#### **AGENDA**

Joint Administrative Services Board Monday August 25, 2014 1:00 p.m. Joint Government Center

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Approval of Minutes. (July 28 Minutes Attached).
- 3. Travel Policy. Emily Johnson, Accounts Payable Specialist, has recommended modifications to our current travel policies. Two recommendations directly address problems that have continued since the most recent revision of the travel policy in 2010. Those recommendations are:
  - A. Payment of per diem rates for meals in cases of overnight travel, rather than the current system of reimbursement for individual meals.
  - B. Development and mandated use of a single form for capturing travel expenditures.

In addition to these items, Ms. Johnson will review additional modifications to current policy intended as clarification of current policy. Please find the current (p. 2) and proposed (p. 5) policies attached. Action is not requested at this meeting.

- 4. ERP Update. Since the last meeting there has been two days of Chart of Accounts training and development, and one half day of Cloud Administration training. There was also a meeting with Social Services to set up a chart of accounts for CCSS and CSA. This week there will be two days of training on System Administration, and next week two days of training on Security and Workflow administration. We plan to complete the Chart of Accounts draft by mid-September in advance of the annual financial audit. Board members should now have access to the Sharepoint site on which the project plan and calendar are laid out. Attached is a proposed communication to employees regarding the new system (p. 22). The Board should discuss the text, as well as the best means of distributing it.
- 5. Pay and Classification Update. JAS job descriptions were reviewed and forwarded to Evergreen. Evergreen is expected to respond in the near future through Rick Catlett.
- 6. Next Meeting September 29.

Current Policy

- a. the contemporaneous employment or financial interest of the County employee has been publicly disclosed;
- b. the County employee will be able to perform its procurement functions without actual or apparent bias or favoritism; and
- c. the award will be in the best interests of the County.
- 18.8. <u>Use of Confidential Information</u>. It shall be unethical for any employee or former employee knowingly to use confidential information for actual or anticipated personal gain, or for the actual or anticipated personal gain of any other person.
- 18.9. <u>Sanctions</u>. The County may impose any one or more of the following sanctions on a <u>County employee</u> for violations of the ethical standards in this Article:
  - a. oral or written warnings or reprimands;
  - b. suspension with or without pay for specified periods of time; or
  - c. termination of employment.

The Board of Supervisors and/or the School Board may impose any one or more of the following sanctions on a nonemployee for violations of the ethical standards:

- a. written warnings or reprimands;
- b. termination of contracts; or
- c. debarment or suspension as provided in "Authority to Debar or Suspend"
- 18.10. <u>Recovery of Value Transferred or Received in Breach of Ethical Standards</u>. The value of anything transferred or received in breach of the ethical standards of this Resolution by a County employee or a nonemployee may be recovered from both County employee and nonemployee.

Upon a showing that a subcontractor made a kickback to a prime contractor or a higher tier subcontractor in connection with the award of a subcontract or order there under, it shall be conclusively presumed that the amount thereof was included in the price of the subcontract or order and ultimately borne by the County and will be recoverable hereunder from the recipient. In addition, that amount may also be recovered from the subcontractor making such kickbacks. Recovery from one offending party shall not preclude recovery from other offending parties.

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#### ARTICLE 19: TRAVEL, MEAL, AND MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENTS

#### SUMMARY

- DEPENDING ON THE EXPECTED COST OF THE TRIP, THE EMPLOYEE MUST LIAVE ACCOUNT MANAGER OF EXECUTIVE APPROVAL BEFORE DEPARTING.
- SUMMARY OF TRAVEL EXPENSES THAT ARE BLIGIBLE FOR UNBLIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT
- PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE, MEALS, AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

19.1. <u>Planning for Travel</u>. The County will reimburse employees traveling on official County business for reasonable and necessary expenses involved. Travel expenses are open to the public and must be able to sustain the test of public review. When planning and paying for travel, economy, discretion, and necessity are of special importance. The use of County funds to accommodate personal comfort, convenience, and taste is not permitted.

Travelers must keep receipts and accurate records of all expenses to ensure correct reporting and submission of travel reimbursements.

The County will not act as a fiscal agent for expenses incurred by family members traveling with employees.

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The Requisition shall include a reason for the travel, a hard-copy confirmation of any and all hotel and airline expenses. The Requisition shall also include an estimate of meal expenses, conference/seminar registrations, and any other travel costs.

- 19.3. <u>Advance Payments</u>. Advance payments for direct-billed hotel/motel expenses are discouraged. Use of a County Credit Card is encouraged to secure room confirmations. Actual advance payments for travel will not be reimbursed prior to the trip.
- 19.4. Meal Expenses. Generally, meals that do not involve an overnight stay are not reimbursable. When staying overnight, the employee is permitted to request reimbursement for meals and incidental expenses incurred during the trip. The rates allowed for meals and incidental expenses are set per the U.S. General Services Administration. To view the rates, log onto <a href="www.gsa.gov">www.gsa.gov</a> and click on "per diem rates" and then click on Virginia. Please note that there are lower amounts allotted for first and last day stays. The Executive is authorized to approve exceptions to the GSA per diem rate provided that any exception authorized by the Executive is to be documented in writing setting forth a reasonable explanation for the exception.

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19.7. <u>Mileage Reimbursement</u>. When traveling for official County business, employees are permitted to use their personally owned automobile when a County-owned vehicle is not available, or when the use of a personally owned vehicle is cost-beneficial to the County. Employees electing to use their personal vehicle may request reimbursement for mileage by completing a Mileage Reimbursement Form. The Mileage Reimbursement Form shall include a description of the trip and the number of miles traveled for business purposes only. The Mileage Reimbursement Form shall be submitted to the Accounts Payable Department within thirty (30) days from the completion of the trip.

Mileage shall be reimbursed at the rate established by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of General Services.

19.8. <u>Public Transportation</u>. Public transportation travel includes rental car, plane, train (including subway or metro), bus, taxi/shuttle, or other "for hire transportation." Public transportation rates must not

Proposed Policy

# CLARKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

# PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

TRAVEL POLICY



# CLARKE COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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BERRYVILLE, VA 22611

ADOPTED: REVISED:

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4. Meal Expenses. Generally, meals that do not involve an overnight stay are not reimbursable. When staying overnight, the employee is permitted to request reimbursement for meals and incidental expenses incurred during the trip based on per diem rates as calculated below. Clarke County rates for meals are guided by the GSA rate; however, it will be reimbursed at 70% of the full GSA rate. To view the rates, log onto <a href="www.gsa.gov">www.gsa.gov</a> and click on "per diem rates" and then enter the zip code of the hotel the employee will be staying. Here is an example of common areas of travel for Employees and how the rates are calculated:

Travel Area	GSA Daily Meal Rate	Clarke County Daily Meal Rate	Travel Day Rate at 75%
Richmond, VA	\$66.00	\$46.20	\$34.65
Berryville, VA	\$46.00	\$32.20	\$24.15
Virginia Beach, VA	\$56.00	\$39.20	\$29.40
Hot Springs, VA	\$46.00	\$32.20	\$24.15

\*Please note that there are lower amounts allotted for first and last day stays "travel days" at 75% of the Clarke County Rate as noted by the chart above. If an employee Executive is authorized to approve exceptions to the GSA per diem rate provided that any exception authorized by the Executive is to be documented in writing setting forth a reasonable explanation for the exception.

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The Mileage Reimbursement Form shall be submitted to the Accounts Payable Department within thirty (30) days from the completion of the trip.

6. Lodging. Clarke County employees should select hotel chains that are well established, reasonable in price and conveniently located in relation to the travelers work assignment. If the employee has a discount rate with the local hotel, the hotel reservation should note that discount and the employee should confirm the lower rate upon arrival.

No shows or cancellation fees are not reimbursable if the employee does not comply with the hotel's cancellation policy. Tips for maids and other hotel staff are included in the per diem rate (incidentals) and are not reimbursed separately.

7. Air Travel. Only coach or economy seating is reimbursable and a direct flight only at the lowest logical fare. If a connecting flight will not add more than two hours before or after the requested departure time and no more than three hours to the total trip duration then the connecting flight should be accepted.

<u>Baggage Fees</u>. Reimbursement of personal baggage charges are based on the trip duration as follows:

- Up to five days = one checked bag
- Six or more days = two checked bags

- 8. Rental Car. Employees are authorized to rent cars only in conjunction with air travel when cost, convenience and the specific situation require their use. When renting a car, employees should select a midsize or intermediate size car and only rent a "full" size car when three or more employees are traveling together. Clarke County carries leased vehicle insurance so all additional insurance should be declined.
- 9. Public Transportation. Taxi or airport limousine services may be considered when traveling in and around cities or to and from airports when less expensive means of transportation are unavailable or impractical. When public transportation (Taxi or airport limousine service) is less expensive than economy parking for the duration of stay then public transportation should be utilized. The actual fare plus a reasonable tip (15-18%) are reimbursable. In the case of a free hotel shuttle to the airport, tips are included in the per diem rates under incidentals and will not be reimbursed separately. Public transportation from place of lodging to other locations is only eligible for reimbursement if it is for official County business purposes.
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# APPENDIX A

Travel Requisition Form

# APPENDIX B

Mileage Reimbursement Form

J. Michael Hobert, seconded by Chip Schutte, moved to approve the May 27, 2014 minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

David Ash - Absent
J. Michael Hobert - Aye
Sharon Keeler - Aye
Chuck Bishop - Aye
Charles "Chip" Schutte - Aye

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Chip Schutte, seconded by Sharon Keeler, moved to approve the statutorily authorized garnishment lien and child support fees. The motion carried by the following vote:

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# 6. Set Next Meeting

6. Adjournment

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# At 2:20 pm, Chairman Hobert adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by: Lora B. Walburn

Joint Administrative Services Board

July 28, 2014

Special Meeting

1:00 pm

At a regular meeting of the Joint Administrative Services Board held on Monday, July 28, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the Meeting Room AB, Berryville Clarke County Government Center, 101 Chalmers Court, 2nd Floor, Berryville, Virginia.

# Members Present

J. Michael Hobert; Sharon Keeler; Chuck Bishop, Chip Schutte

#### Members Absent

David Ash

# Staff Present

Tom Judge; Lora Walburn

# Others Present

None

# 1. Call To Order - Determination of Quorum

At 1:00 pm, Michael Hobert called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hobert welcomed Chuck Bishop to the Board.

Chip Schutte, seconded by Sharon Keeler, moved to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

David Ash
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10:	ClarkeEmployees
From:	
Date:	August ,2014
RE:	Statement regarding our new ERP system

As many of you know, the Clarke County Government and Schools have contracted with Tyler Technologies to replace the core computer applications for the management of our financial, payroll, human resources, permitting, and revenue billing processes.

**Mission Statement.** To transition from the County's various legacy software packages to MUNIS as quickly and efficiently as possible while limiting service disruptions, providing proper training, and maintaining day-to-day operations.

**Goals.** Our new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system will have the following major long-term benefits:

- 1. Designing workflow models and business rules to reduce errors.
- 2. Stabilizing the technology environment with standard software.
- 3. Enhancing operational effectiveness by eliminating duplicate data maintenance, and storing documents in digital format.
- 4. Improving the flow of information and data sharing between staff, managers, executives, boards, and citizens.
- 5. Increasing the ability to electronically interface with, and report to, other databases inside and outside the County.
- 6. Improving service delivery to citizens.

Timeline and Milestones. We have established an estimated implementation schedule for key applications. Financial applications will be completed in May 2015. Payroll and Human Resources applications will be completed in October 2015. Revenue applications will be phased in through April 2017.

**Staff Training.** Training is an important component of implementing any new process. For our new ERP system, training will be provided by Tyler and County staff with dates to be determined. Access to the new system will require completion of training and proficiency with the new system.

Agency Commitment. It is important that agencies are fully committed to scheduled tasks and roles. This includes staff training sessions, information gathering, participation in implementation and testing, and communication within their agencies. Please carefully manage staff schedules and other assignment priorities in order to minimize conflicts with the ERP implementation.

Contact Information. Because communication is critical to our success, please contact the Project Managers with any questions. For the County this is Tom Judge at Joint Administrative Services (540-955-6172 or <a href="mailto:tjudge@clarkecounty.gov">tjudge@clarkecounty.gov</a>). For Tyler Technologies, this is Rocky Grider (800-772-2260 ext. 5615 or rocky.grider@tylertech.com). There will be regular email updates on the project as it proceeds.

This is a big undertaking. It will be challenging at times, but the long-term benefits of making this move far outweigh the transitional pains to implement it. Many of you will be called on to help make this transition happen as quickly and smoothly as possible.

I thank you for all of your diligence, patience, and insight as this project moves along.

Sincerely,			