

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

October 12, 2006

A meeting of the Campbell County Board of Supervisors was held at 5:00 p.m. on this 12th day of October 2006 at Spring House Restaurant, Lynchburg, Virginia. This was announced as a joint meeting with Lynchburg City Council. The members present were:

Eddie Gunter, Jr., Chairman, Presiding
Rick Boyer
Charles W. Falwell
Hugh T. Pendleton, Jr.

Concord Election District
Sunburst Election District
Timberlake Election District
Rustburg Election District

R. David Laurrell, County Administrator
Catherine H. Moore, Clerk

Absent from the meeting were:

J. D. Puckett
Calvin P. Carter
Hugh W. Rosser

Brookneal Election District
Altavista Election District
Seneca Election District

Present from the City of Lynchburg were:

Joan F. Foster, Mayor
Bert Dodson, Jr., Vice-Mayor
T. Scott Garrett
Michael A. Gillette
Jeff S. Helgeson
Ceasor T. Johnson
Joseph M. Seiffert

Kimball Payne, City Manager
Walter Erwin, City Attorney
Patricia W. Kost, Clerk

Chairman Gunter opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and introduced the Board members and staff present from Campbell County. Mayor Foster introduced the Lynchburg City Council members and staff present.

There were a number of topics discussed at the meeting.

Regional Airport Authority

Campbell County and the City of Lynchburg have been working to create a regional airport authority to own and operate the airport and the airport commerce park. Pending before the General Assembly was legislation that would enable the creation of a regional airport authority. If this is successful, preparation of a contract would be initiated next spring. The two localities have also discussed establishing a joint taxing district to better utilize its resources for future development of the commerce park. Amherst County, Appomattox County and Bedford

County were included in the legislation and would be included in the discussions. Support from the adjacent localities would be helpful to attract more air carriers, receive approval for federal funding and expand the importance of the airport in the region.

Regional Water Resources

The City of Lynchburg currently sells water to Amherst County, Bedford County and Campbell County, and those contracts were recently renewed. Two years ago the state requested regions to look at water supply planning in reaction to the then drought conditions. The state would be looking at withdraw permits and encouraging regionalism of water resources. The completed water study would be presented to the councils and boards beginning in November 2006. The next phase of the study would cost close to \$400,000 from regional resources, about \$80,000 from the City of Lynchburg and \$65,000 from Campbell County, and would look at joint public and private water supply development trends and water availability. Water quality would also be looked at and recommendations would be made as to best long term approach to providing water to the region as a whole. Each locality currently has separate water resources. If we do not take a regional approach, there was a possibility the state may limit withdraw permits and direct water resources to areas with higher usage.

The need for a regional wastewater study was also mentioned.

Blue Ridge Regional Jail

Amherst County and Appomattox County were planning to request that they be allowed to join the regional jail. More information would be coming to the Councils and Boards on that request.

Other Projects or Issues of Importance

Councilman Garrett asked if any thought had been given to collective purchasing to reduce costs and areas in the EMS program that could be shared on a regional basis, such as billing or training. There have not been any discussions about purchasing on a regional basis, but it would probably be more effective if the Schools were included. The Schools have not expressed any interest in participating. As far as the EMS program, Campbell County did not participate in the regional radio system several years ago because we did not have central dispatch in the County at that time. Campbell County has made a lot of progress since then, but we were probably not ready to make the step to joint facilities. There were still a lot of issues with volunteers, and Campbell County was just starting with paid EMS staff. Because of several regional training exercises, both localities felt we would be okay in case of a disaster. However, with the construction of a number of housing units for Liberty University students, there was a need of aerial apparatus in the area.

Councilman Garrett left at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Foster suggested tourism be discussed the next time the City and County meet. It would be beneficial for both localities to combine its resources to attract people to the area.

There was some concern expressed that the state was looking to place more responsibilities for roads on localities.

Adjournment

Chairman Gunter and Mayor Foster thanked everyone for taking the time to attend this meeting. The County and City have a history of cooperation that was a benefit to the two localities.

Following dinner, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

EDDIE GUNTER, JR., CHAIRMAN

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