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**CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

**AT A REGULAR MEETING** of the Craig County Board of Supervisors conducted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Craig County Court House Courtroom.

**PRESENT:**

Jesse Spence – Chair  
Carl Bailey – Vice Chair  
Kathi Toelke, Supervisor  
Lindsey Dunne– Supervisor  
Dan Collins – Clerk

**ABSENT:**

Rusty Zimmerman – Supervisor

**OPEN MEETING**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Spence. Mr. Spence asked for a moment of silence, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REQUESTS TO POSTPONE, ADD TO OR CHANGE THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Add Item E. New Business: Consider Motion to Approve New Position for EMS
- b. Add Item F. New Business: Consider Motion to Surplus Sheriff's Vehicle to School System

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Spence presented the consent items to the Board:

- A. Minutes of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020
- B. Claims and Warrants

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Toelke, to approve the minutes and consent items with Resolution R20-04. Voting was as follows: Ms. Toelke, yes, Ms. Dunne, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.

**R20-04**

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CRAIG COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CONCURRING IN CERTAIN ITEMS SET FORTH ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA FOR THIS DATE DESIGNATED AS THE CONSENT ITEMS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County, Virginia, as follows:

- 1. That the certain section of the agenda of the Board of Supervisors for February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 designated as the Consent Items be, and hereby is, approved and concurred in as to each item separately set forth in said section designated Items 1 through 2, inclusive, as follows:
  - 1. Approval of minutes – January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

## 2. Claims and Warrants

2. That the Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized and directed where required by law to set forth upon any of said items the separate vote tabulation for any such item pursuant to this resolution.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020 adopted this Resolution.

#### BRIEFINGS

- A. Ray Varney, VDOT: Mr. Varney provided the board with a Monthly Report on work in the County.
- B. Daryn Warner, US Census Bureau: Provided the Board with information on the upcoming census which will begin March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with a mailing to all citizens to respond by mail, internet or in person. They still need 25 people in Craig County to help with the census.
- C. Morgan Romeo, Executive Director of Virginia Career Works: She is working with Jennifer Lovejoy on the Community Center project. Their department was created by the US Department of Labor and a majority of their funds come from them. She serves 8 localities and this year they are asking for each locality to provide funding for the work they do in the county. They are requesting \$764 from Craig County. This will help fund their Career Quest at the Salem Civic Center for Craig students.

- D. Bill Wolf, Pipeline Update: Preserve Craig has three new projects underway -- mapping Craig County valuable natural resources and trails, continuing to collect survey results about what citizens would like Preserve Craig to work on, and exploring the creation a Cultural Heritage Designation for the region.

The Cultural Heritage Project meeting with Andrew Downs from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy drew 41 participants on January 9, 2020 here in New Castle.

Possible future projects for Preserve Craig are helping to establish new trails, protecting night skies, protecting our views and quality of life, creating more wilderness areas, and monitoring water quality.

#### **Eminent Domain**

- The US House Energy & Commerce Committee is holding Hearings to consider revisions to the Natural Gas Act. The first hearing was held yesterday, February 5.
- The US Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on February 24 about whether Atlantic Coast Pipeline can cross the Appalachian Trail
- **A Roanoke law firm, Gentry Locke, has filed suit on behalf of Virginia landowners in January in DC Federal Court, challenging the authority of the FEREC to issue eminent domain authority to MVP or any pipeline companies.**

- A series of Federal lower courts have ruled that the FEREC has overstepped its authority in granting eminent domain to private companies. The U.S. Supreme Court has announced it will hear such a case, which could limit or remove the eminent domain authority from being transferred to private for-profit companies.

#### **Mountain Valley Pipeline**

The status of MVP: Mountain Valley Pipeline construction is halted. MVP cannot cross any water ways, National Forest, or the Appalachian Trail, having lost key permits in 2018. The Parent Companies EQT and EQM are in financial trouble and are attempting to sell their interest in MVP.

Preserve Craig led the filing of Motion before the FEREC by a dozen organizations to require that MVP correct critical errors in its original filings and revise its stormwater discharge analysis. FEREC has not responded to that September 3, 2019 filing. MVP has twice attempted to demand dismissal of the request. We filed an extensive response on January 28, 2020 with additional declarations from three experts that this analysis must be completed before any further work can be approved. Reports on 2019 taxes assessed by other Counties against MVP:

Franklin County Total billings were \$1.5 Million due MVP and its contractors. Reportedly collected \$900,000 to date.

Monroe County WV: Pipe - \$97,490. (paid ½) Construction equipment – Trinity - \$78,032. Precision - \$44,688 (unpaid).

POWHR is awaiting reports from Giles, Roanoke, and Montgomery.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Consider approving Appointment Made by Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Board of Directions for At-Large Member, Patrick Kenney: A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve Resolution R20-05, seconded by Ms. Dunne. Voting was as follows: Ms. Toelke, yes, Ms. Dunne, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.

## R20-05

### **A Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Patrick Kenney As At-Large Board Member Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare (BRBH) Board of Directors**

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare (BRBH) Board of Directors voted to nominate Mr. Patrick Kenney, Esq. as an at large board member at their December 12, 2019 Board meeting, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kenney will serve in the vacant at-large board appointment that was previously held by Ms. Lisa Garst, and

**WHEREAS**, according to Title 37.2 – 502 of the Code of Virginia, the BRBH Board nominates at-large representatives, and the participating governing bodies approves those appointments, now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County that the appointment of Mr. Patrick Kenney, as the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Board of Directors at-large representative, for the full three-year term from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022 is hereby approved.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on 6th day of February 2020 adopted this Resolution.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider Resolution Amending FY2019-20 Budget for Emergency Services Grant: A motion was made by Ms. Toelke to approve Resolution R20-06, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Voting was as follows: Ms. Toelke, yes, Ms. Dunne, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.

## R20-06

### **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Craig County Board of Supervisors (CCBoS) adopted the 2019-2020 Budget on May 2, 2019 for planning purposes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Craig County Emergency Services has received a FY 2019 CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Department of Emergency Management in the amount of \$15,550, and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose and use of this grant is for teaching CPR classes, updating certifications needed, instructional classes for basic first aid and also for the purchase of equipment needed for the support of the regional CERT Trailer, now

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County that the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget is hereby amended as follows:

### REVENUE

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| Commonwealth of VA<br>Department of Emergency Management | 3-100-024020-0007 | 15,550 |
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### EXPENSE

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| Grants<br>2019 SHSP cert Grant | 4-100-091500-9527 | 15,550 |
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the sum of **\$15,550** be appropriated as described above. The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020, adopted this resolution.

B. Consider Resolution Recognizing the Reorganization of the Upper Craigs Creek VFD. A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve Resolution R20-07 and seconded by Ms. Toelke. Voting was as follows: Ms. Toelke, yes, Ms. Dunne, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.

**R20-07**

**A Resolution Officially Recognizing the  
Upper Craigs Creek Volunteer Fire Department as a  
Volunteer Fire Department in Craig County**

**WHEREAS**, the Craig County Board of Supervisors recognized the Upper Craigs Creek Volunteer Fire Department at a meeting in 1987, and

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Craigs Creek Volunteer Fire Department has undergone a reorganization with newly elected members and re-certification, now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County that the reorganization of the Upper Craigs Creek Volunteer Fire Department is officially recognized, and its members, equipment and property are recognized as a volunteer Fire Department in Craig County.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020 adopted this Resolution.

C. Consider Resolution Establishing a Billing Policy for Emergency Medical Services for Motor Vehicle Accidents: A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve Resolution R20-08 and seconded by Ms. Toelke. Voting was as follows: Ms. Toelke, yes, Ms. Dunne, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.

**R20-08**

**A Resolution Establishing a  
Policy and Rates for Charging for  
Motor Vehicle Accident Billing  
Emergency Medical Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Craig County Board of Supervisors establishes Policy and Rates for services for the Craig County Emergency Medical Services, and

**WHEREAS**, the Craig County Emergency Medical Services is in need of a policy for billing for Motor Vehicle Accidents, now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County that the following policy and fee schedule is hereby adopted, and the County Administrator is authorized to collect the fees on behalf of the County and any fees collected may be used to reimburse County expenses for non-transport services:

**Craig County Emergency Medical Services  
Motor Vehicle Accident Billing Policy**

**PURPOSE:**

Craig County Emergency Medical Services is committed to meeting the highest standards of excellence and personal medical care when responding to the emergency needs of local residents, as well as visitors. To continue this level of quality service and offset funding gaps in the midst of growing 911 call volume and emergency response demands, Craig County Emergency Medical Services established a policy for billing patients for Motor Vehicle Accidents.

**POLICY:**

*Motor vehicle accidents will be billed by Medical Claims Assistance when the following criteria is met for refusal of transport:*

1. *Obtain motor vehicle insurance information, needs to include insurance carrier and policy number. This information needs to be in the call report under the insurance information tab.*
2. *The patient (patients) needs to be evaluated and a "refusal" is obtained that they do not want to be transported to the hospital.*
3. *If there is no patient, then they will not be billed.*

4. *The fee for refusals will be \$100.00 dollars for the call.*

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020 adopted this Resolution with an effective date of February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

- D. Consider Request from Virginia Tech Cycling to Hold the Maggie Valley Road Race March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020: A motion was made by Ms. Toelke to approve the event, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Voting was as follows: Ms. Toelke, yes, Ms. Dunne, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.
- E. Consider Request from Emergency Services for Addition of New Full Time Position: A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve the request for an additional full-time position, seconded by Ms. Dunne. Voting was as follows: Ms. Toelke, yes, Ms. Dunne, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.
- F. Consider Request to Surplus Sheriff's Vehicle to Craig County Schools: The vehicle is a 2003 Crown Victoria with 175,529 miles, Vehicle Identification No. 2FAPP71W83X141055 and is currently in non-working order. A motion was made by Ms. Toelke to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Dunne. Voting was as follows: Ms. Toelke, yes, Ms. Dunne, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Hear Public Comment on local community development and housing needs in relation to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for a project in our community.

Mr. Eddie Wells with the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission explained the grant process to the Board. He is helping the County apply for the Grant for the Community Center. A Powerpoint was provided.

Mr. Spence opened the Public Hearing for comment:

1. Kermit Daniels, Craig Citizen expressed that if the Board chose to support the grant, that they needed to stay on top of it. The previous Main Street improvements grant obtained years ago almost had to be paid back because the people in charge did not keep good records. He wanted to issue a word of caution.
2. Ned Savage, Craig Citizen who is on the current Library Board expressed his gratitude for the Board's support of the Library and the Community Center. The Library is willing to work hard to make sure the grant is managed properly.
3. Linda Calduron, Craig Citizen and former Library Board member, wanted to remind the Board of the many citizens using the library.
4. Trace Bellasai, Craig Citizen expressed that one thing lacking in Craig County is Broadband access and if Broadband was extended County wide it would encourage more businesses in the area.
5. Jason Matyas, Craig County Citizen moved to Craig County and works remotely from his home, does not currently have good internet services. Better Broadband for the community would be helpful for small businesses. The Community Center would be a great access point for small businesses to work from., use office space and use their Broadband. He personally would like to see the Community Kitchen be developed in the Community Center. That is something that his family would use and would help develop cottage businesses in the County.

There were no additional comments and Mr. Spence closed the public hearing.

#### INFORMATIONAL

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. Letter from VDOT 2020 Surface Treatment Schedule

c. Letter from Martha Murphy Concerning Community Resource Center

**REPORTS AND INQUIRIES FROM THE BOARD AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

1. Mr. Collins had provided the VDOT 2020 Surface Treatment Schedule and wanted to remind the Board this was in their packet.
2. Mr. Spence discussed a letter the Board received in their December meeting packet requesting that 2-hour parking be added to the Race Street end of Main Street. Mr. Spence also requested Mr. Collins assistance in having the 2-hour parking signs added back to Court Street and the assistance of the Sheriff's Department to monitor abusers of the 2- hour parking. The Sheriff was present and agreed to work with the County Administrator with this request.


**HEAR THE PUBLIC**

1. Jennifer Lovejoy addressed the Board about the parking on Main and Court Street and requested that people that work in Town be told to park in the Town Parking lot to free up parking space for citizens.
2. Carol King who lives on Route 42 in the County thanked the Board for the improvements at the Route 42 Convenience Station. The employees are polite and helpful and it looks so much cleaner and neater than before.
3. Kermit Daniel wanted to thank the Administration employees for their recent help providing him information, but he would like to request that more information about upcoming meetings be added to the County website so that citizens can preview the information before the meeting.
4. Alan Smith a citizen of Craig thanked the Board for their support of the Second Amendment with the Sanctuary Resolution in December. He wanted to request that the Board look into the recent offer by the State of West Virginia to become part of their state.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Spence closed the meeting at 7:34 pm

  
CHAIRMAN  
CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
CLERK  
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