

 The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Thursday, April 25th, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The location of the meeting was held in the First Floor Board Room of the County Office Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, Virginia.

PRESENT: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins; Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris; Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener; Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call; North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings; Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff (electronically).

ABSENT: Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

STAFF: County Administrator, Shawn Utt; Assistant County Administrator- Development Clegg Williams; County Attorney Scot Farthing; Executive Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk Auna Louthian.

OTHERS: Smyth County News and Messenger, Sheriff's Office, and Citizens

4/25/2024 5:04 PM Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins called the meeting to order.

4/25/2024 5:05 PM County Administrator, Shawn Utt lead the pledge of allegiance.

4/25/2024 5:01 PM Executive Assistant, Auna Louthian led the invocation.

4/25/2024 5:04 PM Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins entertained a motion to allow Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff to join the Board of Supervisors meeting electronically.

- A motion was made by Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener to allow Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff to join the meeting electronically. Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chair Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, and
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill and

Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff.

4/25/2024 5:05 PM Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins entertained a motion to add two items to the agenda: Certificate of Refunding of Local School Bond and Fiscal Agent Memorandum for Recovery Court.

- A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call to add items to the agenda as presented. Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chair Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris,
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, and
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

4/25/2024 5:21 PM Minutes from the March 14th, 2024 meeting.

- A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call to approve the meeting minutes of the April 11th, 2024 meeting. Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chair Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris,
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, and
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

4/25/2024 5:06 PM Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins opened Citizens Time.

Mark Chainey with the American Legion provided updates and thanked the Board for their continued support.

Dr. Casey Guthrie of 142 Rabbit Hill Lane, Sugar Grove invited everyone in attendance to the

grand opening of Guthrie Psychiatry on May 9th at 12pm.

4/25/2024 5:25 PM Mr. Utt read the minutes from the April 18th, 2024 Budget Committee meeting and presented the following recommendations:

- *Chilhowie District Supervisor Micheal Sturgill made a motion to recommend approving the National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation agreement with BuyBoard pending County Attorney review and approval. Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Committee.*

After consideration, the Committee recommendation PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: *Chair Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris,
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, and
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings.*

NAYS: *None.*

ABSTAINERS: *None.*

ABSENT: *Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.*

- *Chilhowie District Supervisor Micheal Sturgill made a motion to recommend approving a Resolution Opposing a Requested Rate Increase by AEP following the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors template to be sent to state legislators and the SCC. Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Committee.*

After consideration, the Committee recommendation PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: *Chair Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris,
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, and
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings.*

NAYS: *None.*

ABSTAINERS: *None.*

ABSENT: *Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.*

4/25/2024 5:13 PM Mr. Utt discussed the certificate of refunding of the local school bond that required signature prior to the Board meeting and is requesting ratification.

- *A motion was made by Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener to ratify the Certificate of Refunding of Local School Bond. Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.*

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris,
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, and
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

4/25/2024 5:15 PM Mr. Utt shared the renewal of the Fiscal Agent Memorandum of Understanding Between Smyth County and Smyth County Recovery Court for grant application purposes. Mr. Utt shared this mirrors the previous MOU with a new ending date of September 30, 2028.

- *A motion was made by Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener to approve the Fiscal Agent Memorandum of Understanding between Smyth County and Smyth County Recovery Court and allow County Administrator to execute all necessary documents related to the grant funding. North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.*

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris,
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, and
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

4/25/2024 5:17 PM Mr. Utt discussed the bid received from SIMCON for the Dispatch Center and Magistrate office relocation. Mr. Utt noted that although it was the only bid received, he along with the architects were comfortable with it and recommended proceeding further.

- *A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call to approve the SIMCON bid of \$1,145,532 for the Dispatch Center and Magistrate office relocation project, the notice to proceed with a 150 day construction period and authorization of the County Administrator to execute all necessary documents related to the project. Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.*

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris,
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, and
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

4/25/2024 5:21 PM County Attorney Report:

County Attorney Scot Farthing stated he had nothing new to report at this time.

4/25/2024 5:21 PM County Administrator Report:

Mr. Utt shared he had nothing to share at this time.

4/25/2024 5:39 PM Supervisor Comment Time

- Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to re-appoint Margaret Linford to the Smyth County Library Board with a four-year term set to expire June 30th, 2028. Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris,
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, and
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

4/25/2024 5:23 PM With no further business to discuss, Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins adjourned the meeting.