

SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 14, 2004 12:00 NOON

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**12:00**

Call the meeting to order.

Invocation to be led by Rev. Eddie Beck of Cedar Bluff Baptist Church in Atkins.

Pledge of allegiance to be led by Mrs. Sandy Elswick, Registrar.

Request the Board adopt the agenda as to form.

Request the Board approve the minutes of  
November 10 and 18, 2004 meetings (pg. 7-26).

Request the Board adopt the following resolution and present to Mr. Tom Buchanan:

WHEREAS, Tom “Big Tom” Buchanan is a local farmer of Rich Valley, a citizen of Smyth County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buchanan has become well known locally and beyond as a result of his appearance on the CBS show Survivor: Africa and Survivor: All-Stars, and

WHEREAS, on both series of the Survivor show Mr. Buchanan and 15 other contestants set out to survive everyday life in the wilderness, competing for \$1 million, and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Buchanan was a success at both shows lasting until the final days until voted off by fellow contestants, he was also one of four chosen by the viewing audience as a favorite on the All-Star series and,

WHEREAS, with Mr. Buchanan’s success from appearing in two (2) Survivor series, he has been able to help local charities with appearances and has become involved in local charities and elementary schools throughout the county promoting reading literacy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Smyth County Board of Supervisors recognizes Mr. Buchanan and his service to the local community. The Board appreciates and thanks Mr. Buchanan for the contributions he has made to Smyth County.

CITIZENS TIME

# Appropriations

General County  
\$1,100,000.00

Allison Gap Sewer Project  
\$826,280.02

Green Hill/Shuler Hollow Sewer Project  
\$1,229.82

Groseclose Water Project  
\$5,435.70

Animal Damage (expenses)  
\$124.99

Department of Social Services (December 15-31, 2004)  
\$320,000.00 (January 1-11, 2005)  
\$35,000.00

Schools	Operating Fund
\$3,400,000.00	
	Textbook Fund
	\$1,000.00
\$50,000.00	Capital Outlay Fund

Request the Board approve the accounts payable listing in the amount of

\$1,389,508.77

1:00 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

## New Business

1. Request the Board approve the following tax refund requests:
  - 1) Refund Honda Lease Trust \$103.27 for taxes paid to Smyth County on a Honda that was in Washington County on 1/1/2004. Taxes were paid in both counties (pg. 27-31).

- 2) Refund Mr. Willard Ray Powers and Mrs. Stella Kate Powers in the amount of \$41.01 for taxes paid on personal property (pg. 32-38)
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2. Request the Board renew the agreement with the Department of Corrections for rental space in the old school board building (Mike Carter, pg. 39-41).
  
  3. Discuss the Insurance Committee's recommendation to the Board (Harold Slemm, pg. 42).
  
  4. The following appointments will expire December 31, 2004:
    - Smyth County Board of Building Code Appeals (pg. 43)
  
    - Smyth County Board of Zoning Appeals (pg. 44)
  
    - District Three Governmental Cooperative  
Marvin Perry  
Todd Dishner
  
    - Virginia aCorridor, Mount Rogers Partnership  
Marvin Perry
  
    - Community Policy Management Team  
Marvin Perry

- Smyth-Bland Regional Library

J. Patton Graham

2:00 Tracy Mitchell from the Town of Saltville will explain the consideration of Rails to Trails Project in Saltville (pg. 45-46).

2:15 Scott Booth requests authorization for Mount Rogers Planning District Commission to apply for a Housing Rehabilitation Demonstration Grant

(pg. 47-50).

2:30 Project update, Scott Simpson.

Request the Board authorize a public hearing for the next regular scheduled Board meeting on January 11, 2005 at 3:00 p.m., for the issuance of general obligation bonds on Cedars/Hall Addition Sewer Project.

Request authorization for the Water and Sewer Attorney to begin condemnation proceedings on five (5) properties in Cedars/Hall Addition.

2:45 Request the Board approve a grant application to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for \$119,366.00 (Charlie Harrington and Harold Slem, pg. 51-60).

3:00 Public hearing to consider a text amendment to the ordinance concerning accessory buildings.

3:30 Mr. Tom Taylor, Executive Director of Mount Rogers Planning District Commission will address the Board on the Hazard Mitigation Plan process (pg. 61-64).

## Old Business

1. Matter of collection of delinquent taxes (Mr. Whitmore has contacted the attorneys 8-10-04).
  
2. Request from Nebo Community Center Board to become owners of the old Nebo School either by lease or donation (Building and Grounds Committee).
  
3. Ken Heath's request concerning establishment of local tax abatement ordinance.
  
4. East County Spring Source Study (8-1-03).
  
5. Green Hill/Shuler Hollow Sewer Project complaints (Water/Sewer Committee):
  - Bob Mason's request concerning road repairs on a privately owned road (10-1-03).
  - Roger Blevins of Needmore Road, needs road repaired back to the way it was before the project.

- Stephen Lewis of Green Hill Circle – damage to home due to blasting.
  - Rhonda Taylor of Green Hill Circle – damage to home due to blasting.
  - Bruce Blevins of Shuler Hollow Road – road needs repairing and bushes have been removed. The Water and Sewer Committee has also requested that the Board review an estimate for a culvert on Mr. Blevins property.
  - J.B. Haga of Shuler Hollow Road – repairs are needed on the property.
6. Draft revisions for Zoning Ordinance referred back to Planning Commission for study and recommendation (2-1-04).
7. Request concerning 911 contracts with the towns (911 Committee, 2-1-04).
8. Marevine Slemp, request for water service on Fox Valley Road (5-11-04).
9. The Water and Sewer Committee has requested the full Board review and discuss the estimate for the culvert on Shannon Gap Road.

10. Request the Board approve a written request to VDOT requesting "Children at Play" signs to be installed on Sunset Drive in Chilhowie. The cost of the signs will be charged to the County's secondary roads budget. This request comes from a citizen that lives on the street where traffic is heavy (11-10-04).

11. The Building and Grounds Committee recommends that up to \$200,000.00 be

spent on remodeling the outside of the old school board building.

12. Approval of the Smyth County Emergency Operations Plan (11-10-04).

13. Attorney fees on the County warrants. As of December 31, 2004 the State will no longer pay appointed attorney fees for local warrants (11-10-04).

14. Request for tax exempt status for the Smyth County Community Foundation.

15. Courthouse Renovation.

Request the Board enter into executive session to discuss disposition and possible acquisition of real estate, prospective business or industry, and legal briefing, as outlined in section 2.2-3711 (A) (3), (5), and (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

- Mr. Whitmore will brief the Board on the Governor's new Virginia Works Program.

Request the Board continue the meeting for a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on Thursday, December 16, 2004 at 7:00PM.