

**Buckingham County  
Board of Supervisors  
Monthly Meeting  
August 10, 2009**

At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Buckingham County Agricultural Center Auditorium, the following members were present: I. Monroe Snoddy, Chairman; Joe N. Chambers, Jr., Vice-Chairman; E.A. "Bill" Talbert; Dr. Brian D. Bates; Danny R. Allen; and John D. Kitchen, Jr. Danny LeSueur was absent. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator and Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator.

**Re: Quorum Present**

Chairman Snoddy certified that there was a quorum-six members present and that the meeting could continue.

**Re: Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Snoddy called the meeting to order. Supervisor Bates gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were in attendance.

**Re: Approval of Agenda**

**Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor Talbert seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Re: Approval of Minutes**

**Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes as presented.**

## Re: Approval of Claims

**Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor Bates seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claims as presented.**

## Re: Announcements

**Sam Goin:** Good evening. First off I want to thank you for letting us for using the community park for the Farmer's Market. It has been going very good. At this time to ask you to please be our guest for the Grand Opening, Friday, August 14, 2009 between 3 and 7. We have a number of vendors and we've invited other businesses to be there with us too. We would like to ask you to come and join us.

**Mike Barton:** I'm Michael Barton from the Curdsville District. I'm asking for a resolution for the development of a Curdsville Fire Department.

**Talbert:** That's District 3, not Curdsville.

**Bates:** I think this is a good idea. Would you have any draft language that we could go by for something like this?

**Barton:** Not at the present time.

**Kitchen:** I talked to Mrs. Carter and she said you could do it by letter.

**Mrs. Carter:** In looking back at different one's you've done, like Toga First Responders, a letter from the Board of Supervisors saying that they support the organization of.

**Supervisor Bates moved, Supervisor Talbert seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to draft a letter of support for the organization of a Curdsville Fire Department in District 3.**

**Talbert:** Thank you, Mike, I would like to say that I appreciate you taking the initiative to do that because that's a whole lot of territory there to cover. I appreciate you taking this step.

## Re: Presentation of Plaque of Memoriam to the Family of Rev. John Mann, Sr.

**Mrs. Carter:** As Chairman Snoddy comes down I would like to comment too that Rev. Mann was a Saint to all of us and cared a lot of Buckingham County so it's going too hard for me to get through this.

Mrs. Carter read the resolution below:

**RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM TO  
Rev. John E. Mann, Sr.**

**WHEREAS**, Rev. John E. Mann, Sr., departed this life on June 19, 2009 at the age of 81;

**WHEREAS**, Rev. John Mann, Sr. was born on January 7, 1928 to the late W.T. and Annie Mae Mann;

**WHEREAS**, Rev. John Mann was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Virginia "Jenny" S. Mann. He is also preceded in death by two brothers. He is survived by one sister, Muriel M. Mills of Gloucester; five children, Gloria Baber, John Mann, Jr., Eva M. Mann, Dora Self and Timothy S. Mann; six grandchildren and one great-grandson;

**WHEREAS**, Rev. John Mann served his country in the Army during World War II and in the Marine Corp during the Korean Conflict.

**WHEREAS**, Rev. John Mann served as a pastor for over 54 years in Grayson County, Brunswick County, Albermarle County, Fluvanna County and for over 40 years in Buckingham County. He recently served as Director of Missions for the James River Baptist Association;

**WHEREAS**, Rev. John Mann served Buckingham County as a dispatcher for the Buckingham Sheriff's Office for 12 years. He also served on the Buckingham County Planning Commission for over 20 years.

**WHEREAS**, Rev. John Mann was loved and respected by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew him;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors does, in memoriam on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009, pay tribute to and express its highest esteem for Reverend John E. Mann, Sr., and extends its deepest sympathy to his loved ones.

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Rebecca S. Carter  
County Administrator/Clerk

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I. Monroe Snoddy  
Chairman

Mrs. Carter asked that the Mann family come up to the front.

**Chairman Snoddy:** With this resolution, with appreciation for all the things John did for Buckingham County. Everything here is fact and true.

There was applause from the audience as Mr. Snoddy presented the family the plaque.

**Talbert:** I would just like to say one thing while the family is standing there. Mr. Mann was my pastor for 15 years. I sat on the Planning Commission for 4 years with him. I loved him dearly. He was a great man.

## **Re: Public Comment**

Chairman Snoddy called for any public comments.

**Sandra Moss:** Mrs. Carter, Gentleman, I'm Sandra Moss. Martha Louis could not be here with us tonight and she asked if I would share with you the success of the "Cowboy Day" that we had. The first celebration of the day of the cowboy in Buckingham County. This was a collected effort between the Chamber of Commerce and Historic Buckingham, Inc. and the Tom Nix Rangers. It went over extremely well. We were excited and I have some pictures here for you to take home and look at. It's a collage of pictures. The day we had 154 people to ride the train and they joined us, at the end of the train ride they were entertained at the Depot with music before they left. At the end of the train ride they joined hundreds more people at Historic Village. The one biggest successful thing, I think about the day was that never before had that many people attended the Historic Village at one time. It was well in the high hundreds. It was a good project to work on. All the proceeds, after the expenses from this event go back to Historic Buckingham. They will get to use all of that for the next Cowboy Day in addition to other projects that they have. We ask that you mark your calendar for July 24, 2010. We hope to make this an annual event and we, the Chamber of Commerce, is very proud to be a part of it. Thank you.

**Talbert:** Sandra, I'm sorry I had to miss it. I had an auction over there at Washington's, that's why I wasn't there.

## **Re: Alan Leatherwood, VDOT Resident Administrator Road Matters**

**Mr. Leatherwood:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. At this time I don't have anything specific to report to the Board. But if the Board has any concerns...

**Talbert:** You know my concern. But there is nothing we can do about it. We don't have the money. I'd just like to say that Barbara Walker wrote to the Governor and I gave you a copy of the letter the Governor sent back to her. I'd just like to say that for forty some years, all the Supervisors sit up here in the same shape I'm in, that we live in a day of space age and we have to ride on horse and buggy roads. There's nothing you can do about it, nothing I can do about it, but I think it's a crying shame. But thank you for what you've done.

**Mr. Leatherwood:** There is the Revenue Sharing program, the deadline is not until Friday. So...

**Talbert:** We ain't got the money and they ain't got the money either. If I hit the lottery I'm going to blacktop it.

## **Re: Zoning Matters**

There were no Zoning matters.

## **Re: Bob Innes, Columbia Gas and Emmett Toms, Dominion Power Power Generating Plant Update**

**Mr. Toms:** Good Evening Board members and Mrs. Carter. I'm Emmett Toms with Dominion and I'm here with Bob Innes tonight. The main thing tonight is to give you a little update on the progress of the gas line. Columbia is supplying the gas by pipe line for plant at Bear Garden. Quick update on Bear Garden, we are about 14% complete of the construction schedule right now. Mainly have piping and footers going on at the site and we do estimate about 200 construction workers working at the site today. Most of those live within a 50 mile radius of the site. That is the current activity and we will be glad to come back later to talk more about the plant when have pictures of more than just dirt and footers or whatever. Now I'd like to introduce Bob and have Bob talk to you a little bit about the progress with the pipe line.

**Mr. Innes:** Thank you. It's good to see you again Mr. Carter, Mr. Snoddy and the Board. I believe a fact sheet was handed out. We are making a lot of progress on the preconstruction activities for the pipeline that will serve the power plant. More pipeline has been secured to install the natural gas pipeline. They have national experience and have been in business for 56 years. They will begin construction in early 2010. There will be some opportunities for qualified persons in the pipeline. It is kind of a specialized requirement to work on a pipeline. But they have, in conversation with us; they will try to see if they can get some local folks to help with that work as they can. Of course, there are special qualifications that must be qualified to do the work. Pipe line and welding and things, so there will be some things we will be looking for. Slate River Enterprises has been contacted and actually has started working some of the right of way clearing for the facility. We are pleased and appreciate all the effort Buckingham County and the State, as far as the quality of their engineers and the permit process so far. We appreciate those efforts. Again, this is a 13 ½ mile pipeline we will be running. 24 inch pipe. We will begin construction in first part next year. We will come back when we are getting ready to do that and be happy to take any of you out there. It's quite nifty what they can do. They can put several thousand feet in the ground in a week. It's a pretty amazing process. The other thing we would like to comment is in 2010 we are going to come out and sit down with Emergency Services folks and talk to and educate them on natural gas. What we do, what our facility is capable of, what we can do to help them and also to help the Emergency Services understanding natural gas. We will work together in the unlikely event we

will need their services. That's really all I have. I just wanted to come by and give you a brief update.

**Talbert:** I'd just like to say Thank yall for setting up in Buckingham County.

**Mr. Innes:** We are looking forward to it. By September of next year we should be able to start flowing gas through that pipeline.

**Kitchen:** Thank you.

**Talbert:** I'd like to say one thing. I speak for the Board that you try to work all the people in Buckingham that you can and we appreciate that.

**Mr. Innes:** Please just understand that a lot of this is specialized work. Slate River Enterprises is local and we will do what we can.

**Chairman Snoddy:** Thank you.

## **Re: Sheriff Kidd appropriation requests**

**Sheriff Kidd:** Good Evening.

- A. I would like to request tonight that \$4,473 be transferred from the Drug account fund to our budget line for Travel and lodging 31200-5530. This money will be used to pay for room and board for Investigator Chris Davis while he is a student at the Forensic Science Academy. \$2,745 will cover the cost of the room for the nine week school, which is at a special rate offered to the State of Virginia for students going to this academy. You have an attachment in your packet. \$1,728 will cover the cost of his meals while at the academy. This price was acquired using the per deim basis set by the State of Virginia's General Accounting office for reimbursement to state employees who have meal and travel expenses. You have an attachment in your packet.

**Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor Bates seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the transfer of \$4,473 from the Drug Account Fund to Travel and Lodging 31200-5530 for Inv. Chris Davis to attend Forensic Science Academy.**

**Mrs. Carter:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to comment. This use is certainly a use that can be used with this money. But also I'd like to bring your attention that this does bring the Drug Fund Balance down to \$23,754 after this is expended. Some of the salaries are supplemented by the Drug Fund Money. So I just wanted to bring that to light here that that fund is dropping. But

this is a use that can be paid for out of that money. It's a very good thing and we are pleased that Chris Davis has been invited to attend.

**Sheriff Kidd:**

- B. I would like to request that \$8,325 which was paid to the county for our insurance carrier VACO for the total loss of a 2007 patrol vehicle, and \$1,042 also paid by them for equipment removal and replacement costs, for a total of \$9,367 be transferred from the General Fund to the Sheriff's budget line for motor vehicles #31200-8205.

**Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor Bates seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the \$9,367 to be transferred from General Fund to the Sheriff's line item of 31200-8205 which is from the insurance payment of a total loss claim for 2007 patrol vehicle and equipment removal.**

**Bates:** Mrs. Carter, in your memo to the Board, are you seeking more information on this?

**Mrs. Carter:** No I just wanted to make you aware of how much money has been collected from the insurance company this past year which is \$30,400.

**Chambers:** Did you say \$30,000?

**Mrs. Carter:** \$30,400 has been collected due to accidents and they have sufficient money in there to request this money.

**Sheriff Kidd:**

- C. I'd like to request that \$5,000 be moved from the Courthouse Security fund to the Sheriff's budget in order to pay the part time Courtroom security personnel.

**Supervisor Bates moved, Supervisor Kitchen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to transfer \$5,000 from Courthouse Security fund to the Sheriff's Budget to pay part time Courtroom security personnel.**

**Re: County Attorney Matters**

There were no County Attorney matters.

## **Re: Labor Day Holiday**

Vice Chairman Chambers is requesting the Board to consider granting Friday, September 4, 2009 as an additional Labor Day Holiday. The present holiday schedule is for Monday, September 7, 2009.

Mrs. Carter's memo concurred with this request and felt it will be a good gesture of appreciation to the employees since pay increases were not awarded this year.

**Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor Talbert seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve Friday, September 4, 2009 as an additional holiday for Labor Day.**

## **Re: Proposals for Industrial Park Timber Consultant**

The County sought proposals to be advised of the market value of the timber in the Buckingham County Industrial Park. The proposals received are as follows:

Environmental Forestry and Wildlife Consulting:	\$450.00
Bickford Timber and Land Management	\$300.00

It has been determined that it is not a conflict of interest for Mr. Bickford to submit a proposal because the Planning Commission Compensation does not exceed the permitted threshold.

**Kitchen:** Because of the amount of land down there that looks like a good price.

**Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the low bid from Bickford Timber and Land Management of \$300.00 for the evaluation of timber for the Industrial Park.**

## **Re: Proposals for Clear and Grade Property at Route 56 Solid Waste Site**

Pursuant to a poll of the Board of Supervisors and receiving a positive response from a majority of the Board of Supervisors to request for a proposal was sought for the clearing and grading of 8,000 square feet of standing timber at the Route 56 Solid Waste Site. The purpose of this is due to the need for additional waste container and public access space needed after the completion of the Fire Training Facility site work.

The following sealed bids were received:

Crump Construction	\$2,700
Dunnevant Excavating	\$2,000
Talbott Wood Products	\$3,484
Pearson Construction	\$3,000

**Supervisor Bates moved, Supervisor Kitchen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the low bid from Dunnevant Excavating in the amount of \$2,000 for the clearing and grading of 8,000 square feet at the Rt. 56 Recycling Center site.**

### **Re: Amendment to extend the Performance Period of the Contract with the Commonwealth Regional Council for the Buckingham County VDOT Enhancement Grant**

An amendment to the contract for the CRC to provide administrative and technical assistance in the implementation of the County's VDOT Enhancement Grant. The original contract was an 18-month agreement, executed in May, 2007. The time period for that contract has lapsed; therefore, an amendment is needed to extend the performance period of the contract.

It should be noted that this amendment only extends the performance period of the contract. It does not alter the scope of work, or change the amount of compensation.

**Supervisor Bates moved, Supervisor Kitchen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the amendment to Extend the Performance Period of the contract with the CRC for the Buckingham County VDOT Enhancement Grant.**

### **Re: Work Session with BCWH regarding the Government Services Complex**

BCWH Architects have offered August 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, or 20<sup>th</sup> to have a work session to review a layout/floor plan and cost estimate to address the space needs of the Social Services, Health Department and other County Government Services.

**Supervisor Bates moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to have the work session on August 20, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Agricultural Center.**

## County Administrator's Report

### Re: Workforce Investment Report

Pursuant to the Board's direction I looked into the Virginia Workforce Investment Board and the role that Buckingham County plays in that network.

When the Virginia Workforce Investment Network was established by the State of Virginia Buckingham County agreed to be a participant as part of the organization of the Area 8 Workforce Investment. We have entered an agreement to be a participant. As part of the organization of this network it is required that the Chief Local Elected Official serve on this Board and at least one local business member is to be nominated by the Board of Supervisors. Presently, Supervisor Talbert has been serving on that Board and L.P. Gilliam is serving as the business representative. Due to the change in Chairmanship I believe that Chairman Snoddy or his designee will have to serve on this Board. Mr. Gilliam's term is scheduled to expire June 30, 2010 and if Chairman Snoddy chooses for Supervisor Talbert to be his designee his term will also expire June 30, 2010. I serve as an alternate. The second business/other position is vacant.

The County of Buckingham or any other jurisdiction has never been asked to and has never appropriated any funding to this network. Funding is received from the State and Federal level and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for adults, dislocated workers, and older workers and youth programs. The building that Supervisor Talbert has referred to is the Area 8 Comprehensive One Stop Center. This building and property is owned by the South Boston Industrial Development Authority. A Memorandum of Understanding is proposed in accordance with Section 121c of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, the Commonwealth of Virginia Executive Order Sixty-one (2008) and the Commonwealth of Virginia State Partner Memorandum of Understanding. The Local Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been developed with agreement of the Chief Local Elected Officials of the South Central Workforce Investment Board and is entered into between the South Central Workforce Investment Board and the partners within the local workforce investment area. The partners that will be using the Comprehensive One Stop Center are the partners that will be leasing and utilizing the center. Those partners to date are: Virginia Employment Commission and the Southside Community College. They will be implementing programs such as Title 1 Adult and Dislocated Workers, Adult Education and Literacy, Title IV Rehabilitation Act, Title V of the Older Americans Act, Postsecondary Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education, Trade Adjustment Assistance, Veterans Employment and Training and Unemployment Compensation. New and or optional partners may be admitted to the Center with the Approval of the South Central Workforce Investment Board and must agree to all provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding. **The Partner that Buckingham County represents plays a major role in designing the local workforce delivery system as well as approve the budget and One Stop Center cost allocation plan; assures that the workforce related needs of employers, workers and job seekers in the region are met, develops and submits a comprehensive five year plan to the Governor that identifies and describes policies, procedures and local activities carried out in the local area that are consistent with the State plan. There are many other responsibilities referred to the local partners that are mostly all of an administrative nature.**

To sum up Supervisor Talbert's question, I believe the answer is that we must participate as we have entered into an agreement with the State of Virginia and must adhere to the Federal Workforce Investment Act. Buckingham County is not financially responsible for the One Stop Center being located in South Boston, Virginia.

Presently we have about eight youth working for the county through the summer youth work program. These youth are through the HOPE and STEPS program funded through the Workforce Investment Program with Federal Stimulus money. Regularly a representative from the Workforce Investment Network visits my office and make routine visits to area businesses. I have talked with Mr. Gilliam at length regarding other opportunities that may be available for Buckingham County through this program. The Director of the Workforce Investment is to contact me to arrange a meeting to further discuss this matter.

**Talbert:** Mr. Chairman, it's entirely up to you. I appreciate you looking into that Becky. You've explained it well. You as Chairman, if you would like to attend, I would step down and L.P. will still go. It's your decision.

**Chairman Snoddy:** I'd like for you to continue.

**Talbert:** I've got a letter at home when the next date, if the Board sees fit and you see fit, I'll continue to attend.

**Chairman Snoddy:** I appreciate it.

## **Re: Tobacco Commission Grant Award**

I attended a meeting at the Virginia Tobacco Commission Special Project on July 21<sup>st</sup> and we were successful in getting a \$350,000 grant for the design of the upgrade of the sewer system. I want to thank Jennifer Lann and Mike Markley for doing a fantastic job preparing the application. There were no questions; it was a pretty long day and a lot of questions for a lot of counties. There was only \$7 million all the way around so considering the amount of tobacco that comes out of Buckingham we are very fortunate.

## **Re: Economic Development Access Road Policy Change**

I provided you for your review. We can use this project one time for access into the Industrial Development. You see they changed the regulations and so this is for your information in case we have an industry or business that will need access. What's its pretty much saying is that it is unmatched money that has been increased from \$300,000 to \$500,000. So we could get up to \$500,000 for access without a local match. It's a case of bird in the hand and a business or industry that is willing to go wherever they want that road to go to. They have also lowered the capital gain by half before they would qualify for Road Access. Just keep in mind as we try to market the County.

## **Re: Additional Broadband Grant Opportunities**

We have another opportunity to make application. Jamie is working on the application now. We are looking at possibly to use the Town of Dillwyn for the Regional aspect. Broadband is now at the Industrial Park. We would like to get enough money to get it up to the Town of Dillwyn and also the area of Yogaville is not served. Cassandra Stish is working on a project for that. Probably working with two different groups, we may be able to get Broadband extended in two new areas of the County.

That concludes the County Administrator's report.

## **Re: Other Board Matters**

**Talbert:** I would still like the Board to think about the Board consider changing the Industrial Park to Business Park. I rode to Appomattox today, they have business and commercial.

**Mrs. Carter:** I think it would be a very good idea. With our new comprehensive plan, most of our heavy industry or even light industry is targeted toward the New Canton/Arvon area. They have the rail down there and the water source if needed down there. I'm looking to see because sometimes County is exempt from the ordinance but we might have to have a public hearing. That property is zoned light industry. What I would also like for you to ask me to look into, we have money from Bullock Brothers, Water World, we are getting ready to receive money from timber, we've got rental money we've received for the building, timber was cut previously, I think in order to make it a real business park, we need to have a design drawn up with the roads and everything to actually make it a business park. It may be a visual design, but it's ready if someone comes in and wants it to say ok, we have two acres here and this is how much money it costs. And layout to where we can get water and sewer through to each one of these lots.

**Kitchen:** What we need to do Becky is have a survey done to ...

**Mrs. Carter:** I think we need to have a couple work sessions to see how you want it laid out and how it needs to be done. It's pretty much, up toward the Rescue Squad; it's really getting developed business. We have businesses surrounding it now that was not there when we made it an Industrial Park and they have residential behind it. It really has become inappropriate for light industry even.

**Kitchen:** Who did the last survey on it?

**Mrs. Carter:** The last survey was done by Watkins Duggan.

**Bates:** Watkins Duggan did the survey when Water world was looking to buy the property and I think that Bullock Brothers came from that also.

**Kitchen:** What I was thinking is that they can go on their computer and lay off something from that. That will give you an idea of what you can do with it.

**Supervisor Bates moved, Supervisor Talbert and Kitchen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to have the County Administrator check on making the Industrial Park a Business Park.**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Snoddy recessed the meeting until Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 5:30 at the Agricultural Center for a work session with BCWH.

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Rebecca S. Carter  
County Administrator

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I. Monroe Snoddy  
Chairman