

**CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> , 2022 – 6:00 P.M.  
CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**AT A REGULAR MEETING** of the Craig County Board of Supervisors conducted on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September at 6:00 p.m. in the Craig County Court House Courtroom.

**PRESENT:** Jesse Spence – Chair  
Carl Bailey-Supervisor  
Rusty Zimmerman-Vice Chair  
Keith Dunbar-Supervisor

Dan Collins – Clerk

Jason Matyas-Supervisor - Absent

**OPEN MEETING**

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

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**R22-69**

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CRAIG  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> , 2022**

**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 September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 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 – August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  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 the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2022 adopted this Resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R22-69 minutes and consent items. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve Resolution R22-69. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, abstain Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

## **BRIEFINGS**

- A. Robin Keeler, VDOT - No new land development projects. The permits issued were one banner and one special event. A Traffic Engineering Work Order was submitted on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 requesting an evaluation of the section of Johns Creek Road, between (approximately) 13287 Johns Creek Road and 12000 Johns Creek Road, for the potential installation of curve warning and advisory speed signs. Pavement Patching continuing route 311 Potts Mountain Road. Ditch and pipe cleaning from storm damage starting on Craig Valley Drive: pipe cleaning from New Castle to the Roanoke County Line. Route 42, Cumberland Gap Road: shoulder repair from Route 625, Sugar Maple Road, to the Giles County Line. Grading and stonework throughout the county as needed. Upcoming pipe replacements on route 1007, Yoder Street: 36 x 40 pipe. Completed projects, cleaning storm damage starting on Route 658/632/635/636, Johns Creek Road, to Route 311, Paint Bank Road. Shoulder repair on route 42, Cumberland Gap Road/Main Street, from Route 311, Salem Avenue, to route 625, Sugar Maple Road. Paint Bank. Upcoming pipe replacements on route 632, Johns Creek Road. Bridge projects, Route 311, temporary signal, single lane traffic configures, and reduced speed limit is in service. Phase 1 prestressed concrete slabs installed., Phase 1 superstructure (Bridge deck) Corrosion Resistant Reinforcing steel cl. 1 has been installed. Phase 1 superstructure concrete deck placement schedule for week ending 8-19-2022 (weather depending). The project is on schedule with anticipated completion for major construction activities (signal removed and traffic restored) in December 2022 with a few remaining items completed late Spring 2023. Mr. Dunbar mentioned that there is a sink/dip in the road on 621 by the Appalachian trail, 7.5 miles up the road and would like it to be evaluated.
- B. Trace Bellasia- Broadband Update- No update
- C. Bill Wolfe – Mountain Valley Pipeline Update-FERC gave MVP four more years to complete the construction. Mountain Valley Pipeline still does not have permits in place.
- D. Joanna Ryan – General Registrar gave a presentation on Craig County Redistricting 2021/2022. These occur every 10 years nationwide, 2020 was a census year and 2021 was a redistricting year.

However due to delay, the 2021 redistricting efforts were extended to 2022. In March 2022, Craig County redistricting efforts were set to only include the following changes: House District number change to 37, Senate District number changed to 3 and Congressional District number to 9. With these changes some discrepancies and discoveries were noted concerning 194 voters. Presentation showed Craig County voting precinct, boundaries, and discussed where possible adjustments is necessary. Solutions were provided by the Registrar, Resolution for voting registration for the Craig/Montgomery County Board and Potts Mountain Voter Placement, and Precinct Boundary Description, and discussed. Mr. Collins recommended that the Electoral Board create a draft and present it to the Board of Supervisors for further discussion. Mr. Spence inquired about why the changes needed to be made regarding precinct boundaries. The Registrar explained the precinct boundaries needed to be updated per the audit. Mr. Collins did explain that we will need to update the Ordinance with and amendment regarding precinct boundaries.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**R22-70**

### **A Resolution Appointing the 7<sup>th</sup> Member Of The Craig Valley Railroad Bed Committee**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has established a Craig Valley Railroad Bed Committee to provide well informed guidance and recommendations for the development of a trail project for the recreational and health benefits of Craig County citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, the SIX (6) member Craig Valley Railroad Bed Committee may recommend for appointment, by the Board of Supervisors, one (1) additional member, with the appropriate expertise and interest, for a maximum of seven (7) members.

**WHEREAS**, the Craig Valley Railroad Bed Committee may select as many additional members as needed, from various appropriate expertise and interest groups, as Ex Official members, including, but not limited to, representatives from the Historical Society and the Planning Commission, and

**WHEREAS**, the Craig County Railroad Bed Committee recommends Jeff VanDyke as the Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) Member who along with the other six members will review and identify options enabling the Committee to make well-informed recommendations, to address the outdoor recreational needs of the County and the Craig - Botetourt Trail project, to the Board of Supervisors, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County hereby confirms and appoints Jeff VanDyke as the Seventh (7) member to the Craig County Railroad Bed Committee.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2022, did adopt this Resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion, R22-70 Appointing the 7<sup>th</sup> member to the Craig Valley Rail Bed Committee. Mr. Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve Resolution R22-62. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A.** Mr. Collins updated the Board of Supervisors on the Solid waste Collection & Compactor Study. The study included fees, employees, transportation, and number of deliveries. Mattern & Craig is working on proposal for a study and Mr. Collins will report on the cost estimate.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**R22-71**

### **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH WAMPLER EANES APPRAISAL SERVICE FOR THE 2024 REASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Craig has solicited proposals from qualified firms for General Reassessment of Real Property, and

**WHEREAS**, the county received two proposals to provide this service to Craig County: a proposal from Wampler Eanes for the fee of \$24.95 per parcel of real estate and \$15.00 per mobile home and a proposal from Cowan Services, LLC for the fee of \$22.80 per parcel of real estate and \$12.00 per mobile home, and

**WHEREAS**, the Reassessment Review Committee, consisting of Dan Collins, Elizabeth Huffman, Amy Bryson, and Kathy Jones, by unanimous vote, recommends Wampler Eanes Appraisal Service with a negotiated fee of \$23.95 per parcel of real estate and \$12.00 per mobile home as the best and most responsible bidder, and

**WHEREAS**, Wampler Eanes shall carry out a complete, uniform, general reassessment of all locally taxable and tax-exempt real property within Craig County to be completed for the 2024 tax year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County, Virginia that it is hereby approves the contract with Wampler Eanes Appraisal Service for the fee of \$23.95 per parcel of real estate and \$12.00 per manufactured home assessed as personal property,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED.** that the County Administrator is hereby authorized to sign all documents related to this agreement on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

The Craig County Board of Supervisors at the meeting of September 1<sup>st</sup> , 2022 approved this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion, R22-71. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve the contract with Wampler Eanes Appraisal Services for the 2024 Reassessment of Real Property Resolution R22-71. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Spence, yes.

## **INFORMATIONAL**

- A. Treasurer's Report
- B. Advertisement for Camp Mitchell
- C. Advertisement for Request for Proposal Craig County General Reassessment 2024
- D. Your Community Needs You, EMS posting

## **REPORTS AND INQUIRIES FROM THE BOARD**

- a. Craig County Emergency Management – Craig County Emergency Management and the Craig County Sherriff's Office is promoting CodeRED for public safety alerts. Citizens can register their home phone or cell phone by clicking the link on our website.
- b. EDA- Has advertised for RFP's for the construction design of the proposed Farmers Market. Once the RFP's have been opened, a recommendation will be presented to bother the County and the Town. Once approved, the project will be "Shovel Ready" for Grant Applications.
- c. 2024 Reassessment – Two bids were received and reviewed by the Reassessment Committee (Elizabeth Huffman, Kathy Jones, Amy Bryson & Dan Collins). A recommendation to approve Wampler Eanes Appraisal Gup LTD is o the BOS September 1<sup>st</sup> Agenda for consideration.
- d. Court House Pigeon Problem – The Treasurer has asked we have the pigeons nesting in the Court House eves to be removed. She has secured three quotes ranging for \$1,000.00 to \$12,000.00 depending on method used.
- e. Rails to Trails- IN PROGRESS VDOT has completed the first review for developing a Walking/Bike/Horse Trail from New Castle to Eagle Rock in Botetourt County. The next step is the Preliminary Engineering work. The Board appointed a seventh committee member at the June meeting to oversee the development and insure citizen involvement. Funding of \$12,500,000 for the project is included in the Adopted State Biennium Budget.

- f. Health Department Lease- Current lease expired June 30, 2022. Inflation has increased 38.9% since 2007. Current lease is \$11,500.00 annually (\$962.50) per month). Notified the Health Department they are month to month until a new lease is negotiated. Health Department is working on new lease.
- g. ARAP Funds (approximately \$999,500+/-) are eligible for the Radio Project. We submitted a VDEM grant request for \$2,900,000.00 last month. In addition, Delegate Terry Austin reports there is \$2,000,000 included in the Adopted State Biennium Budget.
- h. Opioid Settlement-Notified that the County will receive \$371,000. Not sure of eligible uses. All proceeds will go into General Fund – Fund Balance for the Radio Tower Project.
- i. Planning Commission will be reviewing a proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment addressing “Accessory Apartments” (Guest House) beginning in September. The purpose is to allow a small dwelling for and immediate family member, on a single lot in various zones. Updating the county Comprehensive Plan will also start in September.
- j. Johns Creek Dam #1- Federal Safety modifications. Received notification the federal funding, along with the State (Local) matching funds has been approved. No County funds needed. On July Agenda.
- k. Landfill – Survey should be completed this month once completed a Sales Agreement will be prepared by the County Attorney.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Spence opened the public meeting. As there were no comments from the public, Mr. Spence closed the meeting.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Mr. Spence adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

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 CHAIRMAN  
 CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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 CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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