support of the stop signs and that they are working. Mr. Sikes thanked the Board of Supervisors and VDOT for placing the stop signs there at their request.

John Snyder, citizen of the Mount Vale Community stated that people are running the stop signs and that they are dangerous.

IN RE: TREASURER'S REPORT

The Grayson County Board of Supervisors reviewed the Treasurer's Report submitted by the Treasurer's Office.

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Tuggle had an addition to the agenda. Immediately after the Sheriff's presentation, the Board will recognize Ms. Thomas, Superintendent of Schools, to make a request of the board to make a transfer of funds for the school. Larry Bartlett moved to approve the amended agenda, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried.

IN RE: SHERIFF WILSON PRESENTATION

Sheriff Jerry Wilson addressed the board, requesting a letter to the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy. Sheriff Wilson stated that they would switch from Bristol to New River, saving two hours per trip. Mr. Wilson stated that he needed a letter to each academy stating that they would be transferring back to New River. Larry Bartlett moved to send the requested letters adding the stipulation that they are signed by the Administrator or the Chairman of the Board as necessary, duly seconded by Thomas M. Maynard. Motion carried.

IN RE: SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST

Ms. Thomas, Grayson County School Superintendent, and Alice Funk addressed the Board regarding the request for approval of a pre-school program. This program will not require any transfer of funds at this point. It will be primarily operated through grant funds. One pre-school will be located at Baywood, the other at Mount Rogers. The program would serve 40 students. Joe Vaughan moved to approve the grant application and to authorize Mr. Ring, County Administrator, to sign on behalf of the Board, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried.

Ms. Thomas also requested that the Grayson County Board of Supervisors transfer ½ of the 2005-2006 County Funding for school operations and debt service to the Grayson County School System. The total budget amount for operations and debt service was \$4,366,890 and the school is asking for ½ of this amount, which would be \$2,183,445. Larry Bartlett moved to approve the transfer of the second half of the school budget, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried.

Alice Funk addressed the Board regarding the Youth Needs survey. The final meeting for this will be on Tuesday, June 13th at 10 o'clock at Grayson County Public Library.

IN RE: FOSTER PARENTING MONTH

Mary Kelley addressed the Board regarding May being Foster Parenting Month. Ms. Kelley discussed the dynamics that make up a Foster Family including the Foster Parents, grandparents, and children. Ms. Kelley stated that more money needed to be requested from the State to pay Foster Parents for the work that they do. Ms. Kelley stated that it is really not pay, that it is truly reimbursement for the cost of caring for these children. Ms. Kelley also suggested that the County publicly recognize these Foster Families for their service and care that they provide the County's children.

IN RE: USDA FOOD SERVICES

Ted Bartlett addressed the Board regarding a program through USDA Food Services in Virginia, bringing along Gwen Johnson from the Southwest Virginia Food Bank. 63 % of Grayson County school children are on a free lunch program or a partial lunch program. Every district school in Grayson County qualifies for this program excluding Elk Creek. Baywood Elementary School is 67.1 %, Fairview is 63.7 %, and Fries Middle School is 67.2 %, Mt. Rogers School is 75%. This program would feed all children. Mr. Bartlett stated that he is looking for ways to distribute this food.

Gwen Johnson, director of this program (Kid's Café), addressed the board also. Mr. Bartlett stated that there are 2,100 children in Grayson County that qualify for this program.

RE: MOUNT ROGERS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

No replacement for Mr. William Ring has been found yet, so no action was taken on this issue. Mr. Tuggle suggested that the Board look for someone not elected or appointed to fill this position.

RE: LAND USE TAXATION

Doug Carrico moved to continue the process, which would include Mr. Ring working to develop a Land Use Taxation Ordinance to present to the Board, duly seconded by Larry K. Bartlett. Motion carried.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held for a Special Use Permit submitted by Patti Rickman, Tax Map ID Number 54-A-4C. The purpose of this Special Use Permit is to establish an annual music school on Ms. Rickman's farm. The action by the Grayson County Planning Commission was by a vote of 8-0 to recommend that this Special Use Permit be approved, with conditions that it be acoustic music only (no amplified music), there would be a maximum of 50 students, that there would be a maximum of 15 campers, that she would meet the Virginia Department of Health standards for sanitation, and that she would meet all building code requirements and all other ordinances that might be pertinent.

Ralph Tuggle opened the public hearing. A letter was read from Joseph Williams that has two items of note. Keith Barker addressed the Board, representing Patti Rickman. Ms. Rickman also spoke on her own behalf. Doug Carrico moved to approve the Special

Use Permit, duly seconded by Thomas M. Maynard. Motion carried by a roll call vote – Douglas Carrico – aye; Thomas M. Maynard – aye; Ralph Tuggle – aye; Joe Vaughan – aye; Larry K. Bartlett – aye. The Special Use Permit is approved.

IN RE: FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO STRIKE
FORCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ralph Tuggle moved to appoint Larry K. Bartlett to the Strike Force Committee, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried. Mr. Bartlett requested that the Chairman ask the County Administrator send a letter to the City of Galax and the pertinent individuals confirming Mr. Bartlett's appointment.

IN RE: ASSIGN A HIGHWAY

This program would assign people who are on probation areas of Grayson County's highways to keep clean. Thomas M. Maynard moved to adopt the Assign A Highway resolution, duly seconded by Douglas Carrico. Motion carried.

IN RE: TOURISM INITIATIVE

A letter was presented to the Board from the Northwest North Carolina/Southwest Virginia Regional Tourism Initiative requesting \$7,500 as Grayson County's part of that initiative. Mr. Ring stated that Grayson County should spend money closer to home, within our region, recommending that the Board pass on this initiative. Thomas Maynard spoke in favor of this initiative. Ralph Tuggle moved that action on this be postponed, duly seconded by Larry K. Bartlett. Motion carried.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ralph E. Tuggle moved to approve an executive session in accordance with Subsection A (1-27) of Section 2.2-3711 Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended for the purpose of discussing personnel issues at the request of the County Administrator, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan, motion carried.

Whereas the Grayson County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive meeting on this 11th day of May, 2006, 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 K. Bartlett – I so certify; Joe N. Vaughan – I so certify; Ralph E. Tuggle – I so certify; Douglas K. Carrico – I so certify; Thomas M. Maynard – I so certify.

Being no further business, meeting adjourned until May 24 at 10 am.

GRAYSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
MAY 26, 2006

An adjourned meeting of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors was brought to order by the Chairman, Ralph E. Tuggle. Members attending the meeting were: Larry K. Bartlett, Ralph Tuggle, Thomas M. Maynard, Douglas Carrico, and Joe Vaughan. Mr. William Ring also attended the meeting.

IN RE: SHERIFF BUDGET REQUEST

Joe Vaughan moved to give authority to Sheriff Wilson to move money around within the 05-06 Budget for purchase of a vehicle to replace Deputy Kinzer's, duly seconded by Thomas M. Maynard. Motion carried.

IN RE: BUDGET

Doug Carrico moved to advertise the Public Hearing for the Budget, duly seconded by Larry K. Bartlett. Motion carried.

IN RE: PROPOSED LAND USE

Commissioner of Revenue, Larry Bolt, addressed the Board regarding the proposed Land Use Taxation Ordinance. He also spoke of the addition of an additional employee if the Land Use Taxation Ordinance was adopted, and estimated the cost of this would be approximately \$31,000. There is a proposed application fee and so much per acre – a \$20 application fee and 10 cents per acre for each acre that qualifies. Following a discussion of the issue of Land Tax Ordinance, a motion was made by Doug Carrico to advertise for public comment to the Land Use Taxation Ordinance to be held on June 22nd at 7 pm, duly seconded by Larry K. Bartlett. Motion carried by roll call vote – Larry K. Bartlett – aye; Joe Vaughan – aye; Doug Carrico – aye; Ralph Tuggle – no; Thomas M. Maynard – no.

Being no further business, meeting adjourned until June 8, 2006.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD ADJOURN:

_____, Chairman

