

VIRGINIA: County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Called Meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse on March 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Bailey, Chairman
Jason Crabtree
Larry Mosley
Charles Slemp, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tina Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT: Dane Poe, County Administrator
C. M. Callahan, County Attorney
Jeny Hughes, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS ABSENT: None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is given that on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse, Jonesville, Virginia the Lee County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing to solicit public input on a proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for the Lee County Hospital Authority project. The Lee County Hospital Authority will seek the CDBG funding for capital improvement and required construction and renovation to reopen the former Lee Regional Medical Center as a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital in Lee County, Virginia. Residents of the project area are encouraged to attend.

The draft CDBG proposal will be available for comment along with information on projected beneficiaries, including the number of low- and moderate-income residents to benefit from the project, and plans to minimize displacement. Citizens will also be given an opportunity to comment on Lee County's past use of CDBG funds.

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

Mr. Poe provided an overview of the project based on the handout sheet.

There was no public comment.

The Chairman closed the floor for public comment.

It was moved by Mr. Crabtree, seconded by Mr. Slemp , to adopt Resolution 15-009. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp

**RESOLUTION
LEE COUNTY HOSPITAL PROJECT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION
15-009**

WHEREAS, the County of Lee, Virginia, wishes to apply for \$700,000 in Virginia Community Development Block Grant (VCDBG) funds for the Lee County Hospital project; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is expected from the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development in the amount of \$10,000,000.00, the Appalachian Regional Commission in the amount of \$500,000.00, the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission in the amount of \$1,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, citizen participation requirements have been met through two duly advertised public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the project will meet the VCDBG National Objective of providing benefit to low- or moderate-income (LMI) persons by providing acute health care services to 25,587 residents of Lee County. In addition, the LMI population will be benefitted by the provision of ancillary services such as radiology services, laboratory

services, respiratory therapy, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, and other services appropriate to meet the health needs of its patients at the new hospital;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Virginia, that the County Administrator of Lee County, Virginia, is hereby authorized to sign and submit any and all appropriate documents relevant to this Virginia Community Development Block Grant proposal.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE

Mr. Poe reported that Wise County Public Service Authority, along with the Towns of Big Stone Gap and Pennington Gap, is seeking funding to explore possibilities and opportunities for a regional infrastructure cooperative that may help on reducing operating expenses. The program will explore the concept of a local cooperative in an attempt to reduce expenses. The Wise County Public Service Authority is asking for a letter of support for this program to apply for a grant through The Virginia Department of Health. There is also a local match requirement of \$5,000, Wise County Public Service Authority and the Towns of Big Stone Gap and Pennington Gap have already agreed to provide.

Mr. Bailey stated he thought it would be worth the investment for the County to provide \$1,000 of the local match.

It was moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Crabtree , to approve a letter of support and \$1,000 to the Coalfields Regional Infrastructure Cooperative Initiative. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp

OLINGER CONVENIENCE CENTER SITE

Mr. Poe stated that because of the concern brought up at the last meeting, he met the Engineer at the proposed site. The Engineer stated that the site would not have triggered the stormwater requirements because of the size. However, when he returned to his office he did look up the property on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service map, and the

property is a wetland. Mr. Poe has advised Mr. Collingsworth of this and asked him to look for other locations for the site.

Mr. Mosley asked Mr. Poe if he had a chance to look at the property in Ocoonita that was brought up at the last meeting.

Mr. Poe stated that he did drive out there and it is the same as it was last year, and short of cleaning off the property behind the neighbor's house there really is not anything that could be done.

Mr. Mosley asked that a letter be sent to the adjoining property owner advising them to get it cleaned up.

Mr. Slemple stated that there have been orange litterbags on Route 753 for 2 weeks and asked who is responsible for that being picked up.

Mr. Poe stated that VDOT gets those bags.

Mr. Crabtree added that when a probationer is finished picking up their assigned road, they call VDOT and get a work order number then VDOT goes out and picks up those bags.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Bailey stated that this is a good day for Lee County and a big step to get the hospital back. He thanked Mr. Poe and Mr. Mosley for all of their hard work and dedication.

It was moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Mosley, to adjourn. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph