BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES **JULY 24, 2007**

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Gordon Building, 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia. Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; Clement L. Dodson, Vice-Chairman; Thomas E. Graves; Teri L. Pace; and Richard D. Wallace. Also present: William C. Rolfe, County Administrator; and Donna D. Curry, Chief Deputy Clerk. Absent: Todd G. Patrick, County Attorney.

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Dodson moved, seconded by Mr. Wallace and carried, to approve the consent agenda as revised. Ayes: Johnson, Graves, Dodson, Pace, Wallace. Nays: None.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Wallace moved, seconded by Mr. Graves and carried, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

RE: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Board approved the following supplemental appropriations:

- $1,112.04 from Fundraiser Youth Commission (3-100-18990-0323) to Youth Commission, Supplies – Funded by Fundraisers (100-53700-6010);
- $250.00 from Donations, Youth Commission (3-100-18990-0316) to Youth Commission, School Supplies (100-53700-6011);
- $150.00 from VJCCA – Local Miscellaneous (3-100-18990-0328) to VA Juvenile Crime Control Act, Anger Management (100-53600-5654).

RE: MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the June 12, 2007 Regular Meeting as presented.

RE: APPROPRIATION OF VIRGINIA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS (VTSF) GRANT

The Board approved the appropriation of $643 in State Virginia Tobacco Settlement Fund grant revenues into budget line item 53740-5540 (Travel/Training) and $23,652 of grant revenues into budget line item 53740-6099 (LifeSkills Training Materials). Grant revenues will be deposited in line item 3-100-24040-1486.

RE: APPROPRIATION OF LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA GRANT

The Board authorized staff to recognize grant revenue (3-100-24040-1310) and appropriate (4-100-21600-8107) $14,341 for the grant from the Library of Virginia. It is further requested that the appropriation be carried forward to fiscal year 2008.

Ayes: Johnson, Graves, Dodson, Pace, Wallace. Nays: None.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Johnson opened the floor for public comment. There being none, public comment was closed.

RE: BOARD COMMENT

There were no comments made by Board members at this time.

RE: ACTION ITEMS

RE: RESOLUTION FOR DISASTER RELIEF FOR DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Steve Hopkins, Orange County Extension Agent, introduced Ashley Elgin, the new 4H Program Youth Coordinator and thanked the Board for funding the position.

Mr. Hopkins reported that the County is experiencing severe drought conditions which began in the spring with a late freeze which damaged fruit and grape crops. He indicated that farmers are looking at corn crop losses of 65 – 70% and the hay crop is less than 50% of what is normally harvested; thus making winter feed supplies a big concern. Mr. Hopkins concluded by requesting the Board's support of a resolution requesting the Governor to designate Orange County to be among localities to be officially declared for disaster relief due to the severe drought conditions.

Mr. Rolfe asked what assistance will be provided to farmers with the adoption of the proposed resolution. Mr. Hopkins stated that farmers would be guaranteed low interest loans and hopefully some type of feed assistance legislation at the congressional level. Without the approval of the resolution, farmers won't receive anything.

Mr. Wallace moved, seconded by Mrs. Pace and carried, to approve the following resolution as presented and to forward to the Governor as well as state and federal delegates:

DISASTER RELIEF FOR DROUGHT CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the drought conditions, late spring freeze, and excessive heat existing during the spring and early summer of 2007 has adversely affected the agricultural economy of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, because agricultural producers in Orange County have had pasture, hay, corn yields, and soybean yields reduced to date by 50 percent to 75 percent because of the drought, late spring freeze, and excessive heat this year; and

WHEREAS, because of the late freeze in Orange County, the grape and fruit crops have been adversely affected, and

WHEREAS, because of said drought conditions, Orange County is eligible to receive disaster relief to help alleviate any undue hardship upon the agricultural economy of Orange County, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange County Board of Supervisors does hereby formally request the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to designate Orange County to be among other counties in the Commonwealth of Virginia to be officially declared for disaster relief due to severe drought conditions.

Ayes: Johnson, Graves, Dodson, Pace, Wallace. Nays: None.

RE: IFB #08 – FIRE/RESCUE PORTABLE RADIO AND PAGING EQUIPMENT

Mason Vines, E911 Center Manager, stated that an invitation for Bid (IFB #08) was advertised for Portable Radio and Paging Equipment for the replacement of 95 pagers and 17 portable radios. Only one proposal was received from Clear Communications and Electronics, Inc., in Charlottesville.

Discussion ensued including: the last time pagers and portable radios were replaced; the number of devices needed; the agencies who currently use the devices; and the life expectancy of the devices.

Mr. Wallace moved, seconded by Mr. Dodson and carried, to award IFB #08 to Clear Communications and Electronics, Inc., in the amount of $45,350.25 for the replacement of 95 pagers and 17 portable radios from line item #94520-1067 to be utilized by the fire/rescue community. Ayes: Johnson, Graves, Dodson, Pace, Wallace. Nays: None.

RE: SALE OF THE 1996 LANDFILL CATERPILLAR 816F COMPACTOR

Ted Coberly, Assistant County Administrator, stated that the award of a contract for landfill operations on May 22, 2007 had two options available for bidders. Under one option, the contractor would provide a compactor and be fully responsible for its maintenance and support. If the compactor became inoperable, the contractor would be responsible for finding a replacement. Under the second option, the County would provide the compactor and be fully responsible for its maintenance and availability. Mr. Coberly stated that the successful bidder, R. M. Soderquist, had the County's compactor evaluated by Carter Machinery which determined that in order to provide reliable performance over a four year period (expected remaining life of the landfill) the compactor would require a $63,000 overhaul. After the overhaul, the compactor would still require regular service and preventive maintenance. He noted that over the past two years, the County has spent an average of $25,000 per year to repair and maintain the compactor. The cost for the first six months of the current calendar year is nearly $27,000. Mr. Coberly stated that the difference in Soderquist's price between the "with compactor" option and the "without compactor" option over a fourteen month period was $184,000. Carter Machinery has estimated the current compactor value between $55,000 and $70,000. He explained that, while it is difficult to establish a precise value for the compactor, staff believes that the estimate provided by Carter is reasonable, assuming the need for $63,000 of work to turn it into a reliable machine. The annualized cost for Soderquist to provide the compactor is $46,000 per year over four years. This equates to an annualized cost to the County over four years at $45,750 per year. Assuming the overhaul cuts repair costs in half, the annualized cost to the County would be reduced to $35,750. Mr. Coberly reported that Mr. Soderquist has offered the County $55,000 for the compactor. Should the County accept the offer, the net cost to the County over the four year period of the Soderquist contract using the "with compactor" option is $32,250 per year. While this is less than the "without compactor" option, the County would realize no value for the compactor when the landfill is closed. Mr. Coberly concluded by saying that, after considering all options, staff recommends that the compactor be sold to R. M. Soderquist at the price of $55,000.

He indicated that many options were discussed and after careful consideration, staff recommended that the County sell the compactor to Soderquist at the price of $55,000. It is unlikely that the County would receive more money than this on the open market now or later when the landfill closes. Further, if the County opts for the option to provide the compactor for Soderquist's use under the lower contract price, we retain the responsibility to provide an operational compacting machine; a task we have performed with little success over the past years. The difficulty of this task will be compounded by the fact that the machine will be operated by personnel whom we do not supervise. All-in-all, we believe the County's best interests are served by continuing the current plan to execute the "with compactor" option on the contract and sell our compactor to Soderquist for $55,000.

Mr. Wallace moved, seconded by Mr. Dodson and carried, to authorize the County Administrator to sell the County's 1996 816F Caterpillar compactor for $55,000 as an amendment to our Landfill operations contract with Soderquist. Ayes: Johnson, Graves, Dodson, Pace, Wallace. Nays: None.

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Mr. Graves nominated Diane Anderton to serve as the District Two representative on the Social Services Board for a four year term, with said term expiring June 30, 2011.

Mr. Wallace nominated Mansour Azimipour for reappointment as the District Five representative on the Youth Commission for a four year term, with said term expiring September 30, 2011.

Mr. Johnson nominated Barry Pendleton for reappointment as the District One representative on the Youth Commission for a four year term, with said term expiring September 30, 2011.

Mr. Johnson nominated Corey Redifer for appointment as the District One representative on the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jason Capelle, with said term expiring April 30, 2010.

Ayes: Johnson, Graves, Dodson, Pace, Wallace. Nays: None.

RE: CALENDAR

The Board received copies of its July, August and September 2007 calendar.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Mr. Dodson seconded the motion. Ayes: Johnson, Graves, Dodson, Pace, Wallace. Nays: None.

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R. Mark Johnson, Chairman

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William C. Rolfe, County Administrator