

January 26, 2010

County of Greene, Virginia

THE CONTINUED MEETING OF THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNTY MEETING ROOM.

Present were: Steve Catalano, Chairman
Clarence Peyton, Vice Chairman
Jim Frydl, 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
- Commissioner of Revenue

Land Acquisition:

- Water and Sewer

Legal:

- Pending Litigation

Personnel:

- Constitutional Officers

Various Appointments:

- Economic Development Authority
- Equalization Board
- Planning Commission

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	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
	Jim Frydl	-	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
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: REGIONAL BROADBAND INITIATIVE

Mr. Steve Williams, Executive Director of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, was present to discuss the regional broadband initiative. TJPDC staff has been working on a regional proposal for broadband infrastructure funding being made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. They anticipate a formal Notice of Funds Availability for Round 2 funding to be released in the coming weeks, with applications possibly due in early spring.

Following completion of the RFP submittal process, the Technical Committee, comprised of County Information Technology Directors, reviewed proposals received and unanimously recommended DigitalBridge Communications. DigitalBridge is headquartered in Ashburn, VA and is a provider of wireless broadband service in 15 underserved and rural communities across the country, including Appomattox County, VA.

The wireless technology that DigitalBridge proposes for the region is WiMAX wireless, a technology not previously deployed in the region. WiMAX is different from previous wireless technologies in that it is not limited to line of sight and is not hampered by foliage or weather. WiMAX serves a much broader area (up to 75 square miles per base unit) than Wi-Fi at speeds which are the same or faster than DSL.

Coverage for the entire region would require between 25 and 50 base units which would be mounted on towers. As the towers are the most expensive component of the system, DigitalBridge is proposing to use either privately or publicly-owned existing towers.

If funded, deployment is expected to begin within six months after towers have been identified and the project should be complete in 12 months.

Users would be able to access the internet wirelessly anywhere within the region in two different ways. Homes or businesses would receive (at no cost) a small antenna that would connect to a standard modem or router. Laptop users would receive a USB card/antenna

combination that would allow the user to roam anywhere within the region and receive service. Expected cost would be \$25 to \$35 per month per household or business.

TJPDC staff is working with DigitalBridge to develop the materials for an application for ARRA Broadband Infrastructure funding and is coordinating local support for the proposal.

DigitalBridge will contract with a survey research firm to survey households throughout the region to identify and map unserved/underserved areas.

Following review and input from the Technical Committee, DigitalBridge will identify existing towers that can be used to provide service and enter into agreements for tower space.

DigitalBridge will develop all the required engineering plans, costs and financial plans for the final application. There will be no costs to any of the county governments and no responsibilities for operations or maintenance of the system.

Mr. Williams asked for a letter of support for this project.

Mr. Schmitt said all that is needed is the money but they don't have a measure of what the Federal Government is doing in granting funds.

The cost model is structured so DigitalBridge can finance the match they have to put in and then recover as operating expense over the life of the project.

It was the consensus of the Board to authorize a letter of support for this project.

RE: THOMAS JEFFERSON PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Mike Harvey, President of the Thomas Jefferson Partnership for Economic Development, was present to report on regional economic developments and the improved services that TJPED offers Greene County. Mr. Barry Clark is Chairman of TJPED.

Mr. Harvey spoke on accomplishments and changes at TJPED since 2006.

More than 80% of the companies in the area now have less than 20 employees. More than 20% of the workforce leaves the region to work every day. Changes are resulting in a large percentage of the population having to get more training/education to maintain/enhance their standard of living. Also, a permanent underclass of those who lack the education or means to commute is being created. Chronic poverty, unemployment and under-employment are also prevalent.

Mr. Harvey said the focus is on economic vitality with opportunities for both residents and employers. Goals include a more robust service delivery mechanism, a stronger advocate for economic development and a regional catalyst to address regional issues. We need to help create jobs that match our residents and a workforce that matches our jobs.

New projects and initiatives include:

- Research and communications goals
- Entrepreneurial support
- Business development
- Program support for Workforce Development

Mr. Harvey said jobs bottomed out last March. There are actually less people in the workforce now indicating discouraged workers. These issues will be addressed in the state of the region report being prepared.

RE: THOMAS JEFFERSON HEALTH DISTRICT

The Chairman said the request from Dr. Peake is to retain an additional \$424 in local funding due to State budget reductions. The amount previously discussed and approved by the Board was incorrect.

Upon motion by Carl Schmitt and unanimous vote, the Board approved the request from the Thomas Jefferson Health District to retain an additional \$424 in local funding.

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Resolution to accept and appropriate \$40,000 from the Virginia Domestic Violence Fund Grant for the Commonwealth Attorney Office. (See Attachment "A")
- Resolution to accept and appropriate \$1,275 from the Office of Justice Programs in grant funds for the purchase of bulletproof vests for the Sheriff's Office. (See Attachment "B")

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: JEFFERSON-MADISON REGIONAL LIBRARY – "THE BIG READ"

The Chairman read the resolution proclaiming "The Big Read" during February and March, 2010.

Mrs. Deborah Willenborg, local representative on the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Board, distributed information regarding activities.

Upon motion by Jim Frydl and unanimous vote, the Board approved the resolution as presented. (See Attachment "C")

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes

Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: SHERIFF'S OFFICE – GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Barry Clark said this is a request for authorization for the Sheriff's Office to apply for funds from the Department of Emergency Management, 2009 State Homeland Security Program, Grant, for a regional communications system. Greene, Madison and Orange counties are participating.

The County Attorney is drafting contracts outlining the duties/obligations of each locality. Greene's share of the funding is approximately \$296,000 and will be used to improve communication equipment at the Flattop Mountain site. The new 60 foot radio tower will increase coverage for fire and rescue and includes a generator at the site. No local match is required. The localities will expend the money up front and then be reimbursed from grant funds.

Mr. Clark said Greene County will be in charge of administering the grant. He and Missy McDaniel are the local contacts for the project.

Upon motion by Carl Schmitt and unanimous vote, the Board authorized the grant application contingent upon successful execution of the contract and no local match being required.

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

Revenue Recovery

The Chairman said he has been involved in discussions regarding revenue recovery with the Greene County Rescue Squad over the past several months. Research has been conducted and the recommendation is to move forward with this project.

Mr. Catalano noted the fees are paid by insurance companies, not by individuals. This is not intended to be a profit center but rather a cost recovery mechanism.

It was the consensus of the Board to ask Mr. Bob Townsend, Public Relations Officer for the Greene County Rescue Squad, to attend the next meeting to discuss revenue recovery.

Planning Commission

Mr. Schmitt reported on activities of the Planning Commission. Mr. Norman Slezak is Chairman and Mr. Bill Martin is Vice Chairman.

Budget Workshop

Mr. Peyton said a day long budget workshop is scheduled for March 10 and is open to the public.

RE: ADJOURN MEETING

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

A handwritten signature in blue 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 FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE VIRGINIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM FUND GRANT

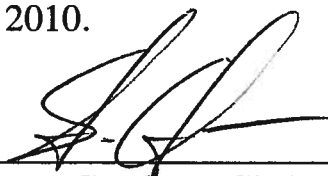
WHEREAS, the County of Greene has been awarded a grant from DCJS for a Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) will need to be appropriated to the appropriate line item in the 2009-2010 budget of the County of Greene, Virginia.

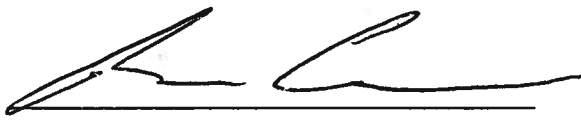
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia that forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) be appropriated to the 2009-2010 budget of the County of Greene.

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 26th day of January 2010.



Steve Catalano, Chairman



Barry Clark, Clerk

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE ONE
THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR
BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department of the County of Greene has received funding for the Bulletproof Vest Grant; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of one thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,275) need to be appropriated to the appropriate line item in the 2009-2010 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 one thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,275) be appropriated to the 2009-2010 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 26th day of January, 2010.



Steve Catalano, Chairman



Barry Clark, Clerk

THE BIG READ 2010: A Lesson Before Dying
by Ernest J. Gaines

WHEREAS, THE BIG READ is designed to restore reading to the center of American culture and provides our citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within our community; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library invites all book lovers to participate in THE BIG READ that will be held throughout the months of February and March 2009. The Library's goal is to encourage all residents of Central Virginia to read and discuss A LESSON BEFORE DYING by Ernest J. Gaines; and

WHEREAS, A LESSON BEFORE DYING explores the nobility and the barbarism of which human beings are equally capable; and

WHEREAS, the Library is partnering with the Virginia Foundation Center for the Book in THE BIG READ which is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Arts Midwest; and is supported by the Art and Jane Hess Fund of the Library Endowment;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Greene County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims THE BIG READ during February and March 2010 and encourage all residents to read A LESSON BEFORE DYING during this time.

Adopted in Open Meeting this 26th day of January, 2010.



Steve Catalano, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors