

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

August 2, 2016

The regular meeting of the Campbell County Board of Supervisors was held on the 2nd day of August 2016 in the Board of Supervisors meeting room of the Walter J. Haberer Building, Rustburg, Virginia. The members present were:

Eric R. Zehr, Chairman, Presiding	Rustburg Election District
James A. Borland	Spring Hill Election District
Stanley I. Goldsmith	Altavista Election District
Bob Good	Sunburst Election District
Eddie Gunter, Jr.	Concord Election District
J. D. Puckett	Brookneal Election District
Mike P. Rousseau	Timberlake Election District

Also present were:

Frank J. Rogers, County Administrator
Clifton M. Tweedy, Deputy County Administrator
David W. Shreve, County Attorney
Kristin B. Wright, Staff Attorney

Chairman Zehr called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Supervisor Puckett led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

// APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Supervisor Gunter, it was resolved the Board of Supervisors dispenses with the reading and approves the minutes of the July 5, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

The vote was: Aye: Borland, Goldsmith, Good, Gunter, Puckett, Rousseau, Zehr
Nay: None
Absent: None

// RECOGNITION – RUSTBURG HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

Mary Pascale, Director of Recreation, presented a resolution for the Board's adoption to congratulate the Rustburg High School Baseball Team on winning the Virginia State Group 3A, State Championship title on June 11, 2016. This was the schools' first state championship title in baseball. Ms. Pascale recognized the three coaches in attendance at the meeting: Michael Nagy, Chris Carr and David Brown.

On motion of Supervisor Gunter, it was resolved the Board of Supervisors adopts the following resolution:

***WHEREAS**, the Rustburg High School Baseball Team qualified for the Conference 30 Baseball Tournament with a 14 - 4 regular season record;*

***WHEREAS**, the Rustburg High School Baseball Team's victories over Heritage High School by a score of 3-2 and Tunstall High School by a score of 4-3 earned them the Conference 30 Title and a berth into the Region 3A Virginia High School League Baseball Tournament;*

***WHEREAS**, the Rustburg High School Baseball Team's victory over Staunton River High School on June 3, 2016 at Fluvanna High School by a score of 4 –3 earned the team a berth into the Virginia High School League 3A State Championship held at Liberty University on June 10 -11, 2016;*

***WHEREAS**, the Rustburg High School Baseball Team's 6 – 3 victory over Poquoson High School in the semifinal game gave the team a clear path to the Championship game held on June 11, 2016;*

***WHEREAS**, the Rustburg High School Baseball Team was victorious over William Monroe High School by a score of 3 – 2 in the final game of the Virginia High School League Group 3A Baseball Championship;*

***WHEREAS**, the Rustburg High School Baseball Team completed the 2016 season as Group 3A Virginia High School League State Champions as well as securing the school's first State Championship title in Baseball.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Campbell County Board of Supervisors commends the players, students, coaching staff, teachers and staff of Rustburg High School for these great accomplishments.*

The vote was: Aye: Borland, Goldsmith, Good, Gunter, Puckett, Rousseau, Zehr
Nay: None
Absent: None

// INCENTIVES – STANDARD INSURANCE

Mike Davidson, Director of Economic Development, presented a supplemental appropriation for local incentive funding to Standard Insurance, a call center to locate in the Town of Altavista. Standard Insurance has committed to \$1.5 million in capital investments and creating 235 new jobs within four years paying an average starting salary of \$38,000 or \$18.00 per hour. Under the County's industrial incentive policy, Standard was eligible for \$51,225 in industrial incentives. The Board of Supervisors approved the incentives by consensus in closed session on June 7, 2016.

In answer to questions by the Board, the funds would come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, and the return on investment to the County was 3.8 years which was slightly over the County's policy due to the high new job creation numbers. Standard would receive additional grants from the Town of Altavista, The Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund, the Virginia Jobs

Investment Program and the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. For this area, the starting salary was higher than the average industrial beginning wage of \$12.00 per hour.

On motion of Supervisor Goldsmith, it was resolved the Board of Supervisors approves in open session industrial incentives for Standard Insurance in the amount of \$51,225; approves a request for supplemental appropriation in the General Fund, Economic Development, appropriating \$51,225 to Incentives Standard Insurance; and lowers the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance by \$51,225; and authorizes the County Administrator to sign all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

Supervisor Rousseau indicated his personal business served the insurance industry; he would abstain from voting on the motion to avoid the appearance of any impropriety.

The vote was: Aye: Borland, Goldsmith, Good, Gunter, Puckett, Zehr
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Rousseau

// HIGHWAY MATTERS

Clifton M. Tweedy, Deputy County Administrator, presented several highway matters for Board discussion and consideration. Don Austin, Residency Engineer, was also present.

Special Assessment – Mt. Visa Drive

As discussed at the July 5, 2016 meeting, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the application for revenue sharing funds for Mt. Vista Drive in the amount of \$87,557, which represented 50 percent of the costs to bring the road up to state standards. This was subject to the County paying the remaining 50 percent of the cost of \$87,556 and receiving reimbursement through a special assessment on the 19 property owners. This would equate to approximately \$4,600 per property owner.

Administrator Rogers discussed with the property owners the possible scenarios for the special assessment. The property owners requested a 10-year payback timeframe, but indicated at least seven (7) owners would pay the entire amount up front and another five (5) owners would pay the entire amount within five (5) years. Staff requested the Board determine the payback timeframe which would be relayed to the property owners. The property owners would be asked to recirculate a petition with the definitive terms of the special assessment. If 75 percent of the property owners agreed with the terms, a public hearing would be advertised to consider an ordinance for the special assessment.

There was a lengthy discussion by the Board concerning the repayment terms, the increased assessment of the properties once the road was improved, the need for a policy to guide future requests, and the allowable interest rate. Administrator Rogers estimated the increased real estate property taxes generated on the properties on Mt. Vista Drive at \$1,100 per

year, and an interest rate of approximately one (1%) percent would be allowed on the special assessment.

It was the consensus of the Board to have the shortest timeframe as possible because these monies would be appropriated from the Unassigned General Fund. The County would essentially be establishing a revolving loan fund; therefore a shorter timeframe would allow more property owners to be assisted with their road projects. A majority of the Board agreed with a five-year timeframe for the Mt. Vista project, but would prefer a two to five year timeframe for future projects with a suggested cap of \$200,000 to fund future projects. Administrator Rogers indicated a two-year timeframe may work well with new VDOT policies where revenue sharing applications would be considered every two years versus every year.

Supervisor Gunter offered the following motion:

On motion of Supervisor Gunter, it was resolved the Board of Supervisors approves a timeframe for the Mt. Vista Drive special assessment of up to five (5) years contingent upon a 75% participation rate; and authorizes staff to advertise a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance to enact a special assessment with the purpose of funding the local share of the Mt. Vista Revenue Sharing road project.

Supervisor Good offered a substitute motion to specify a five year payback timeframe to include interest and to authorize staff to develop policy guidelines for future projects specifying a two to five year payback timeframe.

On substitute motion of Supervisor Good, it was resolved the Board of Supervisors approves a timeframe for the Mt. Vista Drive special assessment of five (5) years contingent upon a 75% participation rate; authorizes staff to advertise a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance to enact a special assessment with the purpose of funding the local share of the Mt. Vista Revenue Sharing road project; and authorizes staff to develop policy guidelines for future road projects specifying a two to five year payback timeframe for special assessments.

The vote was: Aye: Borland, Goldsmith, Good, Gunter, Puckett, Zehr
Nay: Rousseau
Absent: None

The substitute motion passed; no vote was taken on the original motion.

Concord Roundabout – Additional curb and gutter

Mr. Austin indicated VDOT was planning to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Route 24 and Route 646 near the Concord Elementary School. The project would include a sidewalk with curb and gutter along the south side of Route 24, extending the existing sidewalk across the front of Concord Elementary School to Route 646. Mr. Austin presented a resolution for the Board's consideration to extend the curb and gutter along the north side so there would not be an 880 foot gap between the roundabout and the existing curb and gutter in front of Calvary Baptist Church for reasons of safety and aesthetics.

In order to submit the project for approval, a source of funding must be identified for the approximate cost of \$200,000. Mr. Austin suggested secondary funds from the Lynbrook Road project be identified for this project which would not be advertised for construction until the fall of 2017. The transfer of the funds should not impact the approval of HB2 funding for Lynbrook Road, and there was the possibility that other funds may come available before the commencement of the curb and gutter project.

There was a lengthy discussion on the various funding sources, and whether or not the transfer from the Lynbrook Road project would impact the project. Several Board members commented on the wisdom of approving a curb and gutter project over safety improvements on Lynbrook Road or other roads. Mr. Austin explained the Commonwealth Transportation Board should decide in the spring of 2017 if Lynbrook Road would receive HB2 funding. There were approximately \$2 million of State money allocated to Lynbrook Road, and \$9 million was needed for the total project. If Lynbrook was not approved, the project would not go forward and those funds allocated to Lynbrook Road would be reallocated to other projects across the State.

The Board was in general agreement to move the curb and gutter project forward to have a project that was not only aesthetically pleasing, but would also improve the safety and function of the roundabout. The Board indicated their preference would be to find other sources of funding rather than using funds from the Lynbrook Road project. Should the Lynbrook project not be approved, it would be ideal to use some of those funds for the curb and gutter project. There were no other safety projects identified in the County. Supervisor Gunter offered the following motion:

On motion of Supervisor Gunter, it was resolved the Board of Supervisors adopts the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-364 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, provides for the use of regular Secondary allocations on a Primary System Project,

WHEREAS, Highway Safety Improvement Project on Route 24 UPC T17492 is currently being programmed for construction of curb and gutter with sidewalk adjacent to Concord Elementary School and the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Route 24 and Route 646,

WHEREAS, this Board requests the existing curb and gutter adjacent to Calvary Baptist Church be extended to connect with curb and gutter being constructed under roundabout project at an estimated cost of \$200,000,

WHEREAS, the curb and gutter extension is not eligible for Highway Safety Funds and Primary Road funds are not currently available for funding,

WHEREAS, Secondary Funds are available and can be transferred to Primary System projects,

WHEREAS, this action will not disrupt existing funding commitments to construction underway or on the Virginia Department of Transportation's 24 Month Advertisement Schedule,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that since this action appears to be in the best interests of the citizens residing in Campbell County, the use of Secondary allocations for this Primary Project is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should Primary funds become available for supplemental funding that Primary funds be allocated in lieu of Secondary funds.

The vote was: Aye: Borland, Goldsmith, Good, Gunter, Puckett, Zehr
Nay: Rousseau
Absent: None

From the Board:

- Supervisor Gunter commented on the tall grass on many secondary roads especially Crews Shop Road.
- Supervisor Borland relayed a concern that the left turn lane from the southbound lane of Wards Road onto Calohan Road was still bumpy despite being recently repaved.

// ENGLISH PARK TRANSFER – REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Administrator Rogers advised that several months ago representatives from the Town of Altavista inquired about the County's willingness to transfer ownership of the County owned fields at English Park to the Town of Altavista. The Town owns the front portion of the park, and the property underneath the railroad trestle and beyond belongs to the County.

The Town has indicated an interest in the continued development and maintenance of the park. By transferring the park to the Town's ownership, everyone who presently has access to the Park would continue to have access; however, responsibility for the park's on-going maintenance and future development would fall to the Town. Because the County developed the park with funds from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), staff confirmed that DCR would have no objection to the proposed transfer. Staff continues to work with Norfolk Southern Railroad to clarify the railroad's willingness to allow the current lease (to enable access under the trestle) to be transferred to the Town. A public hearing would be required to consider transferring ownership of the park to the Town.

Supervisor Puckett asked if the County would receive any refund of the monies the County spent developing the park. Administrator Rogers indicated that had not been discussed, but noted the park was developed with taxpayer dollars, and the same taxpayers would continue to have access to the park. Supervisor Puckett also questioned the status of several buildings/projects, namely, the Altavista Armory, the water tank and the Wal-Mart shopping

center. The Town does own the water tank and they plan to rehabilitate the tank and place it back in use. The County agreed to a boundary line adjustment with the Town following the development of the Wal-Mart shopping center. Due to that agreement, the County receives the same taxes as before the boundary adjustment and receives a share of the meals taxes. Because it was in the Town limits, the Town could also levy taxes.

The County was approached by the Town about the park, and the County would benefit by not being responsible for continued development of the park. The County currently pays the Town \$7,100 for mowing the County-owned portion of the park. It was anticipated the budget would be reduced by that amount following the transfer of ownership. Supervisor Goldsmith offered the following motion to advertise a public hearing when a formal request has been received from the Town.

On motion of Supervisor Goldsmith, it was resolved the Board of Supervisors authorizes staff to advertise and conduct a public hearing for the purpose of declaring County owned property at English Park as surplus with the intent of transferring that same property to the Town of Altavista following the receipt of a formal request for such transfer by the Town.

The vote was: Aye: Borland, Goldsmith, Good, Gunter, Rousseau, Zehr
Nay: Puckett
Absent: None

// CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Goldsmith, it was resolved the Board of Supervisors approves the following under the Consent Agenda:

a) Appropriations –

1. General Fund, Clerk of the Circuit Court, appropriating \$8,151 to Technology Software/Hardware Upgrade; and raises estimated revenue, Technology Trust Fees by \$8,151, to maintain Records Indexing System provided by Supreme Court of Virginia;
2. General Fund, Clerk of the Circuit Court, appropriating \$1,987.67 to Postage; and raises estimated revenue, Clerk of the Circuit Court by \$1,987.67, to be reimbursed by Compensation Board;
3. General Fund, Altavista Rescue Squad, appropriating \$149,750 to Maintenance/Repair-Vehicles; and increases revenue, Insurance Recoveries GF by \$149,750, insurance proceeds received for ambulance vehicle that was totaled in an accident;
4. General Fund, CCUSA, appropriating \$29,578.92 to CCUSA Debt Service – Leesville Road Waterline; and raises Misc. Revenue for Leesville Road Waterline by \$29,578.92, revenue received from residents along Leesville Road waterline paid to CCUSA for aide to construction, water usage fees and loan repayments in excess of amount budgeted;

5. General Fund, Shared Expenses, appropriating \$25,549 to Primary Election Cost Reimbursement; and increases Unassigned General Fund Balance, by \$25,549, funds from State to reimburse the County for election costs associated with March primaries;
6. General Fund, Other Welfare Services, appropriating \$23,560 to Tax Relief for the Elderly, and increases revenue line, Real Property Taxes by \$320,428, an audit standard change by the Auditor of Public Accounts;
7. General Fund, Transfer of Appropriation, transferring a total of \$348,103 to the various lines as set forth on a memorandum dated July 11, 2016 for compensation increases and related benefit costs within the General Fund for salary and benefits needed for the Board approved July 1, 2015 two percent (2%) cost of living increase for all eligible employees to include the employer cost for the health insurance premium increase effective January 1, 2016;
8. Solid Waste Fund, Transfer of Appropriation, transferring a total of \$3,011 to the various lines within the Solid Waste Fund as set forth on a memorandum dated July 11, 2016 for compensation increases and related benefit costs for the Board approved July 1, 2015 two percent cost of living increase to include the employer cost for the health insurance premium increase effective January 1, 2016;
9. General Fund, Library, deleting \$945 from Books and Subscriptions and appropriating the same to Water & Sewer, to cover costs of water and sewer for the Timbrook Library not included in the FY 2017 budget;

b) County Attorney invoice –

Approves payment to the County Attorney in the amount of \$2,957.33 for legal services rendered in June 2016;

c) Contract Renewal – Regional Juvenile Detention Center

Campbell County contracts with the Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Center to house juvenile offenders placed by court order. A new contract for three years was negotiated by staff and would include a reduction of contracted bed space from seven to five, and a lower per diem rate reduced from \$291 to \$163.

Authorizes the County Administrator to sign the contract with the Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Center for a three year period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2019 as negotiated and approved by the Staff Attorney.

d) RFP for HSA Administration

Determines that competitive sealed bidding is not practicable or fiscally advantageous for the procurement of health savings account administration services and authorizes Central

Purchasing to use the competitive negotiation process to cover county, schools and CCUSA employees.

The vote was: Aye: Borland, Goldsmith, Good, Gunter, Puckett, Rousseau, Zehr
Nay: None
Absent: None

Chairman Zehr called for a five minute recess.

// PUBLIC HEARING – EMS FEE SCHEDULE

Chairman Zehr opened the public hearing at 5:53 p.m.

Tracy Fairchild, Director of Public Safety, indicated the Board approved conducting a public hearing at its June meeting to consider amending the current EMS Fee Schedule to support an additional career crew in the Timberlake area. As revenue recovery funds could no longer support the entire system, an additional \$65,000 was needed from EMS billing revenue to offset the costs in the current fiscal year. To do this, the current EMS fee schedule should be amended.

The County's current billing company recommended the charges be set at a rate of 150% of the allowable Medicare reimbursement. This would enable the County to fully recoup all available Medicare reimbursement as well as private insurance payments. Four options were presented to the Board at its June 7th meeting to revise the current fee structure, namely:

Option 1 – Increase current rates for Transports. Currently, we bill patients transported to the hospital using our services. This means that a bill for service is mailed to the patient three times and after the third time the bill is moved to an inactive status. The new rates are at 150% of the Medicare rate. This increase in rates will yield an additional \$68,000 in annual revenue. If increased to the 130% rates, the yield would be \$18,000.

Option 2 – Fee for Response, No Transport – Approximately 20% of our calls do not result in a transport. At this time, there is no charge for this type of response. Calls, that do not result in a transport, include such things as falls without injury, blood pressure checks, first aid, etc. Recommendation would be the implementation of a fee for this type of call. Currently, these type of calls would not be covered by Medicare/Medicaid, but would be covered by most private insurance. If a charge of \$100.00 was implemented, this would result in an additional \$100,000 in annual revenue.

Option 3 – Implement collection process – Presently, after collection of any insurance, a patient will receive 3 bills from our billing company. If no payment is received, the bill is written off with the billing company. Campbell County Public Safety then receives a list of the written off cases. A letter from the County's Staff Attorney is sent requesting payment and suggesting further action if payment is not received. We have been sending this letter using in-house staff for approximately 18 months. Total written off cases (16 months) is \$630,561.24 with total

collected being \$52,544.35. Estimated monthly cost of sending letters is \$150.00. After the Staff Attorney letter is sent, there is currently no further action taken to collect outstanding balances.

Collections could be done through an outside collection firm or pursue legal action mentioned in Staff Attorney's letter.

Option 4 – Combination of above Options.

The Public Safety Committee discussed having users of the system pay the cost for services. Option 1 would increase the current revenue amount. Option 2 would be a new revenue resource and will ensure that users of the system pay for the services and also help discourage abusers of the system who currently do not pay to support the services they utilize. There are a number of less expensive options for non-critical medical transport that users may take advantage of. If there is a hard cost associated with the use of emergency services users may consider other less expensive options. The combination of Option 1 and Option 2 is projected to result in an additional \$168,000 of revenue for Campbell County.

The Board directed staff to advertise a public hearing to amend the County's EMS Fee for Service schedule to implement Option 4 which was a combination of Option 1 and 2. This option should result in an additional \$168,000 in revenue. It was noted collections through an outside collection firm or additional legal action would require further review and discussion by the Board.

Supervisor Good commented he was in favor of Option 4, but was dismayed at total collections of \$52,000 while more than \$630,000 in unpaid billings were being written off. Those monies could be used to provide services to the citizens. He saw the EMS fees as the opposite of a tax because you received a service.

Supervisor Puckett disagreed indicating the terms "tax" or "fee" were interchangeable. While he understood the need for additional EMS service in the Timberlake area, the location of the additional crew was not properly planned and other alternatives were not thoroughly vetted such as the Campbell County Rescue Squad building. He did not believe the new Timbrook Library was an appropriate location or use of that building. Supervisor Puckett was disappointed the Board did not advertise a three-cent increase in the real estate tax or reconsidered a meals tax that would have helped meet the needs of the citizens.

In answer to a question by Supervisor Goldsmith, Mrs. Fairchild indicated the County would receive more from insurance under the proposed EMS fee schedule.

Chairman Zehr called for comments in favor of or in opposition to the proposed fee schedule.

Ashley Mason of Evington, Virginia was opposed to the EMS fee schedule because he would prefer the costs of EMS be spread among all citizens, such as through a tax. He saw little difference between a tax and fee and would prefer cheaper services and predictable funding for departments. He asked the Board to explain to him the difference between a tax and a fee.

Supervisor Good explained a fee was for a service a person directly receives, and a tax, such as the real estate tax, was for indirect services you may or may not utilize such as police response.

Ed Foster of Lynchburg, Virginia commented he had been working with the Concord Rescue Squad for a number of years, and when the County started the billing for service, their donations declined. Now the message would be if the ambulance comes to your aid, you would be charged \$100 even if they did not transport you. Those on Medicaid would not have any assets to pay the fees, and it would be a waste of effort to pursue collection.

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:18 p.m.

Supervisor Borland offered the following motion:

On motion of Supervisor Borland, it was resolved the Board of Supervisors adopts the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in order to assure the provision of adequate and continuing emergency services to the citizens of Campbell County and to preserve, protect and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and in order to provide all emergency services personnel with the full benefit of privileges, rights and remedies available to them under law, the Board of Supervisors of Campbell County established a County EMS/Rescue Division in order to mitigate the effects of accidents, disasters and other medical and rescue oriented emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to VA. CODE ANN. §32.1-111.14 (Cum. Supp. 2005), as amended, it has been determined and declared that the exercise of the powers and duties set forth herein is necessary to assure the provision of adequate and continuing emergency services and to preserve, protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare.

WHEREAS, the following definitions apply to ambulance charges:

“Basic life support (BLS)”: Services shall be medical treatment or procedures provided to a patient as defined by the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Educational and Practice Blueprint for the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) - Basic.

“Advanced life support level 1 (ALS-1)”: Services shall be medical treatment or procedures provided to a patient beyond the scope of an EMT-Basic as defined by the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint.

“Advanced life support level 2 (ALS-2)”: Services shall be defined as advanced life support (ALS) services provided to a patient including any of the following

medical procedures: (i) manual defibrillation/cardioversion, (ii) endotracheal intubation, (iii) central venous line, (iv) cardiac pacing, (v) chest decompression, (vi) surgical airway or (vii) intraosseous line, and the administration of three (3) or more medications.

“Ground transport mileage (GTM)”: Shall be assessed in actual road miles from the location of the incident scene, or center point of a rescue demand zone where an incident scene or address is located, to a hospital or other facility where a patient is transported.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Campbell County Board of Supervisors establishes an emergency medical services fee schedule as follows:

Basic Life Support (BLS)Non-emergency Transport:	\$367.00
Basic Life Support (BLS) Emergency Transport:	\$534.00
ALS Non-Emergent (ALS)	\$472.00
Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS 1):	\$634.00
Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS 2):	\$918.00
Ground Transport Mileage (GTM):	\$ 10.86
Response with no transport	\$100.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Campbell County Board of Supervisors directs that future rate increases will equal 150% of the Medicare rate and rise in accordance with that number.

Before the vote was taken, there was additional discussion. Supervisor Rousseau commented in reference to points made by Supervisor Puckett, that raising taxes was not the only option; the County could have reduced spending. While he was not entirely pleased at raising fees, he believed the Board reached a good compromise during the budget process not to raise taxes, but to increase fees to provide much needed EMS services in the Timberlake area. Supervisor Rousseau added the Library Board voted in favor of temporarily housing the EMS crew so he was confused as to why Supervisor Puckett continued to be opposed to that location.

Chairman Zehr also commented he too had concerns about increasing the fees for ambulance service, but believed it was the best option to provide the services. He agreed with the proposal to charge \$100 if the paid EMTs respond to a call, but did not transport the individual. This would offset some of the costs and remind citizens to only call an ambulance for emergencies.

Supervisor Gunter recognized the need for additional EMS service in the Timberlake area. Having the additional crew should improve response time throughout the County. He pointed out this action to increase the billing fees would not entirely cover the cost of the crew for one full year. He realized the fees were high, but the Board could not let the citizens down; therefore, he would support the motion.

Supervisor Borland pointed out that under the Affordable Care Act, all citizens must be insured, or they would have to pay a fee. The health insurance policies should provide coverage for ambulance service; this would be an avenue for future billing collections. He too would support the motion.

Supervisor Puckett also pointed out that additional money would have to be found in next year's budget to pay the costs of the EMS crew. He would like to look at possible waivers to the EMS fees citing a recent volunteer fireman who received a bill for ambulance services.

The vote on the motion was:

The vote was: Aye: Borland, Good, Gunter, Rousseau, Zehr
Nay: Puckett
Absent: None
Abstain: Goldsmith

// MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

- Chairman Zehr commended the Public Safety Department for proactively seeking out and implementing cost saving measures. He read an article recently where Clayton County, Washington, was saving money by stopping the use of EpiPens and training staff to do epinephrine injections. Chairman Zehr found out that our department had been doing that for years.
- Chairman Zehr requested a consensus to determine what needed to be done to the Agriculture Building to keep the Farm Service Agency, Forestry and Cooperative Extension as tenants. It appeared the federal government was on the verge of moving these offices due to the condition of the facility. There was a consensus of the Board to have staff determine the costs of the required facility upgrades.
- Chairman Zehr requested staff to relook at the energy saving policy that established setpoints for heating and air conditioning the buildings. It appeared some buildings were very uncomfortable for employees. The current policy indicates thermostats be set at 74 in the summer and 68 in the winter. Mr. Tweedy indicated they do receive complaints, and there were inaccuracies in some of the systems and thermostats.
- Supervisor Puckett reminded the Board the Heritage Festival was scheduled for Saturday, August 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a concert by the Dazzlers in the evening. The new pavilion would be an asset to the festival.

// ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Gunter, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The vote was: Aye: Borland, Goldsmith, Good, Gunter, Puckett, Rousseau, Zehr
Nay: None

Absent: None

ERIC R. ZEHR, CHAIRMAN

Approved: _____