

**HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**282 Mountain Turnpike, Monterey, VA 24465**

**MEETING DATE – April 16, 2024, 2:00pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>STAFF / GUESTS:</b>
<b>Henry A. Budzinski, Jr.</b>		Jerri Botkin, Interim County Admin.
<b>Harry B. Sponaugle</b>		Melissa A. Dowd, County Attorney
<b>Paul S. Tribble</b>		Nicholas J. Fialo, IV, EMS Chief
		5 members of the public

**General**

Chairman Budzinski called Meeting to Order

Chairman Budzinski made a Motion to go into Closed meeting for Legal § 2.2-3711 (A) (8) of the Code of Virginia and 2.2-3711 (A) (7 ) Legal

Supervisor Tribble objected to the meeting, he did not receive formal notice until 11am this morning and would like to render this meeting illegal.

County Attorney Dowd stated all rules had been followed that were adopted at the January 2, 2024, meeting when adopting the Rules and Procedures.

Supervisor Tribble asked to have a protest noted that he believes this is an illegal meeting and feels we should not hold said meeting.

Vice Chairman Sponaugle seconded the motion to go into closed meeting.

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF CLOSED MEETING:**

Chairman Budzinski made the following motion:

I move that the Board certify that to the best of each member's knowledge:

1. Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements,  
and
2. Only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Board of Supervisors.

Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Sponaugle

PRESENT	VOTE
Chairman Budzinski	Yes
Vice-Chairman Sponaugle	Yes
Supervisor Tribble	Yes

Chairman Budzinski made a motion to hire outside council, review the current Memorandum of Understanding with Highland County Volunteer Rescue Squad, the current Emergency Services Ordinance and Highland County Emergency Services policies, as we move forward, Chairman Budzinski, County Attorney Dowd, and Interim County Administrator Botkin will work together to seek council and report to the Board of Supervisors-this is informational only.

Vice Chairman Sponaugle seconded this motion stating he felt it would be appropriate to seek a second legal opinion on how to move forward.

Supervisor Tribble then made an amended motion, for Highland County Board of Supervisors to rescind motion that was made on 4/11/2024 to reestablish Highland County Volunteer Rescue Squad and the EMS Advisory Committee,

Vice Chairman Sponaugle stated he could not vote on that at this time and the motion failed.

A vote was recorded for the first motion.

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Chairman Budzinski	Yes
Vice-Chairman Sponaugle	Yes
Supervisor Tribble	No

Being no additional items on the agenda Vice-Chairman Sponaugle made the motion to continue till 7:30pm April 23, 2024, Chairman Budzinski seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Jerri Botkin, Interim County Administrator

Minutes of the April 16, 2024, meeting are approved:

5/7/2024  
Date

  
Chairman Henry A. Budzinski, Jr.