

## **FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

Regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, February 1, 2010 at the County Governmental Center in Lebanon, Virginia beginning at 6:00 P. M.

PRESENT: Mike Puckett, Chairman  
Danny L. Brown, Vice Chairman  
Bob Keene, Member  
Bill Wampler, Member  
Shy Kennedy, Member  
Jon Bowerbank, Member

Chairman called the meeting to order.

County Administrator led in the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **DR. MARK ESTEPP, PRESIDENT OF SVCC**

Dr. Mark Estepp, President of SVCC, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to thank the Board for the receipt of a report on the educational activities in Russell County.

### **VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

David Hill and J. R. Watson, VDOT, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to receive requests for funding and improvements.

A motion made by Bob Keene, second by Bill Wampler and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, the Russell County Board of Supervisors dedicated monies to Revenue Sharing Projects, and shall not be completed leaving either deficits or balances;

**RESOLVED**, Rural Rustic Projects on Routes 648, 699, 628 and 647 have been in previous Revenue Sharing Projects partially funded,

**AND**, **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** this Board hereby resolves that all deficits first be addressed, and surplus funds be transferred to Rural Rustic Projects on Route 648, 699, 629 and 647.

**AND**, **FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Residency Administration Department of Transportation.

The meeting was:

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES – GENERAL COUNTY, SWVaASAP AND WIB**

on made by Danny Brown, second by Jon Bowerbank and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors for the purchase of monthly utility invoices in the amount of \$494,380.53, including SWVaASAP and WIB.

Present was:

Danny Brown, Jon Bowerbank, Mike Puckett, Bob Keene, Shy Kennedy and Bill Wampler  
None

**APPOINTMENT – RUSSELL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

on made by Bob Keene, second by Danny Brown and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint the Russell County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term, said term ending on February 5, 2011.

Present was:

Bob Keene, Danny Brown, Mike Puckett, Shy Kennedy, Jon Bowerbank and Bill Wampler  
None

**REAFFIRM ENDING TERM ON RUSSELL COUNTY IDA – J. C. BOYD**

on made by Danny Brown, second by Bob Keene and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to reaffirm the term on the Russell County IDA will end on June 30, 2011.

Present was:

Danny Brown, Bob Keene, Mike Puckett, Bill Wampler, Shy Kennedy and Jon Bowerbank  
None

**SVCC ARTS PROGRAM**

on made by Danny Brown, second by Jon Bowerbank and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors for the purchase of monthly utility invoices from Southwest Virginia Community College Arts Program for \$350.00.

Present was:

Danny Brown, Jon Bowerbank, Mike Puckett, Bill Wampler, Bob Keene and Shy Kennedy  
None

**APPROVAL OF V-STOP GRANT**

REAS, 50% of the Composite Index funding formula is determined by Fair Market Value of realties that participate in Land Use Taxation, creating a situation where an acre of land assessed for \$5 e) but is taxed on Land Use values whereby the Land Use value is \$300, a loss of \$4,700 taxable value;

REAS, the loss of education funding to counties which support the Land Use program is in the n ig preferential treatment to agriculture at a loss of funding for education, requiring higher local taxes a financial savings boon for the State of Virginia;

REAS, the Virginia Composite Index funding formula presently favors urban areas of the State at the c is.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Russell County Board of Supervisors to join with the c /irginia to request the Virginia General Assembly to change the "local property value" of the Composit taxable value of real estate rather than the Fair Market Value;

BE IT FURTER RESOLVED to respectfully request that the General Assembly representatives o ite Senator Phillip Puckett, Delegate Clarence Phillips, and Delegate James W. Morefield introduce d and correcting this grievous error for the benefit of educational funding.

ote was:

Danny Brown, Bob Keene, Mike Puckett, Bill Wampler, Shy Kennedy and Jon Bowerbank  
None

### **GAS AND OIL LEGISLATION REQUEST**

n made by Shy Kennedy, second by Bill Wampler and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to a solution:

REAS, many property owners in Southwest Virginia, as well as Russell County citizens, have experie recovering gas royalty payments from the escrow account maintained by the Virginia Gas & Oil Board.

REAS, the Russell County Board of Supervisors further acknowledge that the gas royalty escrow ac audited; and

REAS, Senator Phillip Puckett has or will introduce a bill that will enact a new Virginia Code sec the 2010 Session of the Virginia General Assembly which would expedite the disbursement of g m the gas royalty escrow account to the gas owners and provide for appropriate audition of said escrow

REAS, the Russell County Board of Supervisors confirms its approval and support of the afore conv of which is attached hereto. but also urges the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virgini

te was:

Shy Kennedy, Danny Brown, Mike Puckett, Bill Wampler, Bob Keene and Jon Bowerbank  
None

### **REQUEST FROM JUDGE MIKE MOORE**

n made by Jon Bowerbank, second by Bob Keene and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to a  
dge Mike Moore that the salary of the law clerk be approved for \$39,000. per year.

te was:

Jon Bowerbank, Bob Keene, Danny Brown, Mike Puckett, Shy Kennedy and Bill Wampler  
None

### **PUMPER TRUCK**

n made by Danny Brown, second by Jon Bowerbank and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors  
1 the Landfill leachate pumper truck.

te was:

Danny Brown, Jon Bowerbank, Shy Kennedy, Bill Wampler, Bob Keene and Mike Puckett  
None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Austin thanked the Board of Supervisors for paying for the insurance for firefighters.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

n made by Bill Wampler, second by Danny Brown and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors  
n for consultation with legal counsel concerning possible litigation and personnel, pursuant to Virg  
3711 (A) (7) and 2.23711 (A) (1).

te was:

Bill Wampler, Danny Brown, Mike Puckett, Shy Kennedy, Jon Bowerbank and Bob Keene  
None

hairman called the meeting back to order.

ote was:

Shy Kennedy, Bob Keene, Danny Brown, Bill Wampler, Mike Puckett and Jon Bowerbank  
None

n made by Danny Brown, second by Bob Keene and duly approved to adjourn.

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Chairman