

HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

MEETING DATE – SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

The Highland County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on September 1, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Modular Conference Center, Spruce Street, Monterey, Virginia.

September 1, 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 September 1 at 7:30 p.m. will be held by conference call and by 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

**FOREST HARVESTING AND SILVICULTURAL EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION
ORDINANCE**

Chairman Blanchard explained that the Board would be holding a public hearing on a Forest Harvesting and Silvicultural Equipment Tax Exemption Ordinance.

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

Ms. Dowd presented the staff report.

There being no public 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.

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

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

VIRGINIA MAPLE SYRUP TRAIL TEMPORARY SIGNS

Supervisor Sponaugle moved to waive the sign permit fee of \$15 for the Maple Syrup Trail temporary signs to be installed by the Chamber of Commerce. Supervisor Moyers seconded the motion which carried unanimously with the following vote.

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

ITEM #2
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (PPTRA)

Supervisor Moyers moved to establish the PPTRA percentage for 2020 at 37%. 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
OLD BUSINESS

a. CARES Act Funding

Supervisor Moyers moved to approve \$40,000 for the EDA from the CARES Act Funding. 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
NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Neil appeared before the Board to discuss the purchase of two new vehicles. No action was taken.

ITEM #5
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS, REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

ITEM #6
BOARD COMMENTS

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

ITEM #7
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 #8
PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

ITEM #9
CLOSED MEETING

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

ITEM #10
ADJOURN / RECESS

There being no additional business, the meeting was continued at 8:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairman

HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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MEETING DATE – SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

The Highland County Board of Supervisors held a continued meeting on September 16, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Modular Conference Center, Spruce Street, Monterey, Virginia.

September 16, 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 September 16, at 7:30 p.m. will be held by conference call and by video through Google Meet.

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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.

PUBLIC HEARING

THIRD EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTINUITY OF HIGHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC

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

Ms. Dowd explained that the purpose of the Ordinance was to re-enact and re-adopt the original Emergency Ordinance and the Second Emergency Ordinance to be in full force and effect so long as there is a public health emergency in effect as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman Blanchard opened the public hearing for public comments.

There being no public 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

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

PRESENTATIONS

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

ITEM #1

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

Supervisor Sponaugle moved, upon recommendation from the LEPC, to reappoint the following individuals to the LEPC:

- Harley Gardner, Highland County Emergency Services
- Elmer Waybright, Highland County Volunteer Fire Department
- John Bruce, The Recorder
- Terry Allamong, Citizen

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
OLD BUSINESS

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

ITEM #3
NEW BUSINESS

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

ITEM #4
CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Blanchard moved for a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) 29 Personnel. 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.

ITEM #5
ADJOURN / RECESS

There being no additional business, the meeting was continued at 8:38 pm.

APPROVED:

Chairman

HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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MEETING DATE – SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

The Highland County Board of Supervisors held a continued meeting on September 24, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Modular Conference Center, Spruce Street, Monterey, Virginia.

September 24, 2020 Meeting to be held by Conference Call and Video through Google Meet

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