

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES**MARCH 12, 2024**

At a Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Public Safety Building, 11282 Government Center Drive, Orange, Virginia. Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; Eduward M. Van Hoven; Crystal D. Hale; and J. Bryan Nicol. Absent: Keith F. Marshall, Vice Chairman. Also present: Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator; Andrew McRoberts, Interim County Attorney; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Nicol, seconded by Mr. Van Hoven, which carried by a vote of 4-0, with Mr. Marshall being absent, the Board adopted the agenda, as modified. Ayes: Johnson, Van Hoven, Hale, Nicol. Nays: None. Absent: Marshall.

RE: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

There were no Special Presentations and Appearances at this time.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Ms. Hale, seconded by Mr. Nicol, which carried by a vote of 4-0, with Mr. Marshall being absent, the Board adopted the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Ayes: Johnson, Van Hoven, Hale, Nicol. Nays: None. Absent: Marshall.

RE: FY24 BUDGET AMENDMENTS (SUPPLEMENTALS AND TRANSFERS)

As part of the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the following budget amendments, as presented:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUS BUDGET	BUDGET CHANGE	AMENDED BUDGET
30045006-35775	State - Airport Grant	\$ (255,199.00)	\$ (1,283.00)	\$ (256,482.00)
48170001-43370	Grounds Maintenance	105,309.00	1,283.00	106,592.00
30030003-33550	Donations - Police Academy	(3,500.00)	(500.00)	(4,000.00)
43120003-46800	Police Academy Expenses	12,899.00	500.00	13,399.00
30030002-33625	Donations - Triad	(9,667.00)	(500.00)	(10,167.00)
43177003-46800	Project Lifesaver Expenses	7,913.00	500.00	8,413.00
30030002-33625	Donations - Triad	(9,667.00)	(800.00)	(10,467.00)
43177002-46800	Guardian Pendant Expenses	8,513.00	800.00	9,313.00
30030009-33560	Donations - Comm. Projects	0.00	(500.00)	(500.00)
43120012-46800	Program Expenses	0.00	500.00	500.00
30045004-35975	FA - DCJS for Sheriff	(2,167.00)	(264.00)	(2,431.00)
43120006-46800	Forfeited Asset Expenses	46,585.00	264.00	46,849.00
30026501-32425	Friends of the Lib. Donations	(8,199.12)	(2,000.00)	(10,199.12)
47311001-46800	Library Prog. Expenses	5,895.00	850.00	6,745.00
47312001-46800	Library Prog. Expenses	5,395.00	850.00	6,245.00
47311001-46462	Books - Adult - Oth. Vendors	5,757.00	300.00	6,057.00
30052001-39900	Appropriated Fund Balance	(4,305,957.41)	(50,000.00)	(4,355,957.41)
41221501-43150	Professional Service - Legal	149,700.00	50,000.00	199,700.00

30052008-39900	Appropriated Fund Balance	(5,538,871.20)	(294,600.00)	(5,833,471.20)
49400013-48260	Vehicles & Equip. - Sheriff	462,123.49	294,600.00	756,723.49
TOTALS		\$ (9,323,138.24)	\$ 0.00	\$ (9,323,138.24)

RE: ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2024 WORKSESSION MINUTES

As part of the Consent Agenda, the Board adopted the February 27, 2024 Worksession minutes, as presented.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR EMS BILLING SERVICES

Amanda Amos, Contract and Procurement Specialist, stated that the County's current contract for EMS Billing Services was expiring on June 30, 2024, and the current vendor had decided to only work with larger localities going forward - those with at least 6,500 billable calls per year. She noted that since Orange County did not meet the required threshold, staff began contacting other localities to see which vendors were used and to determine if those services could meet the County's billing needs.

Ms. Amos explained that Rockingham County, Virginia had a Cooperative Contract with EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. (EMS-MC) for billing services. They were pleased with the billing and collection services provided. She added that Orange County was currently paying a rate of 5.9% for services, whereas EMS-MC offered a rate of 4.75% of net collected revenue, providing some cost savings.

Staff recommended awarding a contract to EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. for EMS Billing Services, noting that funding for said services was available in the Fire & EMS Levy Fund (Billing and Collections, 1275-43231011-43205).

On the motion of Mr. Nicol, seconded by Ms. Hale, which carried by a vote of 4-0, with Mr. Marshall being absent, the Board authorized staff to enter into a contract with EMS Management & Consultants Inc. for EMS Billing Services utilizing Cooperative Contract # 21-072821-01 with Rockingham County, as presented.

Ayes: Johnson, Van Hoven, Hale, Nicol. Nays: None. Absent: Marshall.

RE: SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST TO USE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING MEETING ROOM

Chairman Johnson indicated the Board had received a request from the School Board to use the Public Safety Building Meeting Room for some of its meetings and he felt it was appropriate to discuss and respond to the request as a Board.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: concerns from Sheriff Smith; concerns from Superintendent Hornick; the fact that not all School Board members agreed to the request; and the fact that multiple other meeting locations were available.

By consensus, the Board requested that the County Administrator draft a letter to the School Board conveying opposition to its request to use the Public Safety Building Meeting Room.

RE: SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION ON LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Similar to the previous agenda item, Chairman Johnson indicated the Board had received a request from the School Board to participate on a Legislative Committee.

The Board took the information under advisement, and there was no action taken.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

There were no matters for Old Business at this time.

RE: DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR / CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER REPORTS

There were no Department Director or Constitutional Officer Reports at this time.

RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The County Attorney had nothing to report on at this time.

RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The County Administrator had nothing to report on at this time.

RE: BOARD COMMENT

There was no Board Comment at this time.

RE: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board received the following correspondence for its information:

- Health Center Commission Meeting Minutes; January 26, 2024

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

By consensus, the Board appointed Frank DiPasquale as the District Five Representative on the Planning Commission for a four-year term, with said term commencing April 1, 2024, and expiring on March 31, 2028.

RE: CALENDAR

The Board received copies of its calendar of meetings for the months of March 2024, April 2024, and May 2024.

RE: SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR VACATION OF A SUBDIVISION PLAT

By consensus, the Board authorized staff to advertise for and schedule a public hearing for vacation of a subdivision plat on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, as presented.

RE: CANCEL THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUP 23-06 (ESA SOLAR)

By consensus, the Board cancelled the previously-scheduled public hearing for SUP 23-06, citing the applicant's withdrawal, as presented.

RE: CLOSED MEETING

At 5:20 p.m., Mr. McRoberts read the following motion authorizing Closed Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Supervisors desired to discuss in Closed Meeting the following matters:

- Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or

resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of the public body concerning discussion of candidates for County Attorney. - §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia

- Consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body concerning pending litigation on subdivision and zoning matters. - §2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia
- Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel concerning solar. - §2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia

WHEREAS, pursuant to §§2.2-3711 (A)(1), (A)(7), and (A)(8) of the Code of Virginia, such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange County Board of Supervisors hereby authorized discussion of the aforesated matters in Closed Meeting.

On the motion of Ms. Hale, seconded by Mr. Nicol, which carried by a vote of 4-0, with Mr. Marshall being absent, the Board adopted the resolution authorizing Closed Meeting, as presented. Ayes: Johnson, Van Hoven, Hale, Nicol. Nays: None. Absent: Marshall.

RE: CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

At 6:31 p.m., Ms. Simpson read the following resolution certifying Closed Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Supervisors has, this day, adjourned into Closed Meeting in accordance with a formal vote, and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information Act requires certification that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange County Board of Supervisors hereby certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification applied, and ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the said Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by it.

Ayes: Johnson, Van Hoven, Hale, Nicol. Nays: None. Absent: Marshall.

RE: RECESS TO DINNER WITH EXTENSION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Board recessed at 6:32 p.m. to travel to dinner with the Extension Leadership Council, located at 127 Belleview Avenue, Orange, Virginia.

RE: ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

R. Mark Johnson, Chairman

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator