

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
Work Session
October 4, 2016

Members Present: Johnny Woodward, Chairman At-Large
D. Keith Guzy, District 1
David Wiatrowski, District 2
Mark Stroupe, District 3
Larry Foltz, District 4
Dorothy Pendley, District 5

Staff Present: Amity Moler, County Administrator
Regina Miller, Assistant County Administrator
Nathan Miller, County Attorney

Call to Order:

Chairman Johnny Woodward called to order the work session of the Page County Board of Supervisors on October 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Page County Government Center, 103 South Court Street, Luray. The Call to Order was followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance* and Invocation given by Pastor Keith Simmons.

VDOT Update:

Don Komara, Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator, updated the Board on VDOT projects. He said the Route 340 Bridge at Cub Run is going well; he passed around pictures for the Board to see the progress. He continued to say it is a \$4.34 million project and should be finished by June 30, 2017. Kawana Stone Company is doing the project. The Shenandoah sidewalks in the tunnel have been completed. A little piece of sidewalk, curb and gutter was also fixed in front of the Shenandoah Elementary School. The bridge on Route 602 was posted and the inspection showed deterioration on the beam ends. He continued to say that they will use fibers to strengthen it and plan on doing this in the next six months to a year. Mr. Komara discussed the weight limits on the bridge. He said there is a meeting at the end of this month to discuss widening the shoulders, rumble strips and guard rail on Route 340 North of Luray to Route 619 in Warren County. It has an advertising date of August 2017 and has \$3 million earmarked for safety funds. The Smart Scale project was submitted for Collins Avenue and is a \$2 million project. Aylor Grubbs was submitted by the Town of Stanley and is about a \$4.5 million project. There is a fall transportation meeting at Blue Ridge Community College on the October 25th between 4-6 p.m. He then reviewed the list of maintenance items occurring in the County.

Chairman Woodward asked if the spoils that come out of the ditches after VDOT cleans them can be dumped on farmer's fields. Mr. Komara said at one time they could but he will need to check because the paperwork and inspection process is too involved.

Supervisor Guzy asked about Fox Hollow Road and what was determined for improvements. Mr. Komara said there is a property owner who will not give VDOT permission to come onto his property to stake it. Supervisor Guzy asked for staff to update the citizens and let them know the status.

Chairman Woodward asked about the improvements to Printz Mill Road. Mr. Komara said that they had just looked at it and there are two places that water goes over and it's designed that way after the water gets so high.

Chairman Woodward asked about River Bend Ranch Road and the bad curve that a school bus or tractor trailer cannot get around. He said he would like for Mr. Komara to look at it and maybe put it on the six year plan.

Supervisor Stroupe asked about the ditches along Hawksbill Pine Road. Mr. Komara said the ditches have been cleaned out, but he will look at it again.

TOT Request from Page Valley Cycling:

Chris Gould, Race Director of Page Valley Cycling (PVC), presented an economic impact fact sheet to the Board regarding the cycling event in the County. It detailed money spent on food, merchandise, and lodging in the County and the number of participants in the races sponsored by Page Valley Cycling. He said the primary charity they give to is CHOICES and they also give to the local rescue squads. He felt that Page Valley Cycling can work with the County to promote economic development. He continued to say that PVC cannot be held responsible for some cyclist's bad behavior. All race participants have race numbers and when he receives a complaint he asks for the participant's race number in order to address them. Mr. Gould said he takes these complaints very seriously. He realizes the races are a hindrance to motorists but tries to address that as well. He also knows that there was some dissatisfaction with law enforcement during the last race because of the fire investigation; however, he was insured by Luray Police Department that vehicles would be taking a different route so he felt comfortable with having the event. He finished by saying he works for a Federal law enforcement agency and has nothing but respect for law enforcement and cannot put on these events without their support and help.

Chairman Woodward thanked him for coming to talk with the Board and for all of the revenue his events bring to the County. He indicated that several citizens had called him with complaints about cyclist's behavior. He asked if the route could be changed to avoid Leaksville and Mill Creek Roads. Mr. Gould said a different route is always an option and he is looking into ways of handling the citizen's complaints.

Supervisor Guzy said while he supports these events, the Board held two meetings where they discussed TOT funds; however, no one from was present to answer questions from the Board. Supervisor Guzy felt that instead of Mr. Gould writing a letter to the paper, he should have come to the meetings so these concerns could have been addressed. He said money could have been allocated to them if he would have come to discuss these problems.

Chairman Woodward asked how the routes were determined. Mr. Gould said he tries to make it challenging and safe for the cyclist and more right hand turns than left. He will then drive the route and then will meet with the Sheriff on the proposed route.

Sheriff Cabbage said the last race occurred after a house fire in the County where there had been fatalities. He said the remarks that had been made in the paper regarding the fire and law enforcement officers were inappropriate and he took offense to it. He said he supports the races but received several complaints such as urinating in public, throwing rocks at dogs and riders riding two and three abreast and creating traffic hazards. He pointed out that shutting off South Page Street created a problem for him accessing the Sheriff's Office.

Supervisor Wiatrowski asked Mr. Gould to talk with fire and EMS staff. Mr. Gould said he does consult with fire and EMS and that riding two and three abreast is a big concern for him as well. This is the reason why he has the road guards but added that he cannot be held responsible for an individual's actions.

Supervisor Stroupe suggested that both the Board and PVC need to set down and decide what is best for the County in order to keep these racing events.

Supervisor Foltz said he received a lot of complaints also. There are a lot of farms on Leaksville and Mill Creek Roads and these are not good routes for the event. He continued to say he had complaints that the road guards were rude as well as the cyclists.

Mr. Gould said there are rules and regulations they should adhere to. Poor behavior is dealt with by invoking appropriate penalties and is sanctioned by USA cycling which is the governing body. Any violations are added to the cyclist record for future events. He said he would work on changing the routes and better communication with the Board for next year's events.

Economic Development Update:

Stephanie Lillard, Director of Community and Economic Development, gave an update on economic development activity in the County. She said that she is continuing to work with the Regional Destination Marketing Organization and are planning to launch a new valley website that will highlight every jurisdiction in the Valley. She met with the Chamber of Commerce ambassadors to discuss holding ribbon cutting ceremonies and re-grand openings as well as 5 year, 10 years, etc., anniversary celebrations. As a result of the meeting, a brief survey was sent out to 350 Chamber members and she sent it to an additional 400 businesses. The results were disappointing because once the survey closed only 114 were opened and only 44 was read, of which 20 responses were received and of those 13 people said they may be interested if they could provide more detail. We are working with the Small Business Administration to apply for a grant in the spring to work with youths through the school system. Mrs. Lillard has met with Lord Fairfax Community College on site selection looking for a new location for their

Luray/Page County Campus. USDA has a community facilities grant, once applied for the Board would need to give a letter of support to help secure funds for the project. The Enterprise Zone has 4 applications that will be submitted by year end. Mrs. Lillard said she is working on a new website for EDA and completion should be the end of November. The hotel study came back and concluded that the County has sufficient demand for a 60 room, upscale, mid-priced, limited service hotel, such as a Cobblestone, LaQuinta Inn, or Sleep Inn. She will be meeting with the Shenandoah Valley Partnership to discuss avenues where they can get the study in the hands of developers for attraction. She plans to host and organize an agricultural event, which has been postponed until March 6, 2017 and will be held at the Mimslyn. The Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission was selected by USDA to participate in a regional planning for economic development. A complete plan was submitted for the central northern valley. This was the only area in the Commonwealth that did not have an economic development plan for the Valley. She mentioned that Cooters is coming to Luray and we have been working with them on permits so they can open their business. White House Antiques has sold to an existing business called Cork to Barrel and they will be adding a café as well. There is currently a lead for a potential business for the Page County Industrial and Technology Park and have had one meeting with them and are scheduling another. There was a lead with Luray Industrial Park with a water company; however, the water did not test favorably, so this lead will not be moving forward. The developer that expressed interest in property in the northern end of the county is a retail developer. They were not able to close on the property, but are now looking at the eastern Route 211 area.

(Clerks note: Supervisor Wiatrowski left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.)

Mrs. Lillard then updated the Board on the Department of Planning & Community Development. She said the Comprehensive Plan, Volume 2, has 50 plus exhibits all of which have been updated as well as the statistics with the latest census and the text to accompany those exhibits. Over half of the Volume was approved at last week's Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee meeting. Volume 1 of the Plan has 20 maps and Josh Hahn of the GIS department will have to recreate all the maps because staff cannot get Mike Chandler or his partner at Planning Works to respond to give us those last working documents. Mrs. Lillard said she will be meeting with the Commissioner of the Revenue regarding business permitting and regulation tracking. The first quarter finished 24% ahead of last year's annual average for permits issued. The inspections are up 35%, plan review is up over 100%. There has been a 92% increase in issuing certificates of occupancy, an increase of 107% for new homes, and overall the department's revenue is up 21%.

Festival Ordinance Discussion/Adoption:

Mrs. Moler said a public hearing on the proposed amendments was held September 20th. During the hearing, it was suggested that the Towns be exempt from having to obtain a permit as long as the festival is held on Town owned property. The adjustments have been made to the proposed ordinance, as requested, and any event that is on property that is owned and maintained by the town would not require a permit at all. In

addition, the age requirement that is in the current ordinance has been taken out completely.

Supervisor Guzy said if the property owned by the Town is in the County would they not have to let us know they were having a festival if they are not required to obtain a permit. County Attorney Miller said it is not a legal issue, but a phrase can be added requiring they notify the County.

Supervisor Foltz said at the last meeting it was decided the Towns would rewrite their permit applications and he would like to wait and review the Town's applications before adopting the ordinance amendments.

Mrs. Moler said the revisions were sent to all three Towns and she has heard nothing back. She would like to see the Towns new applications also, before any decision is made.

Motion: Supervisor Foltz moved to table the Festival Ordinance adoption until the next work session on November 1, 2016. Supervisor Guzy seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Woodward, Guzy, Stroupe, Foltz, Pendley. Nay: None. Absent: Wiatrowski.

Discussion of Parking at the Vo-Tech Center:

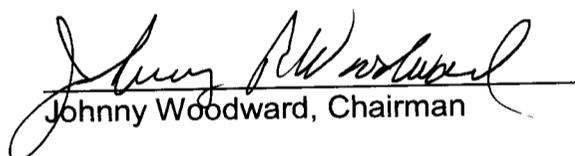
Chairman Woodward said that the Vo-Tech Center is in need of additional parking he would like to talk to Lord Fairfax about building at the Vo-Tech and the County could partner with them to create additional parking, on the piece of land that no one is using. Chairman Woodward pointed out all of the areas on the big screen, parking, area for Lord Fairfax to build and possible EMS training facility.

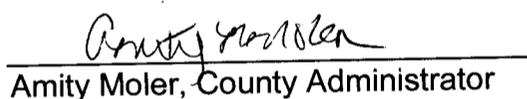
Roger Mello, Principal of Page County Technical Center said that Lord Fairfax will be offering a 12 credit class in nursing and using the Vo-Tech facility and a class in cyber security also using the Vo-Tech classrooms, so LFF is already here. He's suggestion is to give him time to come back with an actual plan for the parking lot.

The Board was in consensus to move forward with a parking lot and approach Lord Fairfax about giving them the land for a building. The Board would like for both parties to present a proposal.

Adjourn: 9:28 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Woodward adjourned the meeting.


Johnny Woodward, Chairman


Amity Moler, County Administrator