

February 24, 2009

County of Greene, Virginia

THE CONTINUED MEETING OF THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 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
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
- Solid Waste
- Energy Efficiency Performance
- Dental Clinic

Land Acquisition:

- Water and Sewer

Various Appointments:

- Economic Development Authority

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.

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	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jeri Allen	-	Yes
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	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

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RE: EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

The Chairman presented the following employee service awards:

Peggy Gano	-	10 years
Paul Lester, II	-	5 years
Randy Snead	-	5 years
Spurgeon W. Wade, Jr.	-	5 years

RE: PETITION FOR REZONE – JEFFERSON AREA BOARD FOR AGING

The Chairman said the petition was withdrawn.

RE: SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. David Jeck, Superintendent, Michelle Flynn, Chairman of the School Board, Troy Harlow, School Board Member and Kim Powell, Business and Facilities Director, were present.

Mr. Jeck spoke on the shortfall of \$100,000+. The enrollment projection for the 2008 school year was 2800 students but the actual number was a decrease of 50 students. The school also had legal fees of more than \$80,000 and received \$130,000 less in sales tax receipts from the State. All of these factors culminated in a shortfall of approximately \$600,000. Through a concerted effort of hold backs and other budget cuts, they were able to reduce that deficit to approximately \$100,000. Mr. Jeck noted that this amount is less than what it costs to run the school system for a day. He said it is very difficult to account especially with the system in place which is antiquated in their estimation.

Mr. Jeck said if, in the future, they have any inkling that something like this is happening they will put it in writing and request an audience with the Chairman and the County Administrator. He said they will be extremely transparent in terms of what they anticipate happening but can't imagine something like this happening again.

Mr. Jeck also asked the Board to consider the possibility of allowing the School Board to retain part of their carryover funds. He explained that the School has returned at least some funding back to the County each year over the last several years. It would be extremely helpful for the School to be allowed to retain a percentage of that money in a contingency fund for emergencies such as this.

Board Member Carl Schmitt expressed puzzlement as to the amount of time it has taken to bring this to the Board's attention.

Mrs. Powell reminded the Board that she did mention the possibility of a significant state revenue shortfall during the budget workshop last year. She noted legal expenses, rising fuel and utility costs also contributed to the shortfall. Also, insurance settlement checks were not received until the end of November, 2008.

Mrs. Powell said the shortfall is equal to about a third of a percent of their entire budget. She said she advised her Superintendent in July about the shortfall but did not put it in writing. The shortfall was brought to the attention of the County's Finance Director on December 8.

Mrs. Powell said the School was under their operating budget by \$300,000 and she felt they were very proactive in cutting expenses.

Mr. Schmitt said fiscal discipline is the key to everything and taking a year to report this was not acceptable. A shortfall should be reported as soon as known even if exact figures are not available.

Mr. Schmitt asked if the accounting system is equal to the task. Mrs. Powell said the current software being used is not what she would pick to do finances for the school system. School Board member Troy Harlow noted he used the AS400 system when he graduated from college in 1993.

Mrs. Powell said she did not want to make excuses and blame the computer system for problems but felt better software would help. The auditors give the accruals to the Finance Director and the total amount of the transfer to the schools is not known until that point.

Historically, the amount has always been less than what the County appropriated for the schools. She said they want to continue to be a very positive contributor to the effort to build the reserve.

School Board Chairman Michelle Flynn said they “take heat” each year because they don’t spend down to the last dime. She noted they do not know the final figure until the report is received from auditors. She assured the Board that they would make a formal request for funds if this happens again.

Board member Mike Skeens said they must have had some idea of the amount.

Mrs. Powell asked if this would be considered an additional appropriation. The budget will not be increased as they are under budget.

Vice Chairman Clarence Peyton appreciated the letter of explanation for the overrun and felt the issue could not be solved here. He suggested a workshop to talk about retaining a percentage of carryover funding. Mr. Peyton felt the funding allocated to the Schools is their money to oversee. The School Board members are elected and it is their right to spend the money how they want. The Board of Supervisors has no say over that. He would like to see the budget process worked out so it is easier and if an emergency arises, sufficient notification is given.

Board member Jeri Allen agreed with comments and said she was impressed that the Schools were able to decrease the deficit as much as they did.

The Chairman said the money has been spent and he would call it an additional appropriation. He agreed with scheduling a workshop with the School Board.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

HEALTH CARE

Mrs. Andrea Wilkinson spoke on status of health care nationally. She felt there is a win/win proposal that could benefit the County employees and taxpayers which includes more cost effective health care and health insurance. The plan is a high deductible health insurance combined with individual health savings accounts. She noted the School is already using this to some extent.

Mrs. Wilkinson noted the State is considering a plan to include school employees. Mr. Schmitt said the plan has been amended to apply to local government employees also.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of February 10, 2008 meeting.
- b. Resolution to accept and appropriate \$2,000 in grant funds from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs for the local Fire Departments. No local funds are required. (See Attachment "A")
- c. Resolution in honor of Stanardsville Volunteer Fire Department's 50th Anniversary. (See Attachment "B")
- d. Letter of support for the Greene County Transit, Inc. (See Attachment "C")

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Chairman said the Planning District Commission has expressed interest in applying for grant funding from the Housing Authority. The grant funds would be used to add language to the Comprehensive Plan regarding persons with disabilities. No local cash match is required. The in-kind match of \$3,000 would be fulfilled from dollars spent towards the upgrade to the current Comprehensive Plan.

Upon motion by Carl Schmitt and unanimous vote, the Board authorized application by TJPDC for grant funding.

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	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – APPOINTMENTS TO

Upon motion by Jeri Allen and unanimous vote, the Board made the following appointments/reappointments to the Economic Development Authority:

Robert Morris
Richard Hall
Willis Logan

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

Motion carried.

RE: ADJOURN MEETING

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Steve Catalano, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE TWO
THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE VFIRS HARDWARE
GRANT**

WHEREAS, the County of Greene has been awarded a grant from Department of Fire Programs for a VFIRS Hardware Grant; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) will need to be appropriated to the appropriate line item in the 2008-2009 budget of the County of Greene, Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia that two thousand dollars (\$2,000) be appropriated to the 2008-2009 budget of the County of Greene.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator of the County of Greene, Virginia is authorized to make the appropriate accounting adjustments in the budget to do all things necessary to give this resolution effect.

Adopted this 24th day of February 2009.



Steve Catalano, Chairman

Barry Clark, Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the charter members of the Stanardsville Volunteer Fire Department met the spring of 1959; and

WHEREAS, the charter members had the vision that the community needed additional fire suppression services; and

WHEREAS, their dedication and perseverance resulted in the formation of the Stanardsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, numerous people have volunteered their time over the last 50 years in implementing the vision of those charter members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens of the County, honor the dedication and vision of the charter members and the volunteers, both past and present. We wish the organization safe and continued prosperity over the next 50 years.

Adopted in Open Meeting this 24th day of February, 2009.

Steve Catalano, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors



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February 24, 2009

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
P. O. Box 590
Richmond, VA 23218

RE: Greene County Transit, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

The Greene County Board of Supervisors fully supports the Greene County Transit, Inc. Program and feels the need for mass public transportation is of the utmost importance. We feel the organization, under the direction of Mrs. Ginger M. Morris as Administrator, is providing excellent public transportation service to our citizens.

The Transit Program is a great asset to the community and has attained a high level of service that exemplifies goals in regards to safety, efficiency and economy of operation. Greene County Transit has grown significantly since its inception and now includes expanded evening hours. We look forward to the continuation and continued expansion of this very important program.

Sincerely,

Steve Catalano, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors

Barry J. Clark
County Administrator