

VIRGINIA: County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Regular Meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse on June 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. D. Leonard, Chairman
Sidney Kolb
Larry Mosley
Charles Slemp, Jr.
Robert Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dane Poe, County Administrator
Jeny Hughes, Administrative Assistant
Stacy Munsey, County Attorney

OTHERS ABSENT: None

INVOCATION

Shane Carr, Pastor of Christian Life Fellowship Church of Jonesville, led in the Invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Larry Mosley led the Pledge to the Flag.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Written departmental reports for Community Development and Works Program were included in the packet.

Mr. Kolb asked the Community Development Director how the EDA will pay for the Feasibility Study on the produce auction.

Richard Johnson, Community Development Director, stated that it would be paid for with Tobacco Commission funds.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2021 was submitted as follows:

Revenues	\$ 6,198,032.61
Expenditures	\$ 6,175,334.27
General Fund	\$ 6,964,326.21
Total Assets and Liabilities	\$11,106,739.78

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment and advised that each speaker would be limited to a three-minute time-period for individuals, and five-minute time-period for a group.

Bryan Hogan with Old Virginia Log Homes and Axe Handle Distillery invited the Board to come and speak to them about potential tourism opportunities. He stated that he is on the agenda for next month's meeting and will be bringing information he has gotten from the State on Tourism and stated Lee County could be missing out due to the lack of tourism efforts.

There was no further public comment.

The Chairman closed the floor for public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kolb stated that the minutes are getting more vague, and there are times people in the public bring something up they would like discussed in a meeting and he would like to be able to go back and say, here are the minutes and this is what was discussed. The minutes are so vague that a lot of discussion is not shown at all. He stated that from here forward he would like to make sure the minutes are complete.

Mr. Poe stated that minutes typically are a record of the actions taken by the Board. If it gets into comments, what may be important to one Board member may not be important to another Board member. It is very subjective when determining what to include in the minutes and what not to, which is why a brief summary of what was said is usually given.

Mr. Kolb stated that if you want the action items you can look at the Powell Valley. An example of this would be during the May 18, 2021 Secondary Six Year Plan Public Hearing with VDOT when Mr. Leonard was asking about a section of road where a lady died in a car accident. He was also approached by the family about the road and would like to be able to say look at the minutes and say this is what was said. The Economic Development Authority minutes are much more detailed. He would rather have more detail than less detail so the public can know what was talked about.

Mr. Slemph agreed that that it needs to be more detailed if staff has the ability.

Mr. Poe stated that the staff has the ability, but it will require more time.

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Mosley, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021 Recessed Meeting, the May 18, 2021 Secondary Six Year Plan Public Hearing, the May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting, the May 20, 2021 Recessed Meeting, the May 25, 2021 Recessed Meeting and the June 1, 2021 Recessed Meeting. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

PAYROLL

The County Administrator reports that payroll warrants have been issued.

DELEGATIONS

**THE LANE GROUP
WESTERN LEE SEWER PROJECT**

Jon Brosky and Jeff Cochran updated the Board on the Western Lee Sewer Project. Phase I of the project is broken down into sub-phases: Phase 1A, the main trunk line consisting of the Lincoln Memorial University main campus and Vet School; Phase 1B consisting of Elydale and Mandarin Communities; and Phase 1C consisting of Chadwell Station Pump Station, Caylor Pump Station, Route 811 Pump Station and Walnut Hill Pump Station. The Lane Group has been working with the Army Corps of Engineers to obtain rights of entry on about 400 properties for Phase I A of the project. Phase I A is scheduled to be functional in the summer of 2024.

Mr. Kolb asked if this project is definitely going to happen, or if it would be dependent upon obtaining the rights of entry.

Mr. Cochran stated that the rights of entry and easements can be made to work and 80% of the funding is in place.

Mr. Kolb asked what percentage of participation is expected.

Mr. Cochran stated that he does not know the percentage number.

Mr. Poe stated that unless there is a reason the Health Department is not issuing permits in a large area, such as land not perking, typically people won't sign up for sewer service unless it is a new construction or their septic system fails.

Mr. Brosky stated that without having a signed user agreement the amount of participation is a difficult question to answer.

Mr. Kolb asked who will be getting the rights of entry.

Mr. Poe stated that the Public Service Authority will take the lead on the project along with the LENOWISCO Planning District Office and Mr. Smith. It will probably require after hours work with some of the employees of PSA and LENOWISCO which would be overtime and that one of the areas that the American Rescue Plan Act funds could be used would be to pay that overtime.

Mr. Kolb asked if there was a list of property owners and who would have that list.

Mr. Cochran stated that there is a list and they are preparing documents for a team to go out by next week.

Mr. Brosky stated that because the work is being done with the Army Corps of Engineers the right forms must be in place.

Mr. Cochran stated that there will be a community meeting on July 22 at Wilderness Road State Park.

Mr. Smith stated that he has spoken with Mike Brindle with the PSA and they would go out into the community together to work.

Mr. Brosky stated that this project will need community support and encouraged the board members to promote the project.

**FRANK KIBLER
LENOWISCO PDC
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Frank Kibler, LENOWISCO Planning District Commission, stated he has been working with the Hazard Mitigation consultant on updating the District Mitigation Plan. A draft of the plan has gone through to FEMA with only a few corrections. He stated that the document is over 600 pages and he would provide links for the Board to review. Localities have the option in participating, if the County wishes to participate in the Plan it would need to adopt a Resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Kolb asked if the plan had been sent to Mr. Poe.

Mr. Kibler stated that the file is so large there are two parts and he will email a copy.

The Chairman called a 5 minute recess.

**LORA WOOD
LEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU
AIRPORT JET FUEL**

Lora Wood, Farm Bureau, stated that Farm Bureau has been working with AirEvac for several years. AirEvac needs Jet Fuel before considering to base at the Lee County Airport. She stated that there is a USDA grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 with no local funds required. To be able to proceed to apply for the grant the Board of Supervisors would need to approve a resolution in support. The estimated cost to have a new fuel tank installed at the Airport is \$154,000.00 and that could be offset by a \$67,000.00 grant through the Virginia Department of Aviation.

Mr. Poe stated there is approximately \$70,000.00 funding available, which would have to be submitted through the application process with the Virginia Department of Aviation.

Ms. Wood stated that would leave an additional \$34,000.00 which could be done through community fundraising.

Mr. Poe stated that this would be a process of meeting the Department of Aviation's timing. Typically with the Department of Aviation there needs to be a competitive bidding process.

Mr. Kolb asked the rule for the length of time for soliciting bids.

Mr. Poe stated that the Virginia requirement is at least 10 days and there would need to be a bid specification for what is being bid.

Mr. Slemph asked how the County could get the bid specification for the tank.

Mr. Poe stated that it is typically done through an engineer.

Mr. Slemph asked about the USDA grant.

Mr. Poe stated it is a Community Facilities Grant. The County has used this program in the past and there is a local match requirement.

Bob Bost, Contract Grantwriter, stated the Department of Aviation funding could be used for the USDA grant match.

Ms. Woods added that the Fly-in on June 12 went well, however there were some pilots that would not fly in because the AWOS system was not reporting to the METAR's database and they could not get the local weather. She asked that it be fixed prior to the July 24 event, and stated that the Airport Authority would like to have the fuel prices reduced that day.

Mr. Kolb asked Bob Bost if he could handle the Virginia Department of Aviation grant.

Mr. Bost stated he would need to discuss it with Mr. Poe, but what is needed right now is a Resolution and letter from the Board.

Mr. Kolb asked about the current profit on fuel sales.

Mr. Poe stated approximately \$.51 per gallon.

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Slemp, to reduce fuel prices by \$.15 per gallon on July 24, 2021 for the community event at the Airport. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

Mr. Kolb asked Mr. Bost what bid specs he used to obtain a quote for a new fuel system.

Mr. Bost stated he quoted a 10,000 and 5,000 gallon tank.

Mr. Kolb asked if he felt Delta Airport Consultants needed to provide the bid specs.

Mr. Bost stated that he would have to defer to Mr. Poe on that.

Mr. Poe stated that there has to be a uniform set of plans to put it out to bid so all vendors are bidding on the same specification.

Mr. Bost stated that he has that information with the quote.

Mr. Poe stated that typically Rural Development wants to see the bid specification prior to the bid going out.

Mr. Kolb asked what was used to get the quote.

Mr. Bost stated that he quoted a single phase 220, and there is power going to the pad so the motor has to be synced up with that power supply.

Mr. Kolb asked if Mr. Bost could work with the Airport Authority to create a bid spec.

Mr. Bost stated that he could, he does not think anyone would have different specifications for this tank.

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Slep, for Bob Bost to work with the Airport Authority to create a bid spec this week and submit it to the Virginia Department of Aviation and the USDA if necessary for those grants and based upon those responses authorize the County Administrator to advertise bids for 10 days and to adopt a

resolution in support of the USDA grant. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

**RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY OF
LEE COUNTY VIRGINIA
21-014**

The Governing Body of The County of Lee, Virginia, consisting of 5 members, in a duly called meeting held on the 15th day of June, 2021, at which a quorum was present RESOLVED as follows:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that in order to facilitate obtaining financial assistance from the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (the Government) in the development of a Jet-A Fuel Tank and Dispenser to serve the community, the Governing Body does hereby adopt and abide by all covenants contained in the agreements, documents, and forms required by the Government to be executed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairman or County Administrator of the County of Lee be authorized to execute on behalf of the Lee County Board of Supervisors the above referenced agreements, documents, and form and to execute such other documents including, but not limited to, debt instruments, security instruments, and / or grant agreements as my be required in obtaining the said financial assistance.

REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt the following resolution. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

ABSTAINING: Mr. Kolb

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
LENOWISCO HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
21-013**

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended, requires that local governments develop and adopt natural hazard mitigation plans in order to be eligible for certain federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, the localities of the LENOWISCO Planning District agreed to jointly develop a district-wide plan for adoption by participating localities; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of participating localities, planning consultants, and LENOWISCO staff have resulted in the 2021 update to the LENOWISCO Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lee County Board of Supervisors does hereby acknowledge the County's participation in the development of the updated LENOWISCO Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lee County Board of Supervisors, to meet local requirements under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended, does hereby approve and adopt the 2021 update to the LENOWISCO Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**BROOKE FEE
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**

Brooke Fee, Keokee, made a presentation to the Board about the possibility of opening a Community Center in Lee County. She would like to open a community center with a sensory gym for younger children, an elevated sand box that is wheelchair accessible, a study room and outdoor activities. She would fund the center through donations from businesses and churches. She asked the Board to pledge a donation of \$400,000.00 which would be 10% of the American Rescue Plan Act Funding.

Mr. Smith asked if this center would be centrally located.

Ms. Fee stated she would like it located in Pennington Gap.

Mr. Smith stated that the Flatwoods area would be centrally located; a proposed center should be able to take in the whole County.

Mr. Kolb asked if Ms. Fee considered using the community centers that are already built.

Ms. Fee stated that she would like for the center to be a new build so that there are no problems in the future.

Mr. Kolb suggested Ms. Fee contact Ron Carson because he proposed a similar project in the 1990's and he could give insight as to what issues he had in the past trying to start a similar center.

Ms. Fee stated that the question at hand is: would the Board offer a large donation for a center.

Mr. Leonard stated that after it is built there are recurring costs.

Ms. Fee stated that as long as the center stays updated and keeps activities going, the donations will continue to come in.

Mr. Leonard stated that he would like to see more information and a structure and plan.

Ms. Fee asked if the Board would provide support once a plan is in place.

Mr. Leonard stated that he would have to see the plan first.

Mr. Kolb suggested getting firm commitments of donations and to start a 501(c)3.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mosley, to approve the disbursements for the month of June in the amount of \$206,954.94. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

VOTING NO: Mr. Kolb

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

ELECTORAL BOARD

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$459.00. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

Revenue Source:			
3-001-18030-0006	Reimbursements	\$	459.00
Expenditure:			
4-001-13100-5210	Postage	\$	459.00

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$13,020.61. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

Revenue Source:			
3-001-18990-0002	Sheriff's Donations	\$	13,020.61
Expenditure:			
4-001-31200-5899	Sheriff's Donations	\$	13,020.61

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

GENERAL EXPENSES

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$14,710.09. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

Revenue Source:			
3-001-41050-0099	Budget Supplements for Reserve	\$	14,710.09
Expenditure:			
4-001-91500-5840	Disbursements General Expenses	\$	14,710.09

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$1,253.68. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

Revenue Source:			
3-001-13030-0008	Building Permits	\$	1,253.68
Expenditure:			
4-001-92100-5870	Building Fund Expenses & Refunds	\$	1,253.68

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

COAL ROAD & SEVERANCE FUND

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$266.23. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

Revenue Source:			
3-027-12130-0001	Coal Severance Taxes	\$	266.23
Expenditure:			
4-027-95100-5860	Coal Road Tax Disbursements	\$	266.23

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$28,948.10. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

Revenue Source:			
3-001-41050-0099	Budget Supplements for Reserve	\$	28,948.10
Expenditure:			
4-050-42400-3165	Transportation Fees	\$	17,263.82
4-050-42400-3175	Disposal Fees	\$	11,684.28

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

AIRPORT EXPENDITURES

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$35,649.17. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

Revenue Source:			
3-001-41050-0099	Budget Supplements for Reserve	\$	35,649.17
Expenditure:			
4-051-94100-8112	Pavement Sealing	\$	35,649.17

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

OLD BUSINESS

RICHARDSON AMBULANCE SERVICE

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Mosley, to approve the following resolution. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

**RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL OF
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION
ABINGDON AMBULANCE SERVICE
21-011**

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-955 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires the local governing body approval of any emergency medical service organization operating within that locality; and

WHEREAS, Richardson Ambulance Service, LLC has appeared before the Lee County Board of Supervisors to request approval to provide non-ambulatory transportation from facilities within Lee County; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has determined it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Lee County for Richardson Ambulance Service, LLC to provide these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lee County Board of Supervisors grants approval to Richardson Ambulance Service, LLC to conduct ambulatory transportation from facilities within Lee County, subject to their compliance with regulations of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

JONESVILLE WOMAN’S CLUB FUNDING REQUEST

Mr. Mosley asked if there was any CARES Act money remaining.

Mr. Poe stated that there is a small amount that is not obligated.

Mr. Kolb asked if \$8,000.00 would be the same amount given to Pennington Woman’s Club.

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Kolb, to approve the funding request from the Jonesville Woman's Club in the amount of \$8,000.00. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

LONESOME PINE OFFICE ON YOUTH

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Kolb, to table this appointment. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

LONESOME PINE OFFICE ON YOUTH

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VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

LONESOME PINE REGIONAL LIBRARY

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to appoint Tammy Scott to a four-year term on the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board. Ms. Scott's term will expire June 30, 2025. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

MOUNTAIN EMPIRE REGIONAL BUSINESS INCUBATOR

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to appoint Airen Glass Stacy to a four-year term on the Mountain Empire Regional Business Incubator. Ms. Stacy's term will expire June 30, 2025. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Poe stated that the LENOWISCO Regional Small Business Recovery Assistance grant program has provided over \$600,000.00 in assistance to Lee County businesses over the past nine months. The Planning District office has recently been in discussions with the Department of Housing and Community Development regarding additional funding to extend the program through the end of December 2021. The Department of Housing and Community Development has been receptive to this proposal and will be providing an additional \$600,000.00 split equally among Lee, Scott and Wise Counties and the City of Norton.

The City of Norton served as the grant funds recipient for the first grant and is willing to continue doing so for the additional funding. Accordingly, Mr. Poe presented the Board with a new Interagency Agreement between the County of Lee and the City of Norton for this purpose. This agreement is identical to the one executed for the original grant.

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Mosley, to approve the Interagency Agreement between Lee County and the City of Norton. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

AIRPORT AIRFIELD PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT BID

Mr. Poe reported that bids for the Airport Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Project were opened on April 21, 2021. The engineer has reviewed all bids and they were submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration and the Virginia Department of Aviation for their review. The FAA recently notified us that they concur in awarding the contract to the lowest bidder which was Remac, Inc. The project was bid with four alternates to insure that sufficient funding would be available for at least some portion of the work. Alternate One consisted of sealing cracks, seal coating and remarking all asphalt surfaces for the runway, taxiway and tie-down apron. Bids came in well under the engineer's estimate and there are sufficient funds to complete the entire project. The FAA has advised that this project will be completed with 100% FAA funding for this year only. Alternate One bids were as follows:

Remac, Inc.	\$243,150.00
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Axtell Pavement Solutions	\$244,550.00
Axtell's Inc.	\$284,190.00
Hasco, Inc.	\$285,330.00

This project is now ready to move forward and Mr. Poe recommends award of the contract to Remac, Inc. for Alternate One at a price of \$243,150.00.

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Kolb, to approve the bid for the Airport Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Project to Remac, Inc. in the amount of \$243,150.00. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

SHERIFF'S VEHICLE FINANCING PROPOSALS

Mr. Poe reported that the expected delivery date for four 2021 Ford Utility Police Interceptors is the end of July. The County will make a 25% down payment with the balance of \$101,247.42 to be financed over a three year period. Financing Proposals received are as follows:

Farmers and Miners Bank	1.976%
Lee Bank and Trust Company	2.50%
Powell Valley National Bank	1.75%

Mr. Kolb asked if the County was in such bad shape that it could not pay cash for the vehicles. He does not understand financing a vehicle, when on year four, the County is basically buying a vehicle with interest.

Mr. Poe stated that if the Board does not want to finance, they would need to appropriate the funds to purchase the vehicles. He added that there has been years when the County did not have the extra cash to buy vehicles, but he does not think that is the case now.

Mr. Mosley stated he thinks that is the case now.

Mr. Kolb asked where the Treasurer gets the funds to invest in the local banks.

Mr. Poe stated that any available funds are used for investment.

Mr. Leonard stated that if the County were in a position to purchase it would be better than financing.

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to allocate money to pay for the vehicles in full. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

VOTING NO: Mr. Mosley

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SECURITY GRANT

The County has received notification of an award for grant funds in the amount of \$31,680.00 for the Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board to provide security at their Comprehensive American Job Centers and American Job Centers with a Virginia Employment Commission presence. As the grant recipient for the Workforce Board the County will need to accept the grant and sign the award.

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to accept the grant for security for the Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

AIRPORT VEGETATION CLEARING/SPRAYING BIDS

Mr. Poe reported that after re-bidding the airport vegetation clearing project, three bids were received. The project was broken down into clearing approximately 15,000 linear feet of fencing and three other areas/zones inside the fence. Bids were as follows:

	Fence	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Complete
Greenthumb Lawn	\$18,150.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$ 29,700.00	\$ 98,500.00
MTM	\$60,000.00	\$211,250.00	\$94,250.00	\$175,500.00	\$492,900.00
Marcum Oil Company	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 48,750.00	\$21,750.00	\$ 40,500.00	\$117,000.00

The Virginia Department of Aviation advised that while this is an eligible item under the Maintenance Program, upper management has not approved Vegetation Control requests from other airports due to ongoing budget constraints.

The overall low bidder, Greenthumb, projected a start date of October 4. With no state funding assistance, this is a project that could potentially be completed by County staff and equipment over the winter.

Mr. Kolb asked if the County employees would be able to do the work.

Mr. Poe stated that if the Transfer Station can get back to full staff it would help, while there may be other outdoor projects that could only be done in certain weather, this is the type of project that could be done in any weather.

Mr. Kolb asked what equipment would be used.

Mr. Poe stated that the Transfer Station has a cutter blade that mounts onto the excavator and a skid steer.

Mr. Kolb asked if the employees wanted to do the work.

Mr. Poe stated that they are willing to do the work, they did part of the fence a year or so ago but ran into problems with staffing.

Mr. Leonard stated that it would save a considerable amount of money to have the Transfer Station do the work.

Mr. Kolb stated that he couldn't imagine the work being done with the equipment the County has, some of the trees are 9 to 10 inches in diameter. He stated that the first time he went to the airport he thought someone needs to spray or cut that fence line, and asked who is responsible for recognizing the problem and doing something about it, if it is the Transfer Station, what have they been waiting on.

Mr. Poe stated that it would not be the Transfer Station's call on whether to clear the fence line.

Mr. Kolb stated that when it was discussed over a year ago nothing was said about the Transfer Station doing it, and now it has been put out for bids twice and now the Transfer Station thinks they can do the work, but they cannot even get the vine off of the Institute Building. He appreciates the desire to save money, but he does not believe it can be done with the equipment and he does not want to be looking at the same thing a year from now and hear the excuse that staff is down.

Mr. Leonard stated that the Transfer Station has taken the bush hog and excavator to the Airport to do work.

Mr. Poe stated that it was about a year and a half ago.

Mr. Kolb stated that the fence still has not been cleared.

Mr. Poe stated that they cleared the runway obstruction free zone.

Mr. Kolb asked how long it would take them to tear down the two buildings.

Mr. Poe stated that he does not know the time frame.

Mr. Kolb stated that the Transfer Station already has two buildings to take down and grade work for the parking lot while contractors are being paid to repair fences at the Convenience Centers. He would rather the Transfer Station repair the fences so that contractors do not have to be paid to do it and this project is over their head.

Mr. Smith asked if the Board wanted to take the bids or let the Transfer Station employees do the work.

Mr. Leonard stated that it would cost the County no matter who does the work.

Mr. Kolb stated that he does not think the County has the equipment, a bobcat loader is meant to load not to push trees over; he would like to take this up in closed session.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

PSA BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Mr. Poe stated that he has received a letter of resignation from the District 4 representative of the Public Service Authority effective June 30, 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Slemph, seconded by Mr. Kolb, to appoint Greg Rasnic to an un-expired term on the Public Service Authority. Mr. Rasnic's term will expire December 31, 2021. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

GENERAL LABORER AD

Mr. Poe reported that the current advertisement for General Laborer position will be below minimum wage as of January 1, 2022. That may be something that the Board would like to look into.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD

AMERICAN RELIEF FUND

Mr. Kolb asked Richard Johnson to give an update on the American Recovery Act money and address his request for the Heart of Appalachia funding and printer request.

Mr. Johnson stated that the fact sheet is out for the American Recovery Act money and he is getting an information packet together for the Board and it should be ready by the end of the week. He reported that the Heart of Appalachia is offering a \$10,000.00 COVID Recovery Grant to the County for the Tourism Office if the County will provide a \$5,000.00 commitment to the Heart of Appalachia for the next fiscal year. He added that the copier in his office is outdated and not compatible with the current computers causing scanning issues and requested that a new copier be budgeted for next fiscal year.

Mr. Kolb asked about the Heart of Appalachia grant.

Mr. Johnson stated that each Designated Marketing Organization would be given \$10,000.00 in exchange for a \$5,000.00 funding commitment to the Heart of Appalachia for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Smith asked if the \$5,000.00 would be a one time commitment.

Mr. Johnson stated it would be for the next fiscal year only.

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to add a \$5,000.00 commitment to the Heart of Appalachia into next year's budget. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

Mr. Kolb asked if Mr. Johnson had a quote on the copier.

Mr. Poe stated that quotes were obtained for a new copier in the County Administrator's office, but it recently had parts replaced and is functioning again. The quotes would be sufficient for Community Development's needs as well.

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to put money into next year's budget for a new copier in the Community Development Office. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

TOURISM

Mr. Kolb stated that the Tourism Committee has not had a meeting since 2015 and though it was not the fault of the Board members, if there is not meetings in 6 years the members do not speak up, they are complacent as well.

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to replace the District 2 representative on the Tourism Committee with Mary Beth Baker. Ms. Baker's term will expire November 30, 2021. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

COUNTY CODE FINES

Mr. Kolb asked if revenue was budgeted for the County Code fines.

Mr. Poe stated that there is a line item but without knowing which codes would be used, he only budgeted a small amount.

Mr. Kolb stated he would like a quarterly report on the revenue.

DONATED PROPERTY

Mr. Kolb asked the status of the property that was donated to the County.

Mr. Poe stated the deed has been recorded, and there were two years of delinquent taxes owed on the properties that would need to be cleared up before the property is sold.

Mr. Kolb stated he would like to authorize Stacy Munsey to do a title search on those properties to make sure there is a clean title.

It was consensus of the Board to authorize Ms. Munsey to perform a title search on the donated property.

INTERNET IN THE COURTROOM

Mr. Kolb asked about the status of the internet in the courtroom.

Mr. Poe stated that Rex Bailey got the router last month and was instructed to install it in the Courtroom.

FRONT DOOR

Mr. Kolb asked the status of the front door.

Mr. Poe stated that the easiest solution would be to install a different panic bar that would work on that style door and that could quickly be locked into open or closed mode.

Mr. Kolb asked if Southwest Heating could install that.

Mr. Poe stated he would check with them.

INTERNET AT BLACKWATER

Mr. Kolb stated that at last month's meeting he was going to make a motion to switch internet services at Blackwater Fire Department if the issue was not fixed.

Mr. Poe stated that he was asked to write a letter advising them, a technician was sent out on June 8 and the equipment was changed out, which should solve the problem.

GENERAL LABORER POSITION

Mr. Poe recommends this position be increased above minimum wage, there is a \$2.25 increase per hour included in the budget for County employees, but he does not think it needs to be increased that much because it would take that entry level position too close to the same rate as those that have been at the Transfer Station for three years.

Mr. Kolb asked for the lowest employee's salary.

Mr. Poe stated he can get that information for closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to enter Closed Session pursuant to Code Section 2.2-3711 A.1. Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body, 2.2-3711 A.6. The investing of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, 2.2-3711 A.29. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

Mr. Slemph left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Smith, to exit closed session. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Smith

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED SESSION

It was unanimously agreed as follows.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a Certification by this Lee County Board of Supervisors that such Closed Meeting was conducted within Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lee County Board of Supervisors hereby certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Closed Meeting in which this Certification Resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

AIRPORT CLEARING

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Kolb, to award GreenThumb the contract for clearing the Airport vegetation, in the amount of \$98,500.00. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Smith

GENERAL LABORER POSITION

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Smith, to increase the General Laborer position minimum salary to \$12.25 per hour. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Smith

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to recess to June 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Smith

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