

Board Meeting
March 7, 2007

(All votes were unanimous, unless indicated otherwise.)

- Five Supervisors in attendance - Supervisors Joe Horton and Buck Kinkead were absent.
- Chairman Redwine presented a plaque of appreciation to County Administrator John Strutner for his 8 years of dedicated service to the County and its citizens. Strutner is leaving office on March 23 to become the County Administrator in Alleghany County, Virginia.
- Approved the Resolution to adopt the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan (2007/08 through 2012/13) and the Construction Priority List for 2007/08.
- Approved three (3) road projects to be reviewed for consideration under the Rural Addition Program and appointed the Road Viewers to conduct that review. The Road Viewers Report will be presented at the April 4, 2007 meeting. The Rural Addition Program is used to take private roads or streets taken into the State Road System for maintenance by VDOT. The three roads are located in Election Districts 4, 5, and 6.
- Received a report on the Delinquent Tax Collection Program from John Rife of the Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson law firm. Mr. Rife reported that in the past nine months he has collected 62% (\$141,668) of the total delinquent real property tax accounts (\$226,711) that were referred to him by the County for collection.
- Adopted a Resolution authorizing the preparation of an application for \$1,000,000 in Virginia Community Development Block Grant funds for the Yuma Sewer Project. The project would provide sanitary sewer service to 290 households. The total project cost is estimated to be \$7.38-million which means that should this VCDBG application be approved for funding, the balance will have to come from loan and grant packages from several other funding agencies, including the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and LENOWISCO Planning District Commission. Those applications are being developed.
- Appointed Roger Burke of Nickelsville to serve a three year term on the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council
- Directed that the open positions for a three-year term representing District 6 on the Recreation Advisory Board, and a parent representative on the Comprehensive Policy Management Team be re-advertised due to the lack of any applications being received for either vacancy.
- Designated Supervisor Paul Fields to represent Scott County at the Virginia Association of Counties Courthouse Meeting for this region to be held in Abingdon on April 16.

- Adopted a Proclamation declaring March 13, 2007 as "Tornado Preparedness Day".
- Heard a report from Jack Hinshelwood of Olver, Inc., the County's consulting engineer for its landfill and solid waste disposal operations. Hinshelwood briefed the Board on the upcoming closure of the County's landfill, the design and construction of the new solid waste transfer station, and the new system of solid waste collection centers the County is establishing to replace the "greenboxes".
- Adopted resolutions supporting the Higher Education and Lifelong Learning Center being proposed in Kingsport, and Upper Tennessee River Roundtable's application for regional affiliation through Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and the efforts of Keep Southwest Virginia Beautiful.
- The Board of Supervisors approved establishing a Scott County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) that would operate under the guidance and direction of the Scott County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). CERT fills the gap between volunteer fire and rescue organizations and other agencies such as the Red Cross. The members of CERT are trained to serve as shelter managers, helping elderly persons clean up after disasters, helping to distribute food and ice, etc. The Board also approved designating Pat Johnson of the Clinch Valley Baptist Association as coordinator for this newly formed CERT. Johnson is already a certified instructor for the CERT Program.
- The Board requested that it be briefed on the recently completed Hotel Feasibility Study at its April meeting by the consultants from Virginia Tech who completed the study. The study was recently presented to the Scott County Economic Development Authority.
- Received a report on PSA activities from the Public Service Authority's Director, Dan Danko.
- Entered into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters (County Administrator and County Attorney), and disposition of public property, i.e. the Duffield Community Center.
- Decided that Supervisor Horton join Kathie Noe in attending a mandatory Fair Housing Workshop in Abingdon.
- Voted to designate Assistant County Administrator Kathie Noe as Acting County Administrator effective at 5 p.m. on March 23 and continuing until the County Administrator position is filled.