

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**Organizational Meeting
January 9, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its organizational meeting on January 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Jim Adams, Chairman, Joe Bryant, Vice-Chairman, Debra Buchanan, Garrett Dillard, Tommy Slaughter, and Ryan Zehr.

Staff members present were Dale Wagoner, County Administrator; JR Powell, Deputy County Administrator; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Director of Human Resources; Brandon Martin, Public Information Officer; and Jennifer Gregory, Administrative Assistant.

Sheriff Lane Perry of the Sheriff's Office was present.

Also present were Bill Wyatt of the Martinsville Bulletin and Luis Romero of BTW21.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Adams gave the invocation, and Mr. Slaughter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

On a motion by Mr. Dillard and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board directed the County Administrator to chair the meeting during the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Dillard, Slaughter, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

Mr. Wagoner reviewed the procedures for nomination of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and noted that nominations do not require a second.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR 2023

Mr. Wagoner opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

Mr. Bryant nominated Mr. Adams for the position. There being no further nominations, the floor was closed for the office of Chairperson. The vote carried 6-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Dillard, Slaughter, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2023

Mr. Wagoner opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Buchanan nominated Mr. Bryant. There being no further nomination, the floor was closed for the office of Vice-Chairperson. The vote carried 6-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Dillard, Slaughter, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

SETTING OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2023

Mr. Wagoner said a proposed calendar of meeting dates for 2023 was included in the Board's working papers. The dates are based on the schedule for meeting every fourth Tuesday, except for December, to avoid the holiday.

Mr. Zehr moved the Board to approve the proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2023. It was seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Dillard, Slaughter, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

ADOPTION OF BOARD'S 2023 BYLAWS

Mr. Wagoner stated that the Board traditionally adopts bylaws at its annual organizational meeting. (Copy Included in Board's file).

Mr. Bryant moved the Board to approve the Bylaws as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Zehr and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Dillard, Slaughter, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2023-24 BUDGET CALENDAR

Mr. Wagoner said a proposed schedule for the FY 2023-24 County Budget process was included in the Board's working papers. The calendar provides for the budget preparation, adoption, and appropriation in accordance with the deadlines provided in the *Code of Virginia*.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board adopted the budget calendar for the FY 2023-24 County Budget (Copy included in Board's file) by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Dillard, Slaughter, and Zehr.
NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF A DATE FOR THE BOARD'S ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION

Mr. Wagoner said that the Board had held an annual planning session for several years, usually in late January or early February. The session provides the

Board the chance to look back at the opportunities and challenges of the past year and establish priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Slaughter motioned to set the annual planning session on February 6, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Dillard, Slaughter, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

Mr. Wagoner said staff was waiting to confirm a possible location for the planning session. The Board will be updated at the January Board Meeting of the location.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Zehr moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 5:11 p.m. to discuss the following:

A) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.

B) §2.2-3711(A)10 for Discussion of Special Awards.

Ms. Buchanan seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Dillard, Slaughter, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to open meeting at 5:33 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Zehr, seconded by Mr. Bryant, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Dillard, Slaughter, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Powell read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote.

Board members voting in the affirmative were Mr. Zehr, Mr. Dillard, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

NAYS: None.

Mr. Wagoner reminded the Board of the County Holiday on Monday, January 16th recognizing Martin Luther King Day.

Jim Adams shared with the Board the upcoming scheduled Open House for the Fieldale School Apartments. Mr. Wagoner stated he would share the dates and times with the Board when available.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 5:37 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Dillard, Slaughter, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.