

GRAYSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2006

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

IN RE: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Debra Phipps, Registrar, was added to the agenda as well as a Resolution on Junior Firefighter training. Also, Larry Bartlett requested that the Board consider a resolution for someone to attend the VDOT meeting on November 28, 2006 at 9 am, regarding the closing of some of the VDOT facilities. Larry Bartlett moved to approve the agenda, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Thomas Maynard moved to approve the minutes as presented, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS

Larry Bartlett moved to approve the payment of claims and statements as presented on November 9, 2006, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: ROAD REQUESTS

Nightingale Lane's right of way has been signed by all except one land owner, who owns both sides of the road. Mr. Goad also spoke briefly about area headquarters consolidation. Baywood and Elk Creek are the ones in Grayson County selected for consolidation. The meeting about this consolidation is November 28, 2006 at 9 am.

Larry Bartlett spoke requesting a summary of funds spent from VDOT.

No requests were submitted.

IN RE: COYOTE REPORT

Jason Harris addressed the Board regarding coyotes and coyote bounties. The funding for the bounty is one of the primary areas of concern. Virginia allows localities and counties to create a bounty for coyotes, but the state does not provide any money toward the bounty. Mr. Harris stated that in his experience, coyote bounties are unsuccessful. Mr. Harris also stated that based on research, when coyotes are hunted aggressively, they actually increase instead of decrease in numbers. There is a coyote biologist based at Virginia Tech that would be available as a resource. He also stated that coyotes do not do as much harm to livestock as they get credit for. He stated that most of the livestock kills are from dogs.

IN RE: RECREATION POLICY BOARD

Shannon Holdaway addressed the Board regarding the need for expansion of facilities at the Rec. Park. Mr. Holdaway requested the Board's approval to proceed with plans for changes and expansion. Doug Carrico moved to allow the Rec. Board to go ahead without funding, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: ELECTION

Debra Phipps addressed the Board regarding the election and how the Officers of Election are paid and their mileage.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – ROGER & SAM BOYER

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Re-zone request submitted by Mark Boyer on behalf of Roger & Sam Boyer (Tax Map #90-A-1). The request was to rezone 71 acres from Rural Farm to Rural Residential for the purpose of subdividing. The only comment received was from one landowner indicating that they had no objection to this as long as it doesn't turn into a trailer park. Joe Vaughan moved to close the public hearing, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer indicated that it was the intent to have the subdivision road meet state standards. Joe Vaughan moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-0: Doug Carrico – aye; Ralph Tuggle – aye; Larry Bartlett – aye; Thomas Maynard – aye; Joe Vaughan – aye.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT TO MOUNT ROGERS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

County Administrator, William D. Ring stated that he had no recommendation at this time.

IN RE: RURAL ADDITION PROGRAM & IMPACT OF THE ACTS OF ASSEMBLY 2006

Rural Additions Chapter 566 requires every county to amend its ordinance to apply a note advising prospective buyers of their obligations for road maintenance and improvements, recommended notes for ordinances, provisions, plats and deeds are included in the attached guidance. Mr. Ring stated that a final look at Grayson County's Subdivision Ordinance be taken by the County Attorney to ensure that the County is in full compliance.

IN RE: PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE

Larry Bartlett moved to advertise this ordinance for adoption, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

The Community Development Block Grant Planning Funds is offering a grant to the Grayson, Galax, and Carroll Regional Economic Development Plan in the amount of \$40,000. Each locality is required to pay \$5,000 in matching funds for this. Joe Vaughan moved to approve \$5,000 in matching funds and approve Galax as a physical agent for these funds, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING FIRMS

Larry Bartlett moved to approve to advertise for qualified engineering firms to present to the Board their qualifications and why they feel like they should be selected for the Stevens Creek Water Project, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: RESOLUTION FOR JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER AND RESCUE WORKERS

Ralph Tuggle moved to adopt a resolution stating that they have insurance and the Board is supporting their training, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: NORTHWEST NORTH CAROLINA/SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL TOURISM INITIATIVE

This is an organization of the counties immediately across the border from Grayson County plus surrounding counties in Virginia. To be voting members of this organization it would cost \$7,500. Grayson County is currently a non voting member.

IN RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Auditors have completed their audit for the year. Mr. Ring publicly thanked the Rescue and Fire Department workers for their efforts in the recovery of a drowning victim recently. Mr. Ring also reported that one of the maintenance employees has taken employment elsewhere.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS – KEVIN SPURLIN, EXTENSION AGENT

Mr. Spurlin addressed the Board regarding a Resource Use Training in Pittsylvania County, December 14th. Mr. Spurlin stated that he would attend this meeting and had the agenda available and was opening the opportunity to attend to the Board Members as well. The title of the training is "Creating Smart Growth with Land Use Management." The 14th of December is the next scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting.

Being no further business, meeting adjourned.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD ADJOURN:

_____, Chairman