

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
Work Session
February 6, 2018

Members Present: Morgan Phenix, Chairman At-Large
David Wiatrowski, District 2
Mark Stroupe, District 3
Larry Foltz, District 4
Jeff Vaughn, District 5

Members Absent: D. Keith Guzy, District 1

Staff Present: Amity Moler, County Administrator
Regina Miller, Assistant County Administrator
Nathan Miller, County Attorney
Janeena Zalipski, Office Clerk

Call to Order:

Chairman Morgan Phenix called to order the work session of the Page County Board of Supervisors on February 6, 2018, 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 Invocation given by Josh Parlett and the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Public Hearing: Rezoning Request – Herbert & Elizabeth Karp:

Motion: Supervisor Vaughan moved to open the public hearing on the rezoning request for Herbert & Elizabeth Karp. Supervisor Wiatrowski seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Phenix, Wiatrowski, Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan. Nay: None. Absent: Guzy.

The public hearing was advertised as follows:

Notice of Public Hearing
Page County Board of Supervisors
Rezoning Request

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, as amended that the Page County Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on February 6, 2018, in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, located in the County Government Building, 103 South Court Street, 2nd Floor, Luray, VA, to receive public comments and to consider the following request by:

Herbert & Elizabeth Karp, who have applied to rezone two lots located off Kibler Drive, Luray, VA, and further identified by tax map number 30A2-3-0 (3.870 acres) and 30A2-3-2 (1.75). These lots are currently split zoned Agriculture (A-1) and Residential (R-1). The applicant is requesting the lots be rezoned to Agriculture.

Copies of the request and the Page County Zoning Ordinance may be inspected in the Planning & Community Development Office, 103 South Court Street, Suite B, Luray VA, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday

Mrs. Moler explained that the Karp's have two split zoned properties located in the Egypt Bend area, that are Agriculture (A-1) and Residential (R-1) they would like both properties rezoned to Agriculture (A-1).

Tracy Clatterbuck, Zoning Administrator, said the applicants have communicated with the Health Department, Virginia Department of Transportation and to Don Williams, Page County Building Official, all of which have no objections to the rezoning application. Mrs. Clatterbuck explained the property layout with a visual aid showing property boundaries. She concluded by adding that the property was zoned Residential (R-1) back in 1989 probably when the zoning for Egypt Bend Development took place.

Public Comments on Rezoning Request – Herbert & Elizabeth Karp:

David Reed, Legal Counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Karp, assured the Board that the Karp's have met all the requirements. They have received two letters from adjoining property owners that were against this request.

Motion: Supervisor Foltz moved to close the public hearing on the rezoning request for Herbert & Elizabeth Karp. Supervisor Vaughan seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Wiatrowski, Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan, Phenix. Nay: None. Absent: Guzy.

Motion: Supervisor Foltz moved that the Page County Board of Supervisors approve the rezoning request of Herbert and Elizabeth Karp, for properties located off Kibler Drive, Luray, and further identified by tax map numbers 30A2-3-1 and 30A2-3-2 from Agriculture and Residential to Agriculture only. Supervisor Wiatrowski seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan, Phenix, Wiatrowski. Nay: None. Absent: Guzy.

Public Hearing: Festival Ordinance Amendments:

Motion: Supervisor Foltz moved to open the public hearing on the Festival Ordinance Amendments. Supervisor Wiatrowski seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Foltz, Vaughan, Phenix, Wiatrowski, Stroupe. Nay: None. Absent: Guzy.

The public hearing was advertised as follows:

Notice of Public Hearing
Board of Supervisors
County of Page, Virginia
An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55
(Festivals) of the Page County Code

Please take notice: That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Page, Virginia shall hold a public hearing on February 6, 2018, at 7 p.m., at ,103 South Court Street, Luray, VA, for the purpose of a public hearing on the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 55 (Festivals) of the Page County Code.

The full text of the proposed amendments to the Ordinances may be reviewed and inspected at the office of the County Administrator, 103 South Court Street, Suite F Luray, Virginia 22835.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing to express their views thereon.

The Notice is given pursuant to Section 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Mrs. Moler said the main goal is to define short term camping. If this definition is not added to the ordinance, short term camping will not be allowed at three events planned for this year, which means the County will lose that revenue. A \$50.00 fee has been added for the cost of the permit. Any event held would be considered a commercial event and it would require short term camping approval by the Health Department.

Public Comments on Festival Ordinance Amendments:

John Coleman expressed his concern for the Board not to restrict short term camping to the event area only. He felt people should be able to provide overflow camping sites as well. Mr. Coleman was concerned if the camping spots are filled at the event, the attendees may not come.

Motion: Supervisor Wiatrowski moved to close the public hearing on the Festival Ordinance Amendments. Supervisor Vaughan seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Vaughan, Phenix, Wiatrowski, Stroupe, Foltz. Nay: None. Absent: Guzy.

Mrs. Moler added that a business license will be required, so the collection of transient occupancy tax may be possible. She said staff is also looking into a possible license just for events. Mrs. Moler is working with the Commissioner of the Revenue on this matter and she will bring it to the Board for consideration at a later date.

After much discussion, Supervisor Vaughan indicated that he would like to see short term overflow camping, related to an event, included in the ordinance.

Motion: Supervisor Stroupe moved to table the proposed amendments to Chapter 55 Festival of the Code of Page County. Supervisor Foltz seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Phenix, Wiatrowski, Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan. Nay: None. Absent: Guzy.

VDOT Update:

Don Komara, VDOT Harrisonburg Residency Administrator, said the Route 340 safety improvements will begin the next couple of weeks with minor spot widening in certain places, as well as upgrades the guardrails and installing rumble strips. This project will be complete in mid-July 2018. The bridge on Route 602 will be out for bid on February 14, 2018, with the project starting in April and completed by November. The west bound side of White House Bridge on Route 211 will be going out for bid this fall. A kickoff meeting for the Main Street Bridge replacement project in Luray is scheduled for February 7th and it is a design-build concept. The Route 615 rural rustic project looks great and they have got a lot of good feedback on this project. It should be finished this spring. Peach Orchard Road is in the works. Trees are being cleared now and they hope to finish this project by this summer. Lastly, they are installing putting pipes, cutting brush, and working snow removal for their maintenance projects.

Supervisor Foltz mentioned the turning lane on Ball Park Road on the way to the Masonite plant needs to be widened for the tractor trailers to turn. He felt a bad accident would happen if it's not addressed. Mr. Komara said he would look at this.

Supervisor Vaughan said he has received complaints from farmers on Chaney Hollow. Since the guardrail has been installed, the farm equipment cannot pass because the width of the guardrail has restricted the width. He also mentioned that some citizens on the Island Ford Road do not want that road to be on the six-year plan. Mr. Komara said he would look at Chaney Hollow.

Resolution Request – Small & Rural Schools Coalition:

Donna Whitley-Smith, School Superintendent, asked the Board to support the schools by signing the Small & Rural Schools Coalition. The resolution will enhance a collective voice in legislative and other matters.

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RESOLUTION

Supporting the Creation of a Small and Rural Schools Coalition

WHEREAS, over 80 school divisions across the Commonwealth could be defined as Rural and/or Small; and

WHEREAS, Small Rural Localities and Stakeholders have determined that working collaboratively will enhance their collective voice in legislative and other matters; and

WHEREAS, Local Stakeholders include School Boards, Boards of Supervisors, City Councils, Industrial Development Authorities, Chambers of Commerce, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Small Rural Stakeholders believe that PK-12 public education is critical to the vitality of their region and to the Commonwealth as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Rural School Divisions have seen a decline in K-12 enrollment of over 5,000 students since 2009 which represents a 6% decline; and

WHEREAS, 18% of students in the Rural School Divisions live below the Federal Poverty Level; and

WHEREAS, 50% of students in Rural School Divisions are eligible for Free or Reduced Priced Lunch; and

WHEREAS, the State share for school operations has decreased by 4.7% in Rural School Divisions since 2009 while the Local share for operations has increased by 4.3%; and

WHEREAS, these Rural Localities have the ability to raise only \$19,469,500 by increasing property taxes by one penny (.01); and

WHEREAS, local poverty and tax revenues prevent Rural Localities from funding schools at the same level as affluent Localities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Page County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the creation of a Small and Rural School Division Coalition in order to better advocate for our students, teachers, staff and stakeholders.

Motion: Supervisor Foltz moved to support the Resolution to Support the Creation of a Small and Rural Schools Coalition. Supervisor Wiatrowski seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Wiatrowski, Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan, Phenix. Nay: None. Absent: Guzy.

Cash Flow Update:

Penny Gray, Treasurer, said as of date we have \$5,700,000 in the bank. The supplemental bills were mailed for October, November, and December. She said she has \$4 million invested in LGIP, which has gained about \$20,000 in interest over the past two months.

Mrs. Gray reminded the Board that the public service utilities can be billed twice a year. The Board was in consensus to bill the public service utilities twice a year. Mrs. Moler said the ordinance would have to be amended in order to do it.

EMS Needs & Call Statistics:

Woody Brown, Emergency Services Coordinator, gave a presentation to the Board on the Fire and EMS Department and EMS needs and call statistics. He reviewed the current staffing levels and responsibilities. The current staffing levels are: Shenandoah Rescue - 7 days a week, with 1 person from 6 am to 6 pm, added 2nd person Monday – Friday when available in February 2017, Training Coordinator utilized on Tuesday and Thursday, when available, request for additional staffing on weekends; Stanley Rescue - 7 days a week, 1 person from 6 am to 6 pm; Luray Rescue - 7 days a week, with 2 personnel, from 6 am to 6 pm. The Page County career staff has two personnel on duty from 6 pm – 6 am, covering three different response areas. The career staff strives to have five personnel on duty from 6 am to 6 pm, with a minimum of four covering three different response areas. He then outlined the apparatus and mileage for each volunteer rescue squad and County.

Next, Mr. Brown reviewed the current revenue recovery percentage split with 7% going to the billing company, 31% for the ambulance, 31% for the driver, and 31% for the attendant in charge. Each time a call is run a report is generated which is used for the break down for payment for each rescue unit. Some reports are incomplete or missing which is money left on the table. Mr. Brown broke down runs per month, by day of the week, time frame, and crews responding. He then broke down the revenue recovery by volunteer squads and County. After listing all the percentages of runs made and breakdowns of staff and cost, it showed that Page County rescue participated in some form for most calls. He pointed out that there was \$418,672.21 received in revenue recovery for 2017. Shenandoah received \$66,696.37 for 15% of the money; Stanley received \$78,554.60 for 18% of the money; Luray received \$85,139.13 for 20% of the money; and, Page County received \$188,282.11 for 44% of the money. The total calls for 2017 was 3,216 and he outlined how many times the County or each squad was involved in each call.

Supervisor Vaughan suggested Mr. Brown and his staff put together some true cost breakdowns for each unit. Supervisor Vaughan feels the percentage rates for revenue recovery needs to be revisited and changed. The County needs to do something to promote volunteers. He asked Mr. Brown to bring back some options, so the Board can start moving forward to correct this problem.

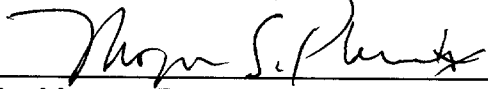
The Board was in consensus for Mr. Brown to come back with hard numbers for staffing, volunteers, vehicle maintenance, and a facility for the County EMS along with any suggestions and options for the Board to consider.

Supervisors Time:

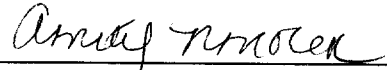
All Supervisors thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjourn: 9:24 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Phenix adjourned the meeting.



Dr. Morgan Phenix, Chairman



Amity Moler, County Administrator