

**CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 3rd , 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**AT A REGULAR MEETING of the Craig County Board of Supervisors conducted on the
3rd day of August at 6:00 p.m. in the Craig County Court House Courtroom.**

PRESENT:

Jesse Spence – Chair
Rusty Zimmerman-Vice Chair
Carl Bailey-Supervisor
Jason Matyas-Supervisor
Keith Dunbar-Supervisor

Dan Collins – Clerk

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.

- A. **V. APPOINTMENTS, A. R23-62** - Consider a Resolution Appointing Carrie Crawford to the Social Services Board
- B. **IX. INFORMATIONAL, C. Farmers Market AFID Grant** – Underwriting

CONSENT ITEMS

R23-59

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CRAIG
COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 3rd, 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 August 3rd, 2023 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 – July 6th, 2023
 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 3rd day of August 2023 adopted this Resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on Consent Items, R23-59 Mr. Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve Resolution R23-59. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

BRIEFINGS

- A. Brian Blevins, VDOT - No Land Development and no permits issued between 6.21.2023 to 7.18.2023 No work orders. Mowing and brush trimming in the Sinking Creek area started, Mowing will start mid-May. Ditching and pipe cleaning on southbound route 311. Craig Valley Drive/Paint Bank Road. Pipe replacement on Route 621, Upper Craig Creek Road. Patching on Route 311, Potts Mountain area and on route 621, Upper Craig Creek Road, started. Completed projects are mowing on route 42 in Sinking Creek area and route 311 Craig valley Drive/Paint Bank Road. Also, five miles of route 621 have been completed in preparation for upcoming surface treatment.

Mr. Matyas requested that notices/detour signs be posted when doing VDOT road work off Rt 42 main road. He also commented on the resurfacing of Bethal, that there were no signs alerting of the work that was being done and when it was being done, and no detour provided. People waited for up to forty-five minutes to come to an event on his farm. He also felt that the difference on the road being resurfaced, and one already completed was aggressive. The depth of change was too great and mentioned signs to warn traffic so they could slow down. Mr. Blevins will check on schedule. Mr. Dunbar has been receiving positive feedback regarding the resurfacing on 621. Mr. Zimmerman commented that there were large rocks at the limestone bluff in the right of way. Mr. Blevins will look into it.

- B. Trace Bellassai, Broadband- There was no update on Broadband.
- C. Bill Wolfe, Preserve Craig County, Mountain Valley Pipeline – No Update.
- D. Woody Lipps, Chairman, Craig Valley Railbed Scenic Trail Update-
The Railroad Bed Committee held our monthly meeting on July 26th. (Focus on resident concerns) Tentative date set for VDOT open house, Sept. 21, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Craig Co. High School. Our committee web page is available with accurate information about the proposal and a recent update. In addition to genuine concerns about the proposal the committee has also been receiving comments in support of it.
- “Our young people grow up and leave, maybe this trail will change some of that”. (*New Castle*)
 - “I can’t wait for my kids to have a safe place to ride their bikes”. (*resident along the rail bed*)
 - “Our concern is you won’t build it.” (*another resident along the rail bed*)
 - One local person has discussed with us a bike rental business.
 - A landowner along the rail bed has discussed developing overnight accommodations.
 - A woman from Salem has inquired about opening a bicycle shop. (*very tentative inquiry*)
 - One local resident has discussed expansion of their B&B offering.
 - A senior citizen from Roanoke County writes; “I am convinced that my good health is directly impacted by improved fitness that these trails provide. This trail would require shorter travel for me” - *than the Jackson River Trail*.

- A group of supporters from elsewhere has developed a website with information in support of the proposed trail. (buildthetrail.org)

It's true, a lot of support for this proposal comes from Roanoke Valley, Blacksburg, Lynchburg and elsewhere. This suggests there are quite a few people wanting to come and visit. Far from being strangers, some of these supporters actually grew up here and maintain ties with family and our community.

Over the past year, committee members and associates have contributed over **500 volunteer hours** (documented) to this proposal. Attending local meetings, attending meetings with Botetourt County and with VDOT, visiting with local landowners and residents, attending BOS meetings, briefing local groups, answering emails and letters, and collecting and analyzing information from studies and surveys about similar trails elsewhere. Committee members have also taken field trips, individually and as a group, to experience similar trails.

- E. Jordan Labiosa, Love thy Neighbor – Mr. Labiosa briefed the board on Love thy Neighbor, the recent 501 (3) C. Recent activities include giving clothing, offer financial peace classes, to at risk families in the county. Mr. Labiosa, love this Neighbor is partnering with the Department of Social Services using Care portal, a online platform that connects families in need with local churches, businesses, and community groups/services. Mr. Labiosa explained how the portal is used to resolve needs in the community. Please come to the launch of the Care portal that will be at Lasterday Market, August 15th, 11 am where they will be demonstrating the platform.

APPOINTMENTS

R23-62

A Resolution Appointing Carrie Crawford to the Social Services Board

WHEREAS, members of the Social Services Board, shall be appointed by the Craig County Board of Supervisors , and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors appointed Susan “Susie” Dillon as Social Services Board Member for the Potts Mountain District beginning July 1, 2015, and

WHEREAS, Susan “Susie” Dillon has served two consecutive four-year terms, and is not eligible to do a third term in which ended on June 30th, 2023, and we thank her for her service to our community, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desire to appoint Carrie Crawford, to Social Services Board representing the Potts Mountain District to serve a four-year term beginning August 3rd, 2023, to June 30th, 2027, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County appoints Carrie Crawford, to the Social Services Board Representing the Potts Mountain District for the term August 3rd, 2023, to June 30, 2027, is hereby approved.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting, on the 3rd , day of August 2023 adopted this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion, R23-62. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matyas, to approve R23-62. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

R23-63

A Resolution Approving the Emergency Action Plan for Johns Creek Dams

WHEREAS, the Mt. Castle Soil and Water Conservation District has presented the Craig County Board of Supervisors with an amended Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the Johns Creek Dams dated June 2023, and

WHEREAS, the changes are mainly updating general information and contacts, and

WHEREAS, the complete EAP contains Four (4) sections of information in regards to the Johns Creek Dams, and

WHEREAS, the EAP has been reviewed by the County's Emergency Services Coordinator and approved, and now requires a signature from the County, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Craig County Board of Supervisors grant authority to the County Administrator to sign these Emergency Action Plan.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting, on the 3rd , day of August 2023 adopted this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion, R23-63. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve R23-63. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Collins updated the board regarding the Budget Amendments for FY 2022-2023 and FY 2023-2024

A. Public Hearing on Budget Amendments for FY 2022-2023 and FY 2023-2024

Mr. Spence asked if there were any comments from the Board, as there were no comments, Mr. Spence Opened the Public Hearing for public comment.

Mr. Spence closed the Public Hearing as there were no comments.

Action As A RESULT of PUBLIC HEARING

R23-60

**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 Craig County Public School Café received additional revenue and was also required by the Virginia Department of Education to spend down fund balance, and

WHEREAS, it is the request of the Craig County Public School Cafeteria to have the amount of \$121,507 be placed in the 2022-2023 Cafeteria Fund operation budget, and appropriated, 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

3-206-041999-0000	use of fund balance	63,238
3-206-016180-0004	School Food Services	28,850

Federal

3-206-033080-0009	Federal Breakfast Payments	<u>29,419</u>
	Total	121,507

EXPENSES

Café Fund

4-206-065100-1320-9-1	Salaries and Wages	44,339
4-206-065100-2100-9-1	FICA	
3,969		
4-206-065100-6002-9-1	Consumable Food	<u>73,199</u>
	Total	121,507

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$121,507** be appropriated as described above. The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 3rd day of August 2023, adopted this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion, R23-60. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, to approve R23-60. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

R23-61

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING
THE FISCAL YEAR
2023-2024 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Craig County Board of Supervisors (CCBoS) adopted the 2023-2024 Budget on May 4th 2023, for planning purposes, and

WHEREAS, the County of Craig has received a USDA grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the USDA for the purchase of a sheriff vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the grant has a required match of 25,000 and the total cost of the vehicle is 55,000, this requires the county to fund the balance of 35,000 from our county fund balance, and

WHEREAS, the Tourism Commission has received a grant from the Virginia Tourism Commission in the amount of \$30,000 for the replacement of Welcome signs for Craig County, our tourism commission is in the process of designing and replacement of these signs, and

WHEREAS, the County of Craig in a meeting on November 3, 2022 made a motion to support the phase one of the Farmers Market Project with a financial support in the amount of \$25,000 to the Economic Development Authority, and it is the request that these funds be allocated from the counties fund balance to the EDA, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County that the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget is hereby amended as follows:

REVENUE

Local

3-100-041999-0000	Use of Fund Balance	55,000
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State

3-100-024100-0001	Virginia Tourism Comm	30,000
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Federal

3-100-033050-0012	USDA grant	<u>25,000</u>
	Total	110,000

EXPENSES

Board of Supervisors

4-100-011010-6019	Farmers Market	25,000
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Grants

4-100-091500-9538	Tourism Signs	30,000
4-100-091500-9539	Sheriff Car Grant	<u>55,000</u>
	Total	110,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$110,000** appropriated as described above. The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 3rd day of August 2023, adopted this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion, R23-61. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve R23-61. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

REPORTS AND INQUIRIES FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Collins updated the board; Franklin County is developing a consortium for small rural counties to address VDOT funding concerning secondary roads / smart scale and the deficit in small rural areas. Mr. Collins offered to attend the first meeting and report to the Board. Mr. Spence agreed but did not want too many resources to be spent.

1. **EDA** – Submitted the AFID Infrastructure Grant Program (\$50,000) and the T-Mobil Grant (\$50,000) grant for the Farmers Market **AWARDED**. **AFID Grant award (\$50,000)** should be announced this month. The grant is being underwritten by the EDA with funding from local sources. By using the State of Virginia contract services, we have a **Construction Quote of \$174,701.02** for Phase One of the Farmers Market Project including paving of the parking area. Since the State met the procurement requirements, local bids are not required. **Construction should start in mid-August.**
2. **EDA** – Following the November Elections there will be one vacancy. Currently seeking Nominations for the Board to consider appointments at the January meeting.
3. **Courthouse Gazebo** – DAR, VA250 Craig Committee and the Tourism Commission are developing plans for a commemorative Gazebo as part of the VA250 Anniversary Celebration in 2026. Identifying fund participants and fund-raising activities.
4. **The Planning Commission** conducted a Public Hearing to receive comments on a Multi-Year Special Use Permit, following the Public Hearing recommended approval of a 2-year permit.

5. **ARAP Funds** (Approximately \$996,637+/-) are eligible for Radio project. In addition, Delegate Terry Austin reports that there is **\$1,000,000** proposed funding in the State Budget. We have also submitted a BRIC grant request for \$3,900,000.
6. **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. The BOS mailed, a letter of support for the Grant Application by the Roanoke Valley Response Cooperative to the Commonwealth of Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority last June,
7. **2024 Reassessment** –Wampler Eanes Appraisal Group LTD has been working on the reassessments for the last few months roughly **90%** of all parcels have been assessed.– All assessments are scheduled to be completed by October 1, 2023. Over the last 6 years, property values have been increasing in value by an estimated 25%-35%. (Averaging 4.2% - 5.8% /Yr.)
8. **Rails To Trails** – An update will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their September Meeting. A Citizen Information Meeting (**CIM**) is scheduled for **September 21, 2023** from **4:00PM to 6:00PM** in the Craig County High School. 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 2022 Meeting to oversee the development and ensure citizen involvement. Funding from the state totals **\$12,500,000** for this project.
9. **Health Department Lease** – The current lease expired June 30, 2022. Notified the Health Department they are month to month until a new lease is negotiated. The Health Department continues to work on a new Lease.
10. **Landfill** – Fencing in the remaining property, Preparing ad for bids this month.

Supervisor Bailey added his complaint about the forestry services regarding that the roads on Potts Mountain are in desperate need of repair and requested a meeting. Mr. Collins will have them at the next meeting.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

Mr. Spence opened Hear the Public.

Mrs. Vickie Grahm, 2193 Old Railroad Rd, Oriskany, is concerned about the emergency route for her area. She is concerned that the two gates will be locked during a time flooding and will be predicated on VDOT personnel being available.

Ann Smith, 40 Mill Creek Lane, New Castle, would like to recommend that the Board of Supervisors meet with constituents quarterly in their districts.

Alan Smith, 40 Mill Creek Lane, New Castle, commented on the Farmers Market. He feels the lot is not big enough for a Farmers Market and there is not enough parking. He also commented on the process of volunteers serving on local committees.

ADJOURN

Mr. Spence adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm.

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CHAIRMAN
CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
