

December 9, 2008

County of Greene, Virginia

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNTY MEETING ROOM.

Present were: Steve Catalano, Chairman
Clarence Peyton, Vice Chairman
Jeri Allen, Member
Carl Schmitt, Member
Mike Skeens, Member
Ray Clarke, County Attorney
Barry Clark, County Administrator

Absent: Patti Vogt, Deputy Clerk
Tracy Morris, Finance Director

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Clarence Peyton and unanimous vote, the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 Subsection (a, 1-7) of the Code of Virginia.

Contract Matters:

- Water and Sewer
- E&S Review
- Sheriff's Office
- Dental Clinic
- Parks and Recreation
- Solid Waste
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Courthouse

Land Acquisition:

- Water and Sewer

Legal:

- Pending litigation

Personnel:

- Administration

Various Appointments:

- Economic Development Authority
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jeri Allen	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

Upon motion by Clarence Peyton and unanimous vote, the Board returned to Open Session.

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jeri Allen	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

By unanimous vote, all members certified that only public business matters lawfully exempted from the Open Meeting requirement and only such matters as identified by the motion to enter into Executive Session were discussed.

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jeri Allen	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: APPOINTMENT TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Upon motion by Carl Schmitt and unanimous vote, the Board appointed Mr. Christian Herring to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee as the youth representative.

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jeri Allen	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: OPEN MEETING

The Chairman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – ROBERT AKERS/STACY AND CHRISTINA ROACH – SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR CHURCH

Mr. Bart Svoboda, Zoning Administrator, reviewed the request from Robert Akers/Stacy and Christina Roach for a Special Use Permit for a church on a 3.53 acre tract zoned A-1, Agriculture, and R-1, Residential, located on Monte Vista Lane and identified on County Tax Maps as 38-(A)-70. (SUP #08-006)

There is an existing single family dwelling on the property. The building permit was originally issued for a metal utility shed but the building is actually used as a church. The parcel is designated office/industrial on the Future Land Use Map.

The Health Department had indicated a portable privy would be permitted. Capacity of the building will be based on the regulations in the building code.

The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions. Staff has proposed conditions also.

Mr. Robert Akers, applicant, said it is the intention to hold services there, on a temporary basis, until a site is located for the church.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments.

After discussion, the Board, upon motion by Carl Schmitt and unanimous vote, approved the request from Robert Akers/Stacy and Christina Roach for a Special Use Permit for a church on a 3.53 acre tract, zoned A-1, Agricultural, and R-1, Residential, located on Monte Vista Lane and identified on County Tax Maps as 38-(A)-70 (SUP #08-006) with the following conditions:

- a. Building Code and zoning requirements shall be met.
- b. Applicant shall apply for a change of use building permit in order to indicate the structure as a church rather than a shed.
- c. A site plan shall be submitted and approved for this application.
- d. The capacity shall be determined by the square footage as stated by the Building Official.
- e. The applicant shall provide sanitation as stated by the Health Department.
- f. The Special Use Permit shall expire in four (4) years.

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jeri Allen	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: ACT AND IMPACT MENTORING

Mr. James Howard, Director of Social Services, Bishop Michael Jackson and Ms. Karen Wood were present to provide information on ACT and Impact Mentoring. The agencies/departments involved in this program include Greene County Transit, Greene County Sheriff's Office, JABA, Commonwealth Attorney, Victim Witness Advocate, Region Ten, Social Services, Schools, Parent Resource Center, Sexual Assault Resource Agency, Ride Share, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, and the Extension Office.

The Program will offer mentoring for at-risk youth. The Emanuel Christian Center has volunteered to run the program.

Bishop Jackson and Ms. Wood spoke on the program which envisions a community in which every youth experiences nurturing one-to-one relationship and community support, which in turn allows each of them to develop into their full potential, capable of making informed, responsible decisions as involved members of our community.

Ms. Wood reviewed the process for becoming a mentor and noted a small time commitment can have a huge impact on children. Additional information is available on their web site.

After further discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Howard, Bishop Jackson and Ms. Wood for presenting information on this program.

RE: PARK ROAD – AWARD CONTRACT

Upon motion by Jeri Allen and unanimous vote, the Board awarded the contract for the park road project to E. C. Pace and Company for a total amount of \$150,267.

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jeri Allen	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

WATER IMPOUNDMENT AND TAX BASE

Mr. Mitch Miller commented on efforts by the County regarding water impoundment. He noted this would go hand-in-hand with an individual who has water impoundment available for fire control.

Mr. Miller said an article in "The Hook" has quotes by the Chairman and County Administrator regarding businesses saving millions of dollars through the process of approvals and the streamlined process that has given the County a business friendly attitude. He said there are a large volume of lots approved for building by developers that are now over priced. Many people are looking at foreclosure. He asked if the actual collection of these millions would have lowered the tax base and who are the individuals who benefited by saving these millions of dollars? Mr. Miller asked if the quotes are true or false.

The Chairman declined to comment noting the Board did not have the article in questions to review.

REASSESSMENT

Mrs. Pat Morris, speaking on behalf of the Greene County Taxpayers Association, said the Board is not responsible for increase in assessments. However, when the Board begins the budget process, she asked that the tax levy be lowered to maintain taxes at the current amount for property owners. Mrs. Morris said people are losing their homes, exhausting their savings, and losing their jobs. She asked the Board to remember seniors who are living on fixed incomes and consider an increase in the income requirements for tax relief for the elderly and disabled. She also suggested the Board consider Proposition 13 where seniors who have an investment in County by having lived here between 30 and 35 years won't have to pay taxes.

Mrs. Morris asked for information regarding the percentage increase from last year and percentage of people who had to make monthly payments.

The Chairman said the Board has not received information on the most recent tax collection. The goal the current year was not to increase taxes. He noted the method of tax

collection is at the discretion of the Treasurer. He felt the Board is sensitive to the needs of citizens. The tax rate will be equalized as required by State Code and the Board will move forward from that point during the budget process.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Jeri Allen and unanimous vote, the Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- a. Minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting.
- b. Resolution authorizing the application for State Aid to Public Transportation. (See Attachment "A")

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jeri Allen	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: OTHER MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

REASSESSMENT

Mr. Peyton spoke on the reassessment and notices citizens recently received. He said the estimates of true value were developed by the Department of Taxation using the assessment sales ratio from 2000-2006, coupled with 2007 fair market value to determine the assessment for 2008. The report indicated the County was at 78.6% of that ratio and it needs to be at 100%. Reassessment minus tax relief would meet requirement of 100%. The percentage increase by district is:

Monroe	- 28%
Ruckersville	- 22%
Stanardsville	- 27%
Town of Stanardsville	- 5%

Individuals have options to challenge their reassessment. The Board has no authority to change assessed values but does have full responsibility for setting the levy. Mr. Peyton said it is impossible to estimate the local revenue required for FY 09-10. He noted last minute budget reductions by the Governor last year that had a big impact.

Mr. Peyton said it does appear that the anticipated revenue from the increased reassessment real estate value will support the current budget expenditures and will leave a margin for minimum levy reduction. He suggested the Board look at the possibility of a reduction in the levy. It will be absolutely necessary to hold spending at current levels in order to reduce the rate. The County will also need to adhere to the restrictions that were outlined by the Chairman previously. Mr. Peyton said the Board is sincere in concern for citizens.

The Treasurer has a 98% collection rate with a total revenue of \$12.072 million. The current levy plus projected real estate increase would result in a collection of \$14.37 million. The Board must consider all options during the budget process

VDOT

Mr. Peyton said he attended the recent VDOT District Meeting at which reductions in the workforce, consolidation of areas, salary increases being delayed, vacancies not filled, and other reductions were discussed. There will be little funding for road construction and no new projects for the next six years.

Mr. Peyton suggested the Board have information ready to submit in regards to the proposed stimulus package.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

Mr. Schmitt reported that three vendors are participating in the review and tours of facilities have been scheduled.

RSA

Mrs. Allen said Rapidan Service Authority has approved the proposed rate increase with a 10% increase this year, 5% in 2010 and 5% in 2011.

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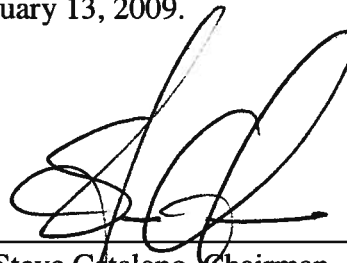
Mrs. Allen said the Planning District Commission received a progress report on the Route 29 Corridor Study which should be completed by December, 2009.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mrs. Allen reported on the recent meeting of the Planning Commission. JABA requested a deferral of their application and there was a split vote on the rezoning application by Ted Corp to remove proffers.

RE: ADJOURN MEETING

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Catalano', written over a horizontal line.

Steve Catalano, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors

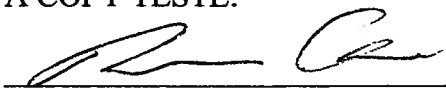
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR
STATE AID TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Greene County Board of Supervisors that the Transit Manager is authorized, for and on behalf of the Greene Co. Transit, Inc., hereafter referred to as, the **PUBLIC BODY**, to execute and file an application to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia, hereafter referred to as, the **DEPARTMENT**, for a grant of financial assistance in the amount of \$359,278 to defray the costs borne by the **PUBLIC BODY** for public transportation purposes and to accept from the **DEPARTMENT** grants in such amounts as may be awarded, and to authorize Transit Manager to furnish to the **DEPARTMENT** such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

The Greene County Board of Supervisors certifies that the funds shall be used in accordance with the requirements of Section 58.1-638.A.4 of the Code of Virginia that the **PUBLIC BODY** will provide subsequent matching state-aid funds, which will be used as required in such Act, that the records of receipts of expenditures of funds granted the **PUBLIC BODY** may be subject to audit by the **DEPARTMENT** and by the State Auditor of Public Accounts, and that funds granted to the **PUBLIC BODY** for defraying the expenses of the **PUBLIC BODY** shall be used only for such purposes as authorized in the Code of Virginia.

Adopted in Open Meeting this 9th day of December, 2008.

A COPY TESTE:



Barry Clark, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors