

HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

MEETING DATE – JULY 7, 2020

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

July 7, 2020 Meeting to be held by Conference Call and Video through Google Meet

Due to the threat to public health and safety from the Coronavirus for public gatherings, the Highland County Board of Supervisors regular meeting on July 7 at 7:30 p.m. will be held by conference call and by video through Google Meet.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, *“Any public body may meet by electronic communication means without a quorum of the public body physically assembled at one location when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in accordance with § 44-146.17, subject to the following procedures and conditions:*

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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.

PRESENTATIONS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ITEM #1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – VATI APPLICATION

Supervisor Moyers moved to approve a request from the Highland County School Board to transfer 1) \$100,000 to the School Capital Improvement Fund and 2) \$119,812.41 to a Reserve Fund for School. 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 #2

FY 19/20 CLOSE OUT MEETING AND BUDGET AMENDMENT

Supervisor Moyers moved to approve a request from the EDA for approval to submit a letter of intent indicating that application may be submitted by MGW to VATI for funding to provide fiber-to-the-home for their coverage area in McDowell and possibly the coverage area in Western Augusta.

The motion was seconded by Supervisors 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

ROCKINGHAM COOPERATIVE – REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION

Supervisor Moyers moved to approve adoption of a Resolution for Rockingham Cooperative who will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on February 23, 2021 with “Rockingham Cooperative Day”.

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 #4

PHI – AIR CARE

The Board reviewed a proposed agreement with PHI-Air Care regarding services to Highland County Residents and landowners.

Supervisor Moyers made a motion to move forward with the PHI-Air Care agreement 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 #5

OLD BUSINESS

Betty Mitchell gave an update on Business Grants.

ITEM #6

NEW BUSINESS

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

ITEM #7

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS, REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

ITEM #8

BOARD COMMENTS

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

ITEM #9

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.

PRESENT

David W. Blanchard
Harry Sponaugle
John Moyers

VOTE

Yes
Yes
Yes

ITEM #10

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Todd Brendel asked if there would be any possibility of opening the pool under the current restrictions for free swim and see how it goes. No action was taken.

ITEM #11

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Blanchard moved for a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) 1 Personnel and 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

PRESENT

VOTE

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.

ITEM #12

ADJOURN / RECESS

There being no additional business, the meeting was continued at 9:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairman

HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

MEETING DATE – JULY 15, 2020

The Highland County Board of Supervisors held a continued meeting on July 15, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Modular Conference Center, Spruce Street, Monterey, Virginia.

July 15, 2020 Meeting to be held by Conference Call and Video through Google Meet

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Chairman Blanchard called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM #1

EASEMENT – VANDERPOOL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SITE

Supervisor Sponaugle moved to approve and authorize signature on an easement for the Solid Waste Collection site at Vanderpool.

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEE

The Board continued discussion of the proposed Emergency Medical Services Fee. Following lengthy discussion, Supervisor Sponaugle moved to set a public hearing on the proposed Emergency Medical Services Fee Ordinance for August 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Modular Conference.

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 #3

OLD BUSINESS

a. PHI – Air Care

The Board reviewed a revised contract with PHI – Air Cares changing the effective date from July 1, 2020 to July 15, 2020.

Supervisor Sponaugle moved to approve the revised contract as presented.

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
NEW BUSINESS

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

ITEM #5
CLOSED MEETING

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ITEM #6

ADJOURN / RECESS

There being no additional business, the meeting was continued at 8:03 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairman

