

At the Regular Meeting, held on Monday, January 6, 2020, with Closed Session beginning at 5:00 P.M. and Regular Session beginning at 6:00 P.M., in the Board Room of the Greenville County Government Building, 1781 Greenville County Circle, Emporia, Virginia.

Present: Belinda D. Astrop, Chairman
James R. Brown, Vice-Chairman
William B. Cain
Tony M. Conwell

Mrs. Brenda Parson, County Administrator, called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

In Re: Closed Session

Mrs. Parson, County Administrator, stated that Staff recommended the Board go into Closed Session, Section 2.2-3711 (a) 1) Personnel, 3) Acquisition/Disposition of Real Property, 5) Business and/or Industry and 7) Legal Matters.

Supervisor Conwell moved, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to go into Closed Session, as recommended by Staff. Voting aye: Supervisors Astrop, Brown, Cain and Conwell.

In Re: Regular Session

Mrs. Parson stated that Staff recommended the Board of Supervisors return to Regular Session.

Supervisor Conwell moved, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to go into Regular Session. Voting aye: Supervisors Astrop, Brown, Cain and Conwell.

In Re: Certification of Closed Meeting – Resolution #20-70

Supervisor Conwell moved, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to adopt the following Resolution. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Supervisor Astrop, aye; Supervisor Brown, aye; Supervisor Cain, aye and Supervisor Conwell, aye.

**RESOLUTION #20-70
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

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

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Greensville County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greensville County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law 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 Greensville County Board of Supervisors.

In Re: Organizational Matters

Mrs. Parson stated that the next items pertained to the Organizational Matters of the Board of Supervisors. She stated that there were three items -- the Election of Chairman, Election of Vice-Chairman and the Setting of Meeting times and dates.

Supervisor Conwell asked could discussion be held before making nominations. He stated that he would like for the rest of the Board members to consider rotation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions. He then asked how the rotation would be handled.

Supervisor Brown stated that a Chairman be voted in every year. He stated that a Chairman would be nominated in rotation until the four years were up.

Russell Slayton, County Administrator reiterated that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would only be for a one-year term with rotation each year.

Supervisor Cain stated that time would tell depending on what was going on at that time. He stated he thought the severity of what would be happening at that moment should be determined how the Board pursued the matter at that time and a decision could be made in January of next year.

In Re: Election of Chairman

Mrs. Parson opened the floor for nominations of a Chairman for the Greensville County Board of Supervisors for a term of one year beginning January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020.

Supervisor Brown nominated Mr. William B. Cain as Chairman and himself as Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Parson stated that the nomination was only for Chairman at this time.

Supervisor Conwell nominated Mrs. Belinda Astrop as Chairman.

Mrs. Parson then asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Supervisor Cain moved, seconded by Mr. Conwell, to close nominations.

Mrs. Parson stated those in favor of nominating William B. Cain for Chairman to say aye. There were none.

Mrs. Parson stated that all in favor of nominating Mrs. Astrop for Chairman, to say aye. All voted aye. Mrs. Parson then stated that Mrs. Astrop was elected as Chairman for a term of one year beginning January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020.

In Re: Election of Vice-Chairman

Mrs. Parson opened the floor for election of a Vice-Chairman. She asked if there were any nominations.

Supervisor Conwell nominated Mr. James R. Brown as Vice-Chairman. She then asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Mrs. Parson stated all in favor of Mr. James R. Brown as Vice-Chairman, to say aye. All voted aye. She stated all oppose, there was none. Mrs. Parson then stated that Mr. Brown had been elected Vice-Chairman for a term of one year beginning January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020.

In Re: Setting of Meeting Times and Dates

Chairman Astrop requested that the Board of Supervisors meet on the same day, being the first and third Monday of the month. She stated that she would like to see Closed Session beginning at 6:00 p.m. and Regular Session beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Parson asked if there was any discussion regarding Chairman Astrop's request. There was none. She then asked all in favor of meeting at the times stated to say aye. All stated aye. She stated if any one opposed to say aye. There was none.

Mrs. Parson then turned the meeting over to Chairman Astrop.

In Re: Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Parson stated that Staff recommended the Board of Supervisors approve the Agenda with three added items – Several appointments to the Greenville County Water and Sewer Authority, a Resolution extending the Review Time of the Planning Commission on a 2232 and an Addendum to a current contract for the Sale of Property.

Supervisor Conwell moved, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to approve the agenda as amended. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

In Re: Consent Agenda

Mrs. Parson stated that Staff recommended approval of the Consent Agenda consisting of the following: Supervisor Conwell moved, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2019.

Budgetary Matters consisting of the following: Fund #001 – Budget Amendment Resolution #20-71, in the amount of \$40,196.00, Budget Amendment Resolution #20-72, in the amount of \$262.05; Fund #012 - Budget Amendment Resolution #20-73, in the amount of \$722.70 and Fund #013 – Budget amendment Resolution #20-74, in the amount of \$162.20, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Warrants:

Approval of Accounts Payable for January 6, 2020, in the amount of, \$761,101.57

Approval of Payroll for December 31, 2019, in the amount of, \$484,940.18

Mr. Cain stated that he would like to discuss the approval of the minutes. He stated that in the last minutes, he noticed a figure given of \$74,000 for broadband and if he stated that figure, he was vastly incorrect on that portion. He also stated two years ago, the figure was \$4 million and the proposed figure last year was for \$70 million, of which \$19 million was awarded. Mr. Cain stated that this year the proposed budget was at \$16 million.

Mrs. Parson stated that the Board of Supervisors would need an approval of the amendment to the minutes.

Supervisor Conwell moved, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to approve the amendment to the minutes of December 16, 2019. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

In Re: Citizens Comments

Mrs. Parson addressed the public stating that anyone wishing to address the Board of Supervisors to please come forward and state their name for the record. There was no one.

In Re: Telpage Broadband Internet Access Agreement

Mrs. Parson stated that this item was deferred from the last meeting held December 16, 2019.

Mr. Ryan Aerni, IT Manager, updated the Board of Supervisors on information he had received from David Lipscomb with Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative. He stated that as stated in the email received from Mr. Lipscomb, there was an attached map of the proposed path that the fiber would take from Mecklenburg Cooperative. He also stated that the path of the proposed fiber did not come out of the City lines, so Mecklenburg would not be feeding the County complex with new fiber. He further stated that Mr. Lipscomb stated that Mecklenburg would be able to provide services through the existing MBC (Mid-Atlantic Broadband Communities Corporation) fiber connection currently at the County through Telpage. Mr. Aerni stated that there was the option to get Mecklenburg through MBC but it would not be for the prices quoted in the email. He stated that further discussion would have to be held with Mecklenburg to get the pricing through MBC because they would have to pay a licensing and lease fee through MBC to use their fiber. He further stated that this was something Staff could do within the next 18 months, as the County already had a contract with Telpage and that contract was still good for 18 months.

Mrs. Parson stated that given the fact that the County already had a current contract with Telpage that would expire in 18 months, could give Mecklenburg time to evaluate the availability of broadband in the office park. Mr. Aerni stated that Mecklenburg could provide a cost using MBC's fiber so that Staff could have a more accurate price of what it would actually cost to switch to MBC.

Mrs. Parson stated that she thought the Board's question was whether the County could actually obtain broadband through Mecklenburg at this time and Mr. Aerni's answer was that the County could not at this time because the ground work had not been laid and having the current contract for the next 18 months with Telpage.

Supervisor Cain stated that his concern was that there was an increased proposal from the Governor that had not gone to the General Assembly. He stated that he would like to see a deferment until it could be found out how far down. He also stated that with Mecklenburg coming into Brunswick, Greenville would be next. Supervisor Cain stated that with the new funding coming up, and he hoped that within that same period, not stating that it had to be with Mecklenburg, the broadband could be extended with the new funding proposed from the Governor. He also stated that the General Assembly would not be finished until March to find out what would be taking place. He then asked that the matter be deferred.

Supervisor Conwell stated that with the increase from 200Mbps-300Mbps, the County would be looking at \$150 per month with additional usage and buildings. He stated that with using more data, he did not think the County could afford to wait.

Supervisor Cain stated that the County should know more in March after the General Assembly. Supervisor Conwell stated that the offer would not hold because the offer was only good for 30 days.

Supervisor Conwell moved with no second, to accept the proposal from Telpage. Voting aye; Supervisors Brown, Conwell and Chairman Astrop. Supervisor Cain opposed.

In Re: Boards and Commissions Appointments

1. Board of Equalization -- Deferred from the meeting of December 16, 2019. The previous appointees were Glen Faison from ED1, Len Hobbs from ED2 and Lofton Allen from ED3.

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for nominations of individuals to be elected from Election District 1, Election District 2 and Election District 3. She stated that Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Allen both had agreed to serve again, if the Board wished that they did so.

Supervisor Cain stated that he had no problem with Mr. Allen serving from ED3. Supervisor Brown stated that he had no problem with Mr. Hobbs serving again from ED2. Mrs. Parson stated that an appointment needed to be made for ED1.

Chairman Astrop asked if anyone had any suggestions. There were none. She then asked that the appointment be deferred until the next meeting. There was a consensus to defer the appointment for ED1 until the next meeting.

Supervisor Conwell moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, to accept Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Allen serving again. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

2. Crater Planning District Commission -- Board of Supervisors Representative for a term of four years.

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for nominations of an individual to serve on the Crater Planning District Commission.

Supervisor Cain nominated Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Conwell, to approve Supervisor Brown serving on the Crater Planning District Commission. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

3. Crater Regional Partnership – Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Chief Administrator's Appointment for a term of four years.

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for nominations of individuals to serve on the Board that only consisted of the Chairman and the Chief Administrator.

Supervisor Cain moved, seconded by Supervisor Conwell, to appoint the Chairman and the Chief Administrator to serve on the Board. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

4. Director of Emergency Services – Chairman of the Board Appointment for a term of four years.

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for nominations of an individual to serve on the Board.

Supervisor Cain nominated Chairman Astrop, seconded by Supervisor Conwell, to approve the Chairman serving on the Board. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

5. Greenville County School Subcommittee on Education – Two Board Members and County Administrator.

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for nominations of individuals to serve on the Board.

Supervisor Conwell nominated Supervisor Cain to serve on this Board. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

Supervisor Cain nominated Chairman Astrop, seconded by Supervisor Conwell, to serve on this Board. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

Supervisor Conwell moved that Mrs. Brenda Parson serve on the Board. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

6. Greenville/Emporia Department of Social Services Building Owner Organization – Three Appointments for a term of four years.

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for nominations of individuals to serve on this Board.

Supervisor Cain nominated Chairman Astrop, Chairman Astrop nominated Supervisor Conwell and Supervisor Cain nominated himself. Supervisor Brown seconded. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

7. Greenville/Emporia Welfare Board – Three County representatives for a term of four years.

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for nominations of individuals to serve on this Board.

Supervisor Cain nominated Supervisor Brown and Chairman Astrop nominated Supervisor Cain, seconded by Supervisor Conwell, to appoint Supervisor Brown and Supervisor Cain to serve on this Board. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

8. Mid-Atlantic Manufacturing Center Regional Industrial Facility Authority – An At-Large Appointment for a term of four years.

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for nominations of an individual to serve on this Board.

Supervisor Cain nominated Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Conwell, to serve on this Board. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

9. Planning Commission – an Election District 3 Appointment for a term of four years.

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for nominations of an individual to serve on the Board.

Supervisor Conwell nominated Supervisor Cain, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to appoint Supervisor Cain to serve on the Board. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

10. Southern Virginia Development Corporation Board of Directors – Term End Upon Completion of Project.

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for nominations of an individual to serve on the Board.

Supervisor Cain nominated Chairman Astrop, seconded by Supervisor Conwell, to approve Chairman Astrop to serve on the Board. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

11. Southside Regional Jail Authority – Three County Members and the Sheriff.

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for nominations of two individuals to serve on this Board.

Supervisor Cain nominated Chairman Astrop and Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Conwell, to approve Chairman Astrop and Supervisor Brown to serve on this Board. Voting aye: Supervisor Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

12. Virginia Growth's Alliance – Board of Supervisors Representatives

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for one Board representative and one At-Large appointment, which in the past had been a Staff member. Mrs. Natalie Slate had agreed to serve another term, if the Board wished that she did so.

Supervisor Cain nominated Chairman Astrop, Chairman Astrop nominated Supervisor Conwell and Supervisor Conwell moved that Mrs. Slate continue.

Mrs. Parson asked for a vote to be taken regarding the two members that had been nominated.

Chairman Astrop asked all in favor for Chairman Astrop to serve on the Board to say aye. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain and Conwell.

Chairman Astrop asked all in favor for Supervisor Conwell to serve on the Board to say aye. There was no one.

13. Greenville County Water and Sewer Authority – Appointments of the Board Members

Chairman Astrop opened the floor for nominations of individuals to serve on this Board for a term of four years.

Supervisor Conwell nominated all of the Board of Supervisors, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to approve all four Board of Supervisors Members to serve on this Board. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

In Re: Resolution #20-76 – Approving Extension of Deadline for Greenville County Planning Commission Review of Application of Fresh Air Energy II, LLC Requesting Review Pursuant to VA Code Ann. Section 15.2-2232

Mr. Lin Pope, Director of Planning, addressed the Board of Supervisors stating that on November 11, 2019, Fresh Air Energy submitted a 2232 Application in which the Planning Commission needed to determine if that solar project was in substantial conformance. He stated that it was in substantial conformance with the County's Comprehensive Plan. He also stated that Section 15.2-2232 Code of Virginia gave the Planning Commission 60 days to act upon any application. Mr. Pope stated that the application was submitted on November 11, 2019 and the next Planning Commission hearing was December 10, 2019. He stated at that meeting, the Planning Commission deferred action because of wanting more information from the applicant. He also stated the next Planning Commission hearing would be January 14; therefore, 60 days would have elapsed from the November 11th application date. He further stated the Code of Virginia gave the County Board of Supervisors the authorization to give the Planning Commission

additional time to act upon the application submitted by Fresh Air Energy for the solar project on Brunswick Road. Mr. Pope then asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Supervisor Conwell moved, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to grant the Planning Commission an extension regarding Fresh Air Energy 2232 Review. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

In Re: Approval of an Addendum to a Current Contract for the Sale of Property of the Armory located in Emporia

Mrs. Parson stated that Staff was requesting approval of the third addendum.

Supervisor Conwell moved, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to approve the third addendum to the Contract. Voting aye: Supervisors Brown, Cain, Conwell and Chairman Astrop.

In Re: Miscellaneous Matters

Mrs. Parson stated that located in the Friday Memo were the Staff Meeting Minutes and Departmental Reports for the Board's review and comments.

Chairman Astrop asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Adjournment

With there being no further business to discuss, Supervisor Conwell moved, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to adjourn the meeting. Voting aye: Supervisors Astrop, Brown, Conwell, and Chairman Cain

Belinda D. Astrop, Chairman

Brenda N. Parson, Clerk