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Regular Meeting, Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeremy L. Shifflett, Chairman  
Wendell L. Coleman, Vice-Chairman  
David R. Beyeler  
Gerald W. Garber  
Larry C. Howdyshell  
Tracy C. Pyles, Jr.  
Nancy Taylor Sorrells  
Melissa Meyerhoeffer, Assistant Finance Director  
Timmy Fitzgerald, Director of Community Development  
Patrick J. Morgan, County Attorney  
Patrick J. Coffield, County Administrator  
John C. McGehee, Assistant County Administrator  
Rita R. Austin, CMC, Executive Secretary

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 236<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Shifflett welcomed the citizens present.

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Taylor Austin, a senior with Buffalo Gap High School, led us with the Pledge of Allegiance. Taylor competes in winter and summer track; is a member of the SCA and Science Club; and is participating in a mentorship with Dr. Allen White, doing dental hygiene. After graduation, she hopes to attend a four-year university to become a dental hygienist.

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Wendell L. Coleman, Supervisor for the Wayne District, delivered invocation.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC- NONE

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VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD – PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

The Board considered FY2011-12 State Performance Contract as proposed. **This item was tabled at the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting on August 24, 2011 until September 14, 2011.**

Mr. Pyles moved, seconded by Mr. Beyeler, that the Board remove this item from the table.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdyshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett, Pyles and Coleman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Patrick J. Coffield, County Administrator, advised that at the last meeting, the Board had received a copy of the contract. Additional information had been requested and received. Melissa Meyerhoeffer and Neysa Simmers were available to answer questions.

Mr. Pyles added that he had asked this item to be tabled to review the operation. He explained that Board approval included the Board's responsibility to oversee the operation.

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He expressed concern with the financial statement operating in the negative. He stated two specific concerns: 1) Monitor monthly statements where revenues are not covering expenses; and 2) Inability to keep staffing.

Mr. Pyles also requested that the contract be presented to the Board earlier, such as July, in the future.

Mr. Pyles moved, seconded by Mr. Beyeler, that the Board approve the FY2011-12 State Performance Contract as proposed.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdyshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett, Pyles and Coleman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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BUFFALO GAP MUSIC BOOSTERS REQUEST – RABIES CLINIC

The Board considered request to hold a rabies clinic for the purpose of vaccination of dogs and cats from rabies at Buffalo Gap High School as a fundraiser for the school's music program.

John C. McGehee, Assistant County Administrator, advised that this is a request from the Buffalo Gap Music Boosters Club for a rabies clinic to be held October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Buffalo Gap High School. Joseph Malcolm, a licensed veterinarian, will be in charge of the event. According to the Code of Virginia, a clinic such as this has to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The Health Department has approved this event.

Mr. Pyles moved, seconded by Mr. Coleman, that the Board approve the request.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdyshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett, Pyles and Coleman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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DRAFT FEED & SUPPLY REQUEST – RABIES CLINIC

The Board considered request to hold a rabies clinic for the purpose of vaccination of dogs and cats from rabies at Draft Feed & Supply. (This will be a retroactive approval.)

Mr. McGehee reported that, on August 25<sup>th</sup>, he had received a phone call from Heather Hollingsworth, of Draft Feed & Supply, indicating that she had scheduled a rabies clinic to be held at their establishment on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McGehee informed Ms. Hollingsworth that Board approval was required. She had Health Department approval but was not aware that she needed Board approval. Flyers for the event had already been circulated. Mr. McGehee discussed the issue with Pat Morgan, County Attorney, and it was decided to orally contact all Board members for approval for the event. Mr. Morgan had advised that we would need retroactive approval from the Board tonight.

Mr. Beyeler moved, seconded by Mr. Howdyshell, that the Board approve the request.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdyshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett, Pyles and Coleman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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VDOT INTERSECTION

The Board considered reimbursement for Convex Mirror to address traffic concern.

Funding Source: Pastures Infrastructure Account #80000-8014-74 \$383.72

Mr. Coffield advised that there had been a request for capital improvements in Deerfield – a relocation/realignment of a road at the intersection. Because of funding restraints, the project has not been included in the County/VDOT Six-Year Plan. Citizens took it upon themselves to purchase and install the mirror.

Mr. Pyles felt that this would enhance the safety, but said that he would not support replacement should it become damaged or destroyed.

Mr. Pyles moved, seconded by Mr. Coleman, that the Board approve the request.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdyshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett, Pyles and Coleman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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FIRE EQUIPMENT GRANT

The Board considered submittal of grant request for equipment replacement/reassignment.

Funding Source (match): Fire & Rescue Equipment Account #80000-8152 \$100,000

Mr. McGehee advised that this request is a federal grant to replace Engine 105 with Company 10 (1999 age). This would be a 80-20 match. The Officers Association is in agreement with this grant request. If successful, the match would be appropriated from the Matching Grant Program Fund Balance. Engine 105 would become a reserve engine for the County and could assist with Company 25 with the equipment that they have currently.

Mr. Beyeler asked if the Emergency Services Committee was in agreement. Ms. Sorrells stated that they were. Mr. McGehee clarified that the Committee discussed it a day before the Officers Association meeting. Mr. Beyeler stated that it was to be placed at a volunteer station so that it will be maintained and questioned why the paid stations were unable to maintain the equipment. Mr. Coffield stated that the equipment was maintained. Mr. Beyeler stated that this engine was sent to Greenville and had a lot of problems. Mr. McGehee said the 1989 engine went to Greenville, not the 1999. Ms. Sorrells said that the '89 engine had some problems. Mr. Beyeler added that the '99 engine went to Greenville and had problems because it was not maintained. Mr. McGehee indicated he would look into the matter.

Ms. Sorrells moved, seconded by Mr. Pyles, that the Board approve the request.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdyshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett, Pyles and Coleman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

Mr. Howdyshell: Mt. Solon Recycling Site – Will be meeting with Mr. McGehee regarding a back-up problem. May be bringing back to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Coleman:

- 1. Riverheads Fire Station Grand Opening – “Beautiful day; nice event; very well-organized! Well attended!”
- 2. Wilson Memorial High School (last Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>) – JMU Band (Royal Dukes) and all high school bands performance – “Very enjoyable evening!”
- 3. Boards and Commissions picnic – Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Sorrells:

- 1. Riverheads Fire Station Grand Opening – Thank you to Chairman Shifflett and Vice-Chairman Coleman for attending. “Great day!” To date: 350 First-Aid calls; 150 Fire calls.
- 2. Shenandoah Valley Project Impact – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Disaster-Resistant Forum – September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission office. Circulated flyers to the Board.

Chairman Shifflett: Riverheads Fire Station Grand Opening – hose was cut with scissors! “Nice event!”

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Staff discussed the following:

- 1. Board of Zoning Appeals – Proposal from Houff’s Feed and Fertilizer for a Special Use Permit for future land application. Was approved with conditions.
- 2. Governance – Meeting notes distributed. Highlighted: 1) Regional Emergency Communications (Center Study and narrowbanding/digital upgrade). 2) Fire-Rescue Mutual Aid (working with Waynesboro) Mr. Beyeler felt that this would help with the ISO. Mr. McGehee said that this would be discussed at the next Staff Briefing. 3) Augusta County flood-control dams
- 3. Health Insurance – rates less than what was budgeted. Consortium to consider using available funding to establish a self-insured program for Employee Medical Plan.
- 4. Regional Animal Shelter – “Now open! All positive!” The three senior Animal Control Officers have been designated as a Management Committee to discuss operational issues. Viewing at the next Staff Briefing.
- 5. VDOT Revenue Sharing –Draft Project list distributed to Board. Will be discussed at next Staff Briefing.
- 6. Office on Youth Grant – “Project Grows” handout distributed to Board. Will be discussed at next Staff Briefing.
- 7. Shenandoah Views (Skyline Drive) – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary function on September 24<sup>th</sup>
- 8. VACo Voting Credentials to be discussed at next Staff Briefing.
- 9. CAP-SAW – no federal funds available to date – 52.5% cut.
- 10. Back Creek Study – e-mail noted that we are to receive \$50,000

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Pyles, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

- (1) **the personnel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1)** [discussion, consideration or interviews of (a) prospective candidates for employment, or (b) assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific employees]:

