

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in and for the County of Mecklenburg on June 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room of the Goode Bank Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Barbour, Chairman; Jim Jennings; Brenda Blackwell; David Brankley; Andy Hargrove; Charles Jones; Claudia Lundy; Tom Tanner; Sterling Wilkinson

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 8, 2023. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Under public comment:

Mr. Ben Chaney addressed the Board on behalf of the Impact Church of God/City of Refuge in South Hill. He advised that they are a non-profit organization interested in a partnership with the County for use of Park View High School. Mr. Chaney stated that their organization already uses the Gymnasium on Wednesday evenings for a youth outreach program for approximately 40-50 kids.

Mr. Glen Reyes, proud resident of Mecklenburg County addressed the Board stating that he was the President of the NAACP and thanked the Board for their work and dedication.

Mr. Khari Nkabinde addressed the Board as President of the 725 Arts and Culture, a nonprofit corporation in the State and as a new Mecklenburg Resident. He stated that 725 Arts and Culture has been in business for about 10 years and that they use African and African American Art Culture entertainment as an educational resource. He was present to introduce this organization to the County and would like to partner with the school system.

Mr. Kevin Smith, Assistant VDOT Resident Engineer addressed the Board with a monthly update. He stated that mowing is underway, Highway 92 bridge project is on schedule, Paschall Road is back open, rural rustic projects have begun and rumble and mumble strips are being installed on Highway 47. Mr. Smith advised the Board that Cedar Grove Road will be closed for one day for a bridge repair, but he will be notifying 911 and other authorities of that date.

Mr. Hargrove requested that VDOT look at a blind spot when exiting the Trading Post Convenience Center.

**Joint Education
Committee Meeting**

Clarksville Elementary
School, Clarksville, VA
*Thursday, June 1, 2023,
5:00 p.m.*

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Claudia Lundy, Committee Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mrs. Claudia Lundy, Mrs. Brenda Blackwell, and Mr. David Brankley, Board of Supervisors, Mr. Glenn Edwards, Mr. Lindell Palmer, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Wanda Bailey, and Mr. Ricky Allgood, School Board. Also present were Mr. Wayne Carter, County Administrator, Mr. Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator, Mr. Paul Nichols, Superintendent, Mr. Brian Dalton, Executive Director of Facilities and Maintenance, Mr. Paul Padgett, Skanska, and Ms. Paula Giammatteo, Clerk.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brankley will all committee members voting in approval.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. ALTERNATIVE LEARNING AND TRANSPORTATION BUILDING

Members discussed building a transportation/alternative education building at the current transportation site using a mix of ESSER funds and local funds. The recommendation is to use a pre-engineered 5,000 sqft building to house approximately 50 students on one side and the transportation department on the other side. The total cost is estimated at \$1.4 Million.

B. BUILDING PLANS FOR CLARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Members of Blair Construction and Grimm & Parker Architects presented the updated plan for Clarksville Elementary School. Construction is estimated to take one and a half years to complete with a

scheduled move-in date of March 2025. The design phase is 95% complete with 100% completion expected by the end of the month. Most of the new building will have metal roofing with the remaining being a low-slop roof. Members also discussed soundproofing around the music room and classroom window coverings for safety.

5. MEMBER REMARKS

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No member remarks.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Mr. Brankley. All members voted yes to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Mrs. Lundy then asked Mr. Carter and Mr. Gottschalk to discuss any concerns they had regarding the combined Alternative Education and Transportation Building.

The Budget & Finance Committee met on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 5:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Jennings, Chairman; David Brankley; Charles Jones; Tom Tanner; Sterling Wilkinson

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Barbour; Claudia Lundy; Andy Hargrove; Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Judy Sheffield, Assistant County Administrator; Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator; Ed Taylor, Commissioner of Revenue; Sandra Langford, Treasurer

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carter advised that the Sheriff's Office has received a check in the amount of \$5,966.46 from the NRA Foundation for the purchasing of rifles for School Resource Officers.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Committee unanimously recommends a supplemental appropriation of \$5,966.46 to the Sheriff's Office line-item Police Supplies

Mr. Carter advised that the Sheriff's Office has received a check in the amount of \$1,864.60 from VACORP to cover damages to Sheriff Vehicles.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee unanimously recommends a supplemental appropriation of \$1,864.60 to the Sheriff's Office line-item Vehicle Repairs.

Mr. Carter advised that the Sheriff's Office has received the Virginia State Police HEAT AWARD in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of the flock camera system.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Committee unanimously recommends a supplemental appropriation of \$10,000.00 to the Sheriff's Office Budget as follows.

31200-5810 Dues/Subscriptions	\$2,629.61
31200-6009 ARPA Equipment	\$3,312.75
31200-6011 Uniforms	\$4,057.64

Mr. Carter advised that the Circuit Court Clerk's Office has received \$11,456.00 in TTF money from the State Compensation Board to purchase computer equipment and pay the yearly fee for their secure remote access for the back scanned records.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Committee unanimously recommends a supplemental appropriation of \$11,456.00 to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office Microfilming line item.

Mr. Tanner stated that the MRRJA will be giving the County our surplus back for the FY23 year. The amount is approximately 1.1 million based on the estimated true-up of the ADM.

Upon motion of Mr. Tanner, the Committee recommends the true-up from the FY23 jail funding to be set aside for the Public Safety Building in the Capital Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the budget and finance committee and approve the supplemental appropriations as presented. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Mr. Alex Gottschalk presented the Board with a proposed Request for Interest for the Park View High School site. The RFI would be intended to solicit ideas and concepts regarding the best use of the Park View High School site. This would be the first step of the process in order for the Board to determine the most positive and meaningful contribution of the site for Mecklenburg County. Mr. Gottschalk advised that at the conclusion of the RFI process, all proposals would be referred to the Property Committee. In conjunction with the County Administration, the Property Committee will review the proposals. This fall, the Property Committee would meet to discuss the options and shortlist the proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria, then the three top projects will be invited to submit a more thorough and detailed proposal in response to a formal Request for Proposals (RFP).

Mr. Hargrove asked if organizations would still be able to use the facilities during this process.

Mr. Gottschalk assured the Board that staff will continue to oversee the activities as previously planned.

Mr. Brankley asked if the Board would be looking for one group or multiple groups and divide the properties.

Mr. Gottschalk advised that staff recommends the Board to be open to both and all ideas.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to approve the issuance of the Request for Interest for the Park View High School Site. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Under the County Administrator's report:

Mr. Carter advised that the Building Official's report indicates that construction activities are still holding steady, as well as Zoning permits. He advised that Animal Control was able to adopt out 80 percent of the dogs picked up. Mr. Carter advised that the Sheriff's report was included in the packet as well as the monthly update from Southside Behavioral Health.

Mr. Carter advised the Board that Mr. Graham with the Special Exception Application that the Board referred back to the Planning Commission at last month's meeting for additional information, has withdrew his application.

Under the Chairman's report:

Chairman Barbour asked the Board if anyone had a recommendation for an appointment to the vacancy on the Southside Behavioral Health Board of Directors. Seeing none, the Board tabled this matter until next month.

The term of Mr. Allen Nash on the Southside Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board expired in May 2023.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Mr. Allen Nash to serve another term on the Southside Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as it relates to the May bill's list. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Chairman Barbour presented Miss Emily Robertson with the following resolution.

Resolution in Honorance of Emily Robertson Upon Her Selection as a Truman Scholar

Whereas, Harry S Truman was an instrumental public servant in our nation's history, ably discharging such offices as County Judge of Jackson County, Missouri; United States Senator from the State of Missouri; Vice President of the United States; and, for eight years, as our 33rd President;

Whereas, in recognition of this service, and to foster future generations of leadership, in 1974, the United States Congress created, through Public Law 93-642 sponsored by Senator Stuart Symington, a scholarship for college students of renown and achievement in their demonstration of public service;

Whereas, Congress named this scholarship after President Truman “because he was a widely read student of American history and because he also believed in the value of education and encouraged young people to pursue knowledge,” and designated this “educational memorial” as President Truman’s only national tribute;

Whereas, funds from endowments and congressional appropriations provide for the award of \$30,000 graduate scholarships to undergraduate students in their junior year who “have a strong record of public service, as well as a policy proposal that addresses a particular issue in society”;

Whereas, since inception, the Truman Scholarship has furthered the education and policy training of hundreds, including a member of the United States Supreme Court, a U.S. Senator, two Cabinet Secretaries, and others throughout fields such as government service, academia, and journalism.

Whereas, the Truman Scholarship is exceedingly competitive, with only 63 awards made in 2023, out of 705 submissions by undergraduate institutions and millions of enrolled college juniors;

Whereas, Emily Robertson is a junior at Longwood University who grew up in Mecklenburg County;

Whereas, Emily fully demonstrated a catalog of excellence at Longwood through her participation in the Cormier Honors College, including as President of the Honors Student Association, and by her immense grade point average;

Whereas, Emily has displayed an equally impressive commitment to the well-being of the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia through her steady dedication to the improvement of Virginian waterways via work with Clean Virginia Waterways, participation in the International Coastal Cleanup, and by her scholarship policy proposal;

Whereas, Emily is Longwood’s *first* Truman Scholar and the only 2023 recipient from Virginia; and

Whereas, Emily intends to obtain a Master of Public Policy and continue to be a champion of the environment and a patron for Virginians everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA THAT:

Emily Robertson is hereby recognized for her academic valor and societal contribution, as demonstrated through her successful obtainment of the Harry S Truman Scholarship, and that the Board finds that her desire to pursue further public service admirable and commendable.

Adopted and Read at the Board Meeting of June 12, 2023

Under the County Attorney’s report:

Mr. Slayton advised that the Board needs to adopt a resolution accepting title to four parcels of land conveyed by the County School Board to Mecklenburg County.

Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution accepting title to the four parcels conveyed by the County School Board to Mecklenburg County. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

RESOLUTION

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY CONVEYED BY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. That the County hereby accepts title to the parcels of real property identified as TMP 096000-A-049 (PRN 25681) and TMP 096000-06-B1 (PRN 36596), situate in South Hill Magisterial District, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, on which are located the Park View High School improvements, which parcels are more particularly described in a deed dated May 16, 2023, from County School Board of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, to the County.
2. That the County hereby accepts title to the parcel of real property identified as TMP 085000-01-004A (PRN 25405), situate in Bluestone Magisterial District, on which are located the Bluestone Middle School improvements, which parcel is more particularly described in a deed dated May 15, 2023, from County School Board of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, to the County.
3. That the County hereby accepts title to the parcel of real property identified as TMP 115000-A-093 (PRN 25682), situate in South Hill Magisterial District, on which are located the Park View Middle School improvements, which parcel is more particularly described in a deed dated June 8, 2023, from County School Board of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, to the County.
4. That H. Wayne Carter, III, County Administrator, or Alex Gottschalk, Assistant County Administrator, either of whom may act alone, is authorized to execute a Certificate of Acceptance to be attached to each of the aforesaid deeds prior to recordation thereof.

Mr. Slayton advised that the Board needs to adopt a resolution accepting title to two parcels of land conveyed by Mecklenburg County Lifesaving and Rescue Squad, Inc and one parcel of land conveyed by Chase City Rescue Squad, Inc.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution accepting title to the two parcels conveyed by Mecklenburg County Lifesaving and Rescue Squad, Inc and the one parcel conveyed by Chase City Rescue Squad, Inc. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

RESOLUTION

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY CONVEYED BY MECKLENBURG COUNTY LIFE SAVING & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. (AKA MECKLENBURG COUNTY LIFE SAVING AND RESCUE SQUAD, INCORPORATED), AND CHASE CITY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. That the County hereby accepts title to the two parcels of real property identified as TMP 147A14-A-028 (PRN 11460) and TMP 147A14-A-27 (PRN 11458), situate in Clarksville Magisterial District, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, which parcels are more particularly described in a deed dated May 18, 2023, from Mecklenburg County Life Saving & Rescue Squad, Inc. (aka Mecklenburg County Life Saving and Rescue Squad, Incorporated) to the County.
2. That the County hereby accepts title to the parcel of real property identified as TMP 033A09-14-F-024 (PRN 25740), situate in the Town of Chase City, Virginia, which parcel is more particularly described in a deed dated May 18, 2023, from Chase City Rescue Squad, Inc., to the County.
3. That H. Wayne Carter, III, County Administrator, or Alex Gottschalk, Assistant County Administrator, either of whom may act alone, is authorized to execute a Certificate of Acceptance to be attached to each of the aforesaid deeds prior to recordation thereof.

Under Board Matters:

Ms. Blackwell advised that she would like the Board to further discuss the Alternative Education building.

Mr. Brankley stated that the Planning Commission member list will need to be reviewed soon, with the recent redistricting, several districts now have more than one representative. Also, Mr. Brankley stated that he would like staff to check into the Planning Commission members getting ipads for an easier means to get information from staff.

Mr. Hargrove stated that he is pleased to get the community involved with the RFI for Park View and thanked all emergency services staff and thanked the Board for starting to fund the new Public Safety Building.

Mrs. Lundy encouraged everyone to keep the Wilkinson Family in their prayers, and to learning more on the alternative Education program.

Mr. Wilkinson congratulated Miss Emily Robertson on her achievements as she is from District 6. He advised that he thanked everyone for the outpouring of prayers and support for his family.

Mr. Tanner congratulated Miss Robertson on her achievements and all the 2023 graduates. He stated that the RFI is a great plan. He asked the Board to remember Dr. Lou Stringer, who passed

away and was a vital part of Emergency Services in the County. He also thanked all Emergency Services for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Jones congratulated Miss Emily Robertson stating that it is quite an achievement, and he hoped her future was bright. He stated that he has been receiving some calls about allowing areas for small-scale solar projects.

Mr. Jennings thanked Miss Blackwell for her outstanding opening prayer, he also encouraged fellow Board members to visit the Fire Training Center, as he was recently amazed at the level of training provided there and the facility. Next, Mr. Jennings reminded Mr. Brankley that they graduated from High School 50 years ago this week.

Mr. Barbour wanted to recognize Superintendent Nichols as this is his last Board Meeting before his retirement and wish him well. Mr. Barbour advised that he is looking forward to speaking at the first graduation ceremony at the new Mecklenburg High School and he thinks that the RFI is a great idea.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until July 10, 2023, unless sooner called to order by the Chairman.