

HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

MEETING DATE – AUGUST 4, 2020

The Highland County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on August 4, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Modular Conference Center, Spruce Street, Monterey, Virginia.

August 4, 2020 Meeting to be held by Conference Call and Video through Google Meet

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PRESENT:	ABSENT:	STAFF / GUESTS:
David Blanchard		Roberta Lambert, County Administrator
Harry Sponaugle		Melissa A. Dowd, County Attorney
John Moyers		

Chairman Blanchard called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE FOR THE ENACTMENT OF A FEE TO FUND THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN HIGHLAND COUNTY

Chairman Blanchard explained that the Board would be holding a public hearing on an Ordinance for the Enactment of a Fee to Fund the Provision of Emergency Medical Services in Highland County.

Chairman Blanchard opened the public hearing and asked Ms. Dowd for a staff report.

Ms. Dowd presented the staff report.

Iris Hooke commented opposed to the new fee.

There being no further comments, Chairman Blanchard closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Sponaugle moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moyers and carried unanimously with the following vote.

PRESENT

David W. Blanchard
Harry Sponaugle
John Moyers

VOTE

Yes
Yes
Yes

PRESENTATIONS

ALVIN TROUT – VDOT

Mr. Trout presented information on bridge weight limit postings and updated the Board on road projects.

BETTY MITCHELL – EDA

Ms. Mitchell updated the Board on CARES Act Business Grants.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no public comment, Chairman Blanchard moved to the next item on the agenda.

ITEM #1

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH HIGHLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor Sponaugle moved to hold a joint public with the Planning Commission on a Conditional Use Permit Application from Carl Hiner for a fee fishing pond on August 27 at 7:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moyers and carried unanimously with the following vote.

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
David W. Blanchard	Yes
Harry Sponaugle	Yes
John Moyers	Yes

ITEM #2

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FY21 BUDGET

Supervisor Blanchard moved to amend the DSS FY21 budget based on final amounts received from the State in the amount of \$29,077 and appropriate the funding for a total budget of \$581,474. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Sponaugle and carried unanimously with the following vote.

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
David W. Blanchard	Yes
Harry Sponaugle	Yes
John Moyers	Yes

ITEM #3

VIRGINIA LOGGERS ASSOCIATION

Supervisor Sponaugle moved to schedule a public hearing on September 1 at 7:30 pm on an Ordinance that would exempt all personal property and tools and machinery tax on forest harvesting and silvicultural equipment. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moyers and carried unanimously with the following vote.

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
David W. Blanchard	Yes
Harry Sponaugle	Yes
John Moyers	Yes

ITEM #4
OLD BUSINESS

There being no old business, Chairman Blanchard moved to the next item on the agenda.

ITEM #5
NEW BUSINESS

- a. Application for a Service Connection to the McDowell Water System from Timothy Heatwole for the McDowell Mennonite Church being built in McDowell

Supervisor Moyers moved to approve the connection to the McDowell Water System as requested. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Sponaugle and carried unanimously with the following vote.

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
David W. Blanchard	Yes
Harry Sponaugle	Yes
John Moyers	Yes

ITEM #6
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS, REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

There being none, Chairman Blanchard moved to the next item on the agenda.

ITEM #7
BOARD COMMENTS

There being no Board comments, Chairman Blanchard moved to the next item on the agenda.

ITEM #8
CONSENT AGENDA (WARRANTS & APPROPRIATIONS)

Following review of the monthly listing of expenditures and appropriations, motion came from Supervisor Moyers to approve the warrants and appropriations as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Sponaugle and carried unanimously with the following vote.

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
David W. Blanchard	Yes
Harry Sponaugle	Yes

John Moyers

Yes

ITEM #9
PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being no public comments, Chairman Blanchard moved to the next item on the agenda.

ITEM #10
CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Blanchard moved for a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) 29 Contract. The motion carried. Motion, from Supervisor Moyers to come out of the closed meeting, carried. Chairman Blanchard reconvened in open session. On motion of Supervisor Moyers and carried, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
Return to Open Session

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
David W. Blanchard	Yes
Harry Sponaugle	Yes
John Moyers	Yes

WHEREAS, the Highland County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.1 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors.

CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES

Following the discussion on Contract, Supervisor Sponaugle moved to accept the proposal from Republic Services for a one year extension on the Collection and Disposal Services Agreement. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moyers and carried unanimously with the following vote.

PRESENT

David W. Blanchard
Harry Sponaugle
John Moyers

VOTE

Yes
Yes
Yes

ITEM #11

ADJOURN / RECESS

There being no additional business, the meeting was continued at 9:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairman

HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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MEETING DATE – AUGUST 19, 2020

The Highland County Board of Supervisors held a continued meeting on August 19, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Modular Conference Center, Spruce Street, Monterey, Virginia.

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David Blanchard		Roberta Lambert, County Administrator
Harry Sponaugle	By Phone	Melissa A. Dowd, County Attorney
John Moyers	By Phone	

Chairman Blanchard called the meeting to order.

PRESENTATIONS

There being no presentations, Chairman Blanchard moved to the next item on the agenda.

ITEM #1

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (PPTRA)

Supervisor Sponaugle moved to authorize the Treasurer to apply a credit balance of \$800.11 left from the 2014 personal property taxes after all adjustments and collections to the 2020 personal property tax relief. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moyers and carried unanimously with the following vote.

PRESENT

David W. Blanchard
Harry Sponaugle
John Moyers

VOTE

Yes
Yes
Yes

ITEM #2

SOLAR ORDINANCE

The Board directed Ms. Lambert to work with the Planning Commission and Town Council to schedule a date to review a proposal for changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan related to Solar Energy Systems.

ITEM #3

CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE

Supervisor Moyers moved to schedule a public hearing on a Continuity of Government Ordinance for September 16 at 7:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Sponaugle and carried unanimously with the following vote.

PRESENT

David W. Blanchard
Harry Sponaugle
John Moyers

VOTE

Yes
Yes
Yes

ITEM #4

OLD BUSINESS

- a. CARES Act Funding
Ms. Lambert provided an update on CARES Act Funding

ITEM #5
NEW BUSINESS

There being no new business, Chairman Blanchard moved to the next item on the agenda.

ITEM #5
CLOSED MEETING

There being no request for a closed meeting, Chairman Blanchard moved to the next item on the agenda.

ITEM #11
ADJOURN / RECESS

There being no additional business, the meeting was continued at 7:52 pm.

APPROVED:

Chairman

HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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MEETING DATE – AUGUST 27, 2020

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John Moyers	By Phone	
		Casey Thaler, Planning Commission

		Dean Beverage, Planning Commission
		Jay Garber, Planning Commission
		Joe Malcolm, Planning Commission
		Randy Richardson, Planning Comm
		Joshua Simmons, Zoning Admin.

Chairman Blanchard called the meeting to order and advised that this was a joint meeting and public hearing with the Highland County Planning Commission.

Mr. Simmons gave a staff report and explained that Carl Hiner had submitted an application for a conditional use permit for a Commercial Outdoor Sports and Recreation Fee fishing pond.

The Planning Commission and Board opened the joint public hearing.

The Applicant Carl Hiner along with Ruth Hiner gave a short presentation on their plans for the fishing pond.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Simmons read a letter from Judy Skeen, an adjoining landowner, opposing the development of the pond.

James Colaw, Monterey, stated he thought it was ridiculous that a permit was even needed.

Ben Padget, Monterey, stated that he was in favor of an individual being able to use their land in the way they wanted to.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

The Highland County Planning Commission voted unanimously to send the application to the Board with a favorable recommendation.

Supervisor Sponaule then moved to approve a conditional use permit for Carl Hiner for a Commercial Outdoor Sports and Recreation Fee fishing pond. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moyers and carried unanimously with the following vote.

PRESENT

David W. Blanchard
Harry Sponaule
John Moyers

VOTE

Yes
Yes
Yes

ADJOURN / RECESS

There being no additional business before the Board, the meeting was continued at 8:05 pm.

APPROVED:

Chairman