

**CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 2nd, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

AT A REGULAR MEETING of the Craig County Board of Supervisors conducted on the 2nd day of February at 6:00 p.m. in the Craig County Court House Courtroom.

PRESENT:

Jesse Spence – Chair
Carl Bailey-Supervisor – Absent
Keith Dunbar-Supervisor
Jason Matyas-Supervisor

Dan Collins - Clerk

Rusty Zimmerman-Vice Chair – Absent

OPEN MEETING

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

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

Mr. Spence asked if there were any changes to the agenda items. Mr. Collins added section 7-G, New Business, Consider a Resolution Expressing Support for Free and Open Public Waters.

CONSENT ITEMS

R23-06

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CRAIG
COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE
ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2023**

**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 2nd , 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 – January 5th , 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 2nd day of February 2023 adopted this Resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on Consent Items, R23-06. Mr. Dunbar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matyas, to approve Resolution R23-06. Voting was as follows: Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

BRIEFINGS

- A. Robin Keeler, VDOT - No Land Development or Permits Issued 11/16/2023 to 12/19/2023. 1 Utility , No traffic Engineering work order was submitted. Upcoming Projects include mowing Sinking Creek area. Ditching and Pipe cleaning, shoulder on route 311 southbound Craig Valley Drive/ Paint Bank Road. Grading and stone as needed. Patching on Route 621, Upper Craigs Creek Road and Craig Valley Drive, weather permitting. Ice storm damages county wide clean up including tree damage. Bridge Projects Route 311 (New Castle) Bridge Replacement over Meadow Creek, temporary signal, single land traffic configuration, and reduced speed limit is in service. Phase 1 bridge and approaches are complete. Phase 2 is underway with demo completion of the route 311 southbound superstructure and substructure. Abutment B north side concrete is complete. Road construction underway pending weather conditions. Abutment A, sought side,

drilled foundation and piles are complete, and concrete scheduled for Wednesday 12/28 weather dependent will complete the abutment construction. Roadway construction is pending completion for the abutment and weather conditions. Beams and deck construction is expected to be underway in January. Multiple challenges impacted the project schedule requiring the signal to remain in place until the March/April 2023 timeframe. Additional roadway approach grading was required, contractor equipment breakdowns have been impacted by supply chain challenges, and the late fall wet weather has flooded the work area and slowed productive work. Asphalt plants are expected to be reopened in March/April 2023 to allow the final approach paving and signal removal. The project is on schedule to complete by May 25, 2023. Mr. Dunbar asked about sink hole on 621 right pass Appalachian Trail. Mr. Spence addressed the Contractor issues regarding delay, weeks of no working on the bridge project and asking if there were any penalties? Ms. Keeler replied that because of supply chain issues are for the delay they would not seek penalties. Mr. Dunbar passed on a thank you for patching and Mr. Matyas also thanked Ms. Keeler for the patch work close to Simmonsville Volunteer fire department.

- B. Trace Bellassai- Broadband Update- No Update on VATI grant, hopefully we will have our outcome by end of January. Mr. Dunbar asked how long it would take to implement, Mr. Bellassai TDS would take an 18 month to completion and Pemtel at three years for a timeline.
- C. Bill Wolfe – Update on MVP, all permits are being held, currently there are two comment periods coming up. Board of Supervisors will approve that process.
- D. Woody Lipps, Chairman, Craig Valley Railbed Scenic Trail Update- I want to update you on our working group meeting with VDOT and Botetourt yesterday. As you know, the press release has gone out. Botetourt officials and myself have done a couple follow up interviews. I have also had several conversations with concerned residents and a couple who called to express support for the trail. The press release, and more accurately the coverage, makes this seem like it is a done deal to some people. This is far from the case and there will be plenty of time for public input. The timeline we discussed yesterday is something like this. We are expecting the first open house style public information meeting with VDOT in September 2023 at the earliest. Likely be two similar meetings, New Castle and Eagle Rock. This gives VDOT time to develop some maps and preliminary plans. These will answer some questions and allow us to gather input with which we can answer additional questions as planning continues. In the meantime, we continue to collect concerns and ideas to present to VDOT. While this idea for a trail goes back decades, this is the first time funding has been available for a comprehensive study and plan development. We are in the beginning stages of this study. Between April and June VDOT will be doing an aerial survey of the railroad bed. This will involve an airplane flying the route and letters are going out to various land owners to explain this process. They need permission from a few to set up temporary targets they can identify on the resulting photos. All part of data collection for the study. A final design is not expected until Fall of 2025 with more public meetings in between this Fall and then.

Another topic of discussion yesterday was maintenance going forward, if and when the trail is built. We need to discuss this some at our February meeting. VDOT is considering, and I emphasize considering here, extending our current one-mile trail to the Field of Dreams as a further demonstration of what the trail would look like. The thought is that this will serve the community well, there will be relative easy construction and little opposition. I think we should encourage this, but it is far from a done deal. So, at our February meeting we can discuss future maintenance and talking points/brochure for discussing with our residents and stakeholders.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider a Motion for the DAR proposed 4th of July Parade, Tuesday From 9 am to noon. Mr. Spence asked for a motion to approve the DAR 4th of July Parade. Mr. Bailey gave a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Matyas. Voting as follows, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, Mr. Spence, yes.

R23-07

A Resolution to Ratify Craig County Policy & Procedures CPMT Manuel

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Social Services requires that the Board of Supervisors approval of changes to Craig County Policy Manuel dated January 2023 and last amended on April 1st, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has recently made some changes to their Craig County Policy and Procedures Manual, and

WHEREAS, the updates are on page 1, added #35 Reporting Residential Placements to table of contents), page 2 (added the January date), #35 Reporting to Residential Placement to page 31 and the footer to show the new date and request the revised version to be considered by the Board of Supervisors for ratification, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County that the revised Craig County Policy and Procedures, submitted this 2nd day of February by the Department of Social Services are hereby ratified.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on 2nd day of February, 2023 adopted this Resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R23-07 to Ratify Craig County Policy & Procedures CPMT Manuel. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar. Voting as follows, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.

R23-08

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING
THE FISCAL YEAR
2022-2023 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Craig County Board of Supervisors (CCBoS) adopted the 2022-2023 Budget on May 5, 2022 for planning purposes, and

WHEREAS, the County of Craig has received a grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Environmental Quality for a Litter Grant in the total amount of \$14,024, these funds will be issued to the County of Craig Litter in the amount of \$10,999.50 and also to the Town of New Castle in the amount of \$3,024.50 for the same, and

WHEREAS, the Craig County Sheriff Office promotes the Hooked on Fishing event and has collected \$420 in donations, this will be added to the Hooked on Fishing line item in the Sheriff Department Budget for this event, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County that the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget is hereby amended as follows:

REVENUE

Local

3-100-18990-0031 Donations Hooked on Fishing 420

State

3-100024030-0002 Litter Grant Co/Town 14,024

TOTAL \$14,444

EXPENSES

Sheriff

4-100-031200-9906 Hooked on fishing Donation 420

Community Development

4-100-081220-5674 County Litter grant 10,999.50

4-100-081220-5674 Town Litter grant 3,024.50

3,024.50

TOTAL \$14,444

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$14,444** appropriated as described above. The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 2nd day of February 2023, adopted this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R23-08 to Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar. Voting as follows, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.

R23-09

A RESTOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 2192, CATAWBA HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission's support of HB2192, with the goal of transforming Catawba Hospital into a state-of-the-art facility addressing the full spectrum of substance use disorder treatment, recovery services, and behavioral health services necessary to meet the growing need in our region, and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission became the home of a staffed, formalized Roanoke Valley Collective Response, under the leadership of an Advisory Committee representing organizations that had led the Collective since its inception. One of the first actions of the program was to bring to the Commission a

Resolution of Support of last year's bill to study the potential expansion of Catawba Hospital to meet both your vision and the critical needs of the region, and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Valley Collective Response completed Building on Hope, a white paper that analyzed the impact of COVID-19 on the opioid addiction crisis in the Roanoke Valley. The report notes an overall increase of 30% in overdose rates nationwide, a 9% increase in adults reporting in adults reporting issues with depression or anxiety in 2021 over 2018 as identified in Carilion Clinic's Community Health Survey, and a sharp increase in compassion fatigue experienced by the region's caregivers and public safety staff, and

WHEREAS, the Collective Response recognizes that every aspect of this crisis, from prevention to treatment to workforce reentry, has become more critical and in need of more and better services to help our friends, family, and neighbors suffering with substance use disorder. A reinvigorated and well-resourced Catawba Hospital would be a vital tool in meeting this need, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County, we support HB2192, Services to transform Catawba Hospital into a state-of-the-art facility at which a continuum of substance abuse treatment and recovery services is provided in addition to the array of behavioral health and other services currently provided to geriatric individuals in need of mental health care.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 2nd day of February, 2023 did adopt this Resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R23-09 a Resolution in Support of Catawba Hospital, HB2192 Mr. Dunbar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Voting as follows, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.

R23-10

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY OF CRAIG COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the Craig County Board of Supervisors, consisting of 5 members, in a duly called meeting held on the 2nd day of February, 2023, at which a quorum was present **RESOLVED** as follows:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that in order to facilitate obtaining financial assistance from the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (the Government) in the development of a Grant to serve the community, the Governing Body does hereby adopt and abide by all covenants contained in the agreements, documents, and forms required by the Government to be executed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the R.R. Dan Collins, County Administrator, Clerk of the Craig County Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute on behalf of the

Board of Supervisors the above-referenced agreements, documents, and forms and to execute such other documents including, but not limited to, debt instruments, security instruments, and/or grant agreements as may be required in obtaining the said financial assistance.

This Resolution is hereby entered into the permanent minutes of the meetings of this Board.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R23-10 a Resolution in Support of USDA Grant for Sheriffs Vehicles. Mr. Matyas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar. Voting as follows, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.

Landfill Discussion

The Craig County Board of Supervisors sold a portion of the Craig County Landfill, Property Tax Parcel, 47A-3-1536-A-22, August 2022, leaving the County approximately 10.924 Acres. Recently there was a break in, and attempted theft, on the Counties portion of the property. The trespasser fell out the recycle metal dumpster and broke his leg. Charges have been filed. There are several justifications to fence the County Property: Deter Trespassers, deter Theft, reduce liability exposure and Protect Property and Equipment. The Board of Supervisors

R23-12

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FREE AND OPEN PUBLIC WATERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Craig County, Virginia recognizes that all the public waters located in the County are a natural resource that must be protected and have an important recreational and economic benefit for the citizens of the County and the Commonwealth as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia Marine Resources Commission considers the subaqueous beds of stream segments to be State owned pursuant to Code Section §28.2-1200; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to ensure that the public waters of the County are protected and remain open and available to the citizens of the County for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, in response to claims of ownership of certain waters located in the County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that the County recognizes that all the public waters located in the County are a natural resource that must be protected and have an important recreational and economic benefit for the citizens of the

County and the Commonwealth as a whole and that the Board supports the protection and the free and open use by the public of the public waters located in the County.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Date: February 2nd, 2023

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

Jesse Spence, Chair:	YES
Rusty Zimmerman, Vice Chair:	ABSENT
Carl Bailey:	YES
Keith Dunbar:	YES
Jason Matyas:	YES

ATTEST:

Robert R. Collins, County Administrator
and Clerk of the Board

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R23-12 Expressing for Free and Open Public Waters. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar. Voting as follows, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes and Mr. Spence, yes.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

Mr. Spence opened to Hear the Public. As there were no comments, Mr. Spence closed Hear The Public.

INFORMATIONAL

- A. Treasurer's Report
- B. Gravel Hill Church, in Simmonsville, added to Landmark Register
- C. Craig Valley Railbed Trail Press Release

REPORTS AND INQUIRIES FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Spence asked if there were any reports or inquiries from the Board. Mr. Collins informed that the Registrar office is preparing for redistricting. Supervisor Bailey, Potts Mountain and Supervisor Dunbar Craigs Creed districts will be affected. The Electoral Board will be having a meeting on January 12th at 5 pm at the General Registrar's office. Mr. Collins reviewed the following.

- A. Building Official –We have hired Brandon King as our new Building Official, He has worked in the Building Office in Botetourt County for the last 10 years. Brandon will start work on February 21, 2023. Tom Cantrell is retiring effective February 28th 2023.
- B. EDA – Will be submitting the AFID Infrastructure Grant Program (\$50,000) and the T-Mobil Grant (\$25,000) applications for the Farmers Market April 1st. Funding from local sources has been approved. Using the State of Virginia contract services, we have a Construction Quote of \$149,701.02 for Phase one of the Farmers Market Project. Since the State met the procurement requirements, we don't have to bid the work. Work should begin late May or early June.
- C. ARAP Funds (Approximately \$996,637+/-) are eligible for Radio project. In addition, Delegate Terry Austin reports that there is \$2,000,000 included in the Adopted State Biennium Budget. We will submit a VDEM grant request for \$2,900,000 next month.
- D. Opioid Settlement – Notified that the County will receive \$371,000. An eligible expense is assisting with the funding of the Catawba Hospital expansion currently being considered by the State Legislature.
- E. 2024 Reassessment –Wampler Eanes Appraisal Group LTD has been working on the reassessments for the last few months – All assessments are scheduled to be completed by October 1, 2023.
- F. Rails To Trails – IN PROGRESS - VDOT has completed the first review. The next step is the Preliminary Engineering work. CTB provided \$1,000,000 for PE work at their October Meeting. The Board appointed a 7-member committee at the June Meeting to oversee the development and insure citizen involvement. An update will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the February Meeting. Funding from the state totals \$12,500,000 for this project.
- G. Health Department Lease – The current lease expired June 30, 2022. Inflation has increased 38.9% since 2007. Current lease is \$11,550 annually (\$962.50 per month). Notified the Health Department they are month to month until a new lease is negotiated. Health Department continues to work on a new Lease.
- H. Planning Commission has begun reviewing the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment addressing "Accessory Apartments" (Guest House), Alternative Energy Sources (Solar, Wind, etc.), and Updating the Counties Comprehensive Plan. Any comments or questions let me know. Will resume meeting in January.
- I. Johns Creek Dam No.1 - Received notification that federal funding, along with the State (Local) matching funds has been approved. No County funds needed. No Updates Available.

J. Landfill – Fencing in the remaining property is being reviewed.

Mr. Spence inquired about research for Main Street Parking and looking into a parking ordinance before the Farmers Market is complete. Mr. Collins commented that he agrees and will look at options for signs with time limits.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. Motion to go into closed session to discuss Real Estate Matters §2.2-3711 A.3 Closed Session

Mr. Spence asked for a motion to recess to CLOSED SESSION FOR REAL ESTATE MATTERS §2.2-3711 A.3. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matyas. Voting as follows: Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

R23-11

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CRAIG COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2023

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE CLOSED MEETING WAS HELD IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CODE OF VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, Virginia 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 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County, Virginia, that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Craig County, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge;

1. Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting which this certification resolution applies; and

2. 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 of Craig County, Virginia

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R23-11 Mr. Dunbar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey Certifying that the closed meeting was held in conformity with the Code for Virginia. Voting as follows: Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Spence concluded that there is no action at this time from closed session.

ADJOURN MEETING

Mr. Spence adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

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CHAIRMAN
CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

_____, CLERK
CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
