

**CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – 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 June at 6:00 p.m. in the Craig County Court House Courtroom.

**PRESENT:** Jesse Spence – Chair  
Rusty Zimmerman-Vice Chair  
Jason Matyas-Supervisor  
Carl Bailey-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 by 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 requested a change V. Appointments, C. Consider a Resolution Appointing Ty Walker to the Craig County Tourism Commission.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

**R23-41**

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CRAIG  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023 adopted this Resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on Consent Items, R23-41. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve Resolution R23-41. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, abstain, Mr. Matyas, abstain, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

## BRIEFINGS

- A. Brian Bevins, VDOT - No Land Development and 2 private entrances (April thru May). No traffic Engineering work order was submitted. Mowing Sinking Creek area and brush cleaning when necessary. Ditching and Pipe cleaning, pipe replacement on Route 621 Upper Craig Valley Drive/ Pip inventory throughout county. Patching on Route 621 Upper Craig Creek. Grading and stone as needed. Patching on 311 (Craig Valley Drive/Paint Bank Road) Completed projects, pipe replacement: Route 1007 (Yoder Street). Mow trimming on Routes 609 (Sand Plant Road), 614 (Hawkins Lane / Cedar Rush Road / Camp Easter Seals Road ), 624 (Little Mountain Road), and 626 (Bethel Church Road) in progress. Cleaned pipe and ditches Paint Bank area. Route 311 (New Castle) Bridge Replacement over Meadow Creek (UPC 112877), project was accepted May 1,2023, ahead of the contract completion date of May 25,2023. The Structure is 0.70 miles from Route 611 and 9010 miles from Allegheny County Line.
- B. Trace Bellassai, Broadband- no update
- C. Bill Wolfe, Preserve Craig County, Mountain Valley Pipeline – If this was last week this would be good news, no plan for construction going forward. Because MVP is missing federal and state permits for water crossing and biological opinion being disputed in Court. Two decisions in court in our favor, Preserve Craig was a litigant, and for the first time ruled, serious question regarding viability for project and FERC permit renewal was not adequately addressed since last renewal. However, over the weekend the bill to settle the debt ceiling limit, four pages addition , 95,96,97,98 of the 99 page bill. A copy is given to you, was dedicated to the completion of MVP. Sec. 233. Permitting Streamlining for energy Storage and specially Sec. 324, expedient MVP. Senator Kaine asked to amend, Speaker of the house denied him. Mr. Wolf reviewed with the board each section. No further judicial review will occur, only in the DC Courts and all permits will be cleared with no issues in 21 days. We will address constitutional issues but will not be time enough before MVP is completed. This may be the last time I come to update on MVP. We will continue the Mountain Valley Watch which was the process of looking at the construction and reporting to the DEQ regarding caves that have been caved in, houses washed away, fish that have died, washed out creeks and over 600 violations. I appreciate the Boards support over the last eight years for those who oppose this project and for those of you in the room, where Mountain Valley Pipeline Representatives were here and promised to come to the board regularly report to the board and answer questions. That promise is as broken as the rest of the project. That is what I must report. The Board requested a letter to be sent immediately in opposition of Mountain Valley Pipeline to Senator Kaine and Senator Warner.

- D. Woody Lipps, Chairman, Craig Valley Railbed Scenic Trail Update-Mr. Lipps thanked the Board for their time. Today marks the first anniversary of when our formation of our Railbed committee. Thank you for asking me to participate in this process. It is a challenge and rewarding. On May 24<sup>th</sup> we held our monthly meeting and we had two residences along the trail that joined us in discussion to air their concerns and we shared information. We completed one additional site visit, reviewed adjacent properties with owners, and discussed issues and concerns. Two more site visits are scheduled in the near future. VDOT is continuing to gather field data and continue survey. Open house meetings are scheduled to start September. Section of Mill Creek looks to be in use and somewhat maintained. Attended recent Commonwealth Transportation Board Public hearing. And building public participation in the process.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**R23-42**

### **A Resolution Appointing Jesse Spence As Representative of Craig County on the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors appointed Jesse Spence to serve on the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission Board on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to serve the remainder of term of Martha Murphy as the Craig County representative for three (3) year term which began on July 1, 2017 which would end on June 30, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Spence has served from June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and now has agreed to serve another (3) year term, now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County that the appointment of Jesse Spence as representative of Craig County Board of Supervisors on the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission for another term of three years, July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 is hereby made.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023, adopted this Resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion, R23-42. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zimmaman, to approve R23-42. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

**R23-43**

**A Resolution Recommending the  
Appointment of Susan Dillon to the  
Social Services Board**

**WHEREAS**, the Social Services office recommended the appointment of Susan “Susie” Dillon as Social Services Board Member for the Potts Mountain District beginning July 1, 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, the second four-year term for Susie Dillon as Social Services Board Member for the Term of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is expiring, and

**WHEREAS**, the Social Services office has recommended the re-appoint of Ms. Dillon for her third four-year term for which she is eligible, and we thank her for her continued service to our community, now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County that the re-appointment of Susie Dillon, Potts Mountain District, Social Services Board Member for the term July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2027 is hereby approved.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting, on the 1<sup>st</sup>, day of June 2023 adopted this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion R23-43, Recommending the Appointment of Susan Dillon Social Services Board R23-43. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, to approve R23-43. Voting was as follows: Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

**R23-49**

**A Resolution Appointing Ty Walker  
to the Craig County Tourism Commission**

**WHEREAS**, membership in the Craig County Tourism Commission (CCTC), in accordance with Resolution R.12-01 passed by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County, will consist of five (5) citizens appointed by the Board with representation as equally distributed around the five magisterial districts as practical.

**WHEREAS**, these representatives shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors and will serve for (4) year staggered terms, and

**WHEREAS**, Miranda Webb who has served from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and we thank her for her service, and

**WHEREAS**, The Craig County Tourism Commission has nominated Ty Walker to fulfill the unexpired term of Ms. Webb from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Craig county that the staff recommends approval of Resolution 23-49 for the appointment of Ty Walker for term beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion, A Resolution Appointing Ty Walker to the Craig County Tourism Commission R23-49. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve R23-42. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Consider a Public Hearing For July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Ordinance Amending Chapter 42-Traffic and Vehicles of the code of Ordinances for the County of Craig, Virginia.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion; Mr. Dunbar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spence to have a Public Hearing for July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Ordinance Amending Chapter 42-Traffic and Vehicles of the Code of Ordinances for the County of Craig, Virginia. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, no, and Mr. Spence, yes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**R23-44**

### **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM SALARY TO OPERATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Craig has a policy that if the funding is budgeted for salaries it must be used for salaries but if the need arises to use for operations it must be viewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors per a resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the request of the Sheriff Department to use excess funding from the appropriation of Animal Control and the School Resource Officer Salary that was unused due to the open position, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to use some of these funds for operation expenses such as gas and maintenance of cars in the 22-23 year budget and also a need to make payment out to employees with an excess amount of unused leave due to previous years shortage in staff in that department, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the request that the County Administrator for a one time issuance be able to approve the amount of available funding to be transferred from the Animal Control Salary to operations and for unused leave time for the sheriff office, now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County approves and gives the authority to the County Administrator to approve an amount not to exceed the excess funding be used for operations and also to help reduce unused leave in the sheriff office for this fiscal year, now

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Craig County Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023, adopted this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion R23-44, Approving Transfer of Funds. Mr. Matyas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve R23-44. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

**R23-45**

**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 Co Dept of Social Services has received additional revenue for Foster Care in the amount of \$8,500 and Chaffee Covid funding in the amount of 10,000 for youth, it is the request of the Dept of Social Services to have the total amount of \$18,500 added to the appropriate lines in the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has collected additional funding above the budgeted amount for Credit card bank fees in the amount of \$3,310 and has collected additional DMV stop charges in the amount of \$1,700, it is the Treasurers request to appropriate this amount in these categories into those line items, and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff office has also received additional donations for the Hooked on Fishing event, it is requested that this amount be added to the funding designated for that event in the amount of \$450, now

**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**

|                   |                             |       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 3-100-018990-0020 | Credit Card Fees            | 3,310 |
| 3-100-019020-0005 | DMV stops                   | 1,700 |
| 3-100-018990-0031 | Hooked on Fishing Donations | 450   |

**State**

|                   |       |        |
|-------------------|-------|--------|
| 3-201-024060-0004 | Laser | 18,500 |
|-------------------|-------|--------|

**TOTAL            \$23,960**

**EXPENSES**

**Dept of Social Services**

|                   |                  |        |
|-------------------|------------------|--------|
| 4-201-053110-0811 | IV-E Foster Care | 8,500  |
| 4-201-053110-0884 | Chaffee          | 10,000 |

**Treasurer**

|                   |               |       |
|-------------------|---------------|-------|
| 4-100-012410-6029 | Bank Fees     | 3,310 |
| 4-100-012410-3802 | DMV stop fees | 1,700 |

**Sheriff**

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| 4-100-031200-9906 | Hooked on Fishing | 450 |
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**TOTAL      \$23,960**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the sum of **\$23,960** appropriated as described above. The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023, adopted this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R23-45 Amending the Budget for FY 2022-2023, Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve R23-45. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

**R23-46**

**A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS TO THE COUNTY OF CRAIG  
FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR 2023-24**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has adopted a budget on May 4th, 2023 to provide a guideline for processing and providing the funds to meet the needs of the County and,

**WHEREAS**, the Auditors have recommended that the fiscal year budget be appropriated in this manner,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT Resolved** by the Board of Supervisors for Craig County that the following amounts be hereby appropriated for the fiscal year of 2023-2024:

|                 | <b>Expenditures</b>     |         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|
| <b>Fund 100</b> | <b>General Fund</b>     |         |
| 11010           | Board of Supervisors    | 37,860  |
| 12110           | County Administrator    | 146,739 |
| 12240           | Audit                   | 77,500  |
| 12310           | Commissioner of Revenue | 219,895 |

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| 12330           | Reassessment  | 100,000          |
| 12410           | Treasurer   | 263,631          |
| 12510           | Technology-Data Processing                              | 115,000          |
| 13100           | Electoral Board   | 43,858           |
| 13200           | Registrar   | 111,564          |
| 21100           | Circuit Court   | 6,780            |
| 21200           | General District Court                                  | 5,410            |
| 21600           | Clerk of Circuit Court                                  | 342,632          |
| 22100           | Commonwealth Attorney                                   | 272,280          |
| 24300           | Accounting/Purchasing                                   | 143,344          |
| 31200           | Sheriff   | 1,186,421        |
| 31230           | Animal Control  | 9,135            |
| 31400           | E911  | 51,302           |
| 32400           | Emergency Medical Services                              | 3,227            |
| 32410           | Craig Co EMS and Ambulance Services                     | 666,058          |
| 32420           | Public Safety (Fire and Rescue)                         | 277,196          |
| 32500           | Forest Service  | 3,777            |
| 33200           | Care of Prisoners                                       | 35,000           |
| 34100           | Building Inspections                                    | 103,205          |
| 35300           | Medical Examiner  | 400              |
| 42600           | Sanitation and Waste                                    | 519,175          |
| 43100           | Maintenance of Properties                               | 151,762          |
| 51200           | Health Department                                       | 75,245           |
| 51210           | Mental Health Services                                  | 8,328            |
| 73300           | Library   | 46,088           |
| 81210           | Community Colleges                                      | 17,000           |
| 81220           | Community Development                                   | 62,709           |
| 81230           | Tourism   | 45,240           |
| 81400           | Board of Zoning Appeals                                 | 1,000            |
| 81410           | Fifth Planning District                                 | 4,892            |
| 81600           | Craig Co Planning Commission                            | 2,653            |
| 82300           | Erosion & Sediment Control                              | 2,500            |
| 82400           | Mt Castle Soil and Water Conservation                   | 230,038          |
| 83000           | Va Tech Cooperative Extension Program                   | 48,561           |
| 91400           | Risk Management   | 88,145           |
| 91410           | Contingency General County                              | 80,000           |
| 93000           | Transfers to  |                  |
|                 | VPA   | 485,542          |
|                 | CCPS  | 1,820,000        |
| 95000           | Debt Service  | 381,991          |
|                 | <b>Total General Fund 100</b>                           | <b>8,293,082</b> |
|                 | <b>Transfer out (to Social Services CSA &amp; CCPS)</b> | <b>2,305,542</b> |
| <b>Fund 105</b> | <b>Law Library</b>                                      |                  |
|                 | Law Library   | 100              |
| <b>Fund 110</b> | <b>Courthouse Maintenance Fund 110</b>                  |                  |
| 43200           | Repairs and Maintenance                                 | 1000             |
| <b>Fund 201</b> | <b>Social Services and Comprehensive Serv.</b>          | <b>2,215,983</b> |

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| <b>Fund 205</b> | <b>Craig County Public Schools</b>       |                   |
| 1000            | Instructional                            | 5,158,677         |
| 2000            | Administration                           | 652,435           |
| 3000            | Pupil Transportation                     | 561,996           |
| 4000            | Operations & Maintenance                 | 706,977           |
| 5000            | School Food                              |                   |
| 7000            | Debt Service                             |                   |
| 8000            | Technology                               | 411,968           |
| 9000            | Contingency                              | 20,000            |
|                 | <b>Total CCPS Fund 205</b>               | <b>7,512,053</b>  |
|                 |  |                   |
| <b>Fund 206</b> | <b>CCPS Cafeteria Fund</b>               | <b>370,287</b>    |
|                 | <b>Total Craig County Public Schools</b> | <b>7,882,340</b>  |
|                 |  |                   |
|                 | <b>Total Expenditures</b>                | <b>16,086,963</b> |
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The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 1st day of June 2023, approved this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R23-46, Appropriating Funds for FY 2023-2024. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve R23-46. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

**R23-47**

### **Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Social Services**

**WHEREAS**, A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The County of Craig ("County") and Craig County Department of Social Services (DSS) for the purpose of allocation and payment of occupancy costs of space occupied by Craig County Department of Social Services, and

**WHEREAS**, The Memorandum of Understanding is for the term of one year beginning on July 1, 2022 the “Commencement Date”, with all terms continuing until June 30, 2024 the “Termination Date”, and

**WHEREAS**, the sum of \$18,232.00, Eighteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty Two Dollars annually based upon its share of building depreciation (elevator, handicapped accessible bathroom and HVAC upgrades only as the building itself is fully depreciated), and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing the building use and operating Expenses with the Department of Social Services is hereby approved, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County Administer is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and any additional documents associated with this agreement.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R23-47, Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Social Services, Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve R23-47. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

### **Approve Holiday Schedule**

Approve Holiday Schedule as established by the Circuit Court Judge which added the days of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion to approve the Holiday Schedule; Mr. Bailey, made a motion, Mr. Matyas, seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Public hearing for comment on proposed Resolution 23-48 Approving Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary System Six-Year Plan for Craig County Fiscal Year 2023-2024 through 2028-2029.

Mr. Spence asked the Board if there were any comments before opening the public hearing. There was no comment from Board.

Mr. Spence opened the public hearing at 6:37 pm.

Mr. Fred Craft commented on the projects recently finished in the county and commented on VDOT Asphalt Concrete Placement and Specifications.

As there were no more comments, Mr. Spence closed the meeting.

**ACTION AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**R23-48**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING  
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
SECONDARY SYSTEM SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR CRAIG COUNTY  
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 THROUGH 2028-2029**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Craig County, Virginia in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation conducted a public hearing on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 regarding the proposed Secondary System Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 through 2028-2029 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2029) for Craig County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Transportation received public comment and input at the aforementioned public hearing on the proposed Six-Year Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors wishes to proceed with approval of the Secondary System Six-Year Plan for Craig County for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 through 2028-2029.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County that the Secondary System Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 through 2028-2029 and the same is hereby approved.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup>, day of June 2023 adopted this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R23-48 Approving the Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary System Six Year Plan. Mr. Dunbar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matyas. Mr. Zimmerman, yes, Mr. Matyas, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, and Mr. Spence, yes.

Discussion with VDOT on quality of work throughout the county and adhering to time commitments.

## REPORTS AND INQUIRIES FROM THE BOARD

1. **EDA** – Vacancies open on the Economic Development Authority. Submitted the AFID Infrastructure Grant Program (\$50,000) and the T-Mobil Grant (\$25,000) applications for the Farmers Market April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 June or early July.
2. **ARAP Funds** (Approximately \$996,637+/-) are eligible for Radio project. In addition, Delegate Terry Austin reports that there is **\$1,000,000** proposed in the State Budget. We will submit a VDEM grant request for \$3,900,000 next month.
3. **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.
4. **2024 Reassessment** –Wampler Eanes Appraisal Group LTD has been working on the reassessments for the last few months **74%** of all parcels have been assessed. – All assessments are scheduled to be completed by October 1, 2023. The Assessors are to have signs on both sides of their vehicle, and an ID to present to Landowners while on their property.
5. **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 ensure citizen involvement. **An update will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the August Meeting.** Funding from the state totals **\$12,500,000** for this project.
6. **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. The Health Department continues to work on a new Lease.
7. **Planning Commission** continues their review of 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 February.
8. **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.
9. **Landfill** – Fencing in the remaining property is being reviewed.

**Mr. Matyas addressed the Board and Public regarding Father's Day.**

## HEAR THE PUBLIC

Mr. Spence opened Hear the Public.

Todd Price, Oriskany. Mr. Price commented on the Rails to Trails project. His concerns, during hunting season and loss of revenue for the County.

Vickie Graham, Oriskany. She requested information from VDOT regarding rails to trails that had shared pedestrian and vehicular traffic. She is concerned.

Ruth Sellers, Route 817 Oriskany. Concerned about shared roads and condition of roads. She is also concerned about the cost of the trail.

Jim Kern, Criag Creek Rd, Craig County. Speaking on behalf of the silent majority that are in support of the trail. Speaking about the decline of population and lack of young people/families in Eagle Rock. The burden on young families will be huge if there are no schools. Rails to Trails throughout the country have been popular and have had a profound impact on community health. People who travel to use these recreation trails are precisely the people and families you want to come to our community. Breathe a little bit of life back into New Castle and Eagle Rock Community.

Burke May, New Castle, Mr. May is not in support of the trail. Does not think it will benefit our community. He is concerned about the trash and taxes being raised to pay for the trail and maintenance of the trail.

Chip Cressman, Wilderness Adventure – A user of trails, supports the trail. There is no highway, no large stores, no economic driver. The Trail and investment of Virginia is a gift for this area. He is in support of the trail.

Betsy Daniel, New Castle – Concerned for neighbors where the trail goes through their land. Concerned for neighbors privacy.

Jim Stadtlander, Oriskany – Concerned about emergency road that floods. Provided maps and pictures to the Board.



As there were no others, Mr. Spence closed Hear the Public.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Spence adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.

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CHAIRMAN  
CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

\_\_\_\_\_, CLERK  
CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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