

CLARKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
January 7, 2008 Organizational Meeting & Work Session 10:00 a.m.
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

At the annual organizational meeting and work session of the Board of Supervisors of Clarke County, Virginia, held in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, 2nd Floor Circuit Courthouse, 102 N. Church Street, Berryville, Virginia on Tuesday, January 7, 2008.

Board Members Present

Barbara J. Byrd; A.R. "Pete" Dunning, Jr.; J. Michael Hobert; John R. Staelin; David S. Weiss

Staff Present

David Ash, Chuck Johnston, Alison Teetor

Also Present

Robina Rich Bouffault, Clifford Nelson, Pat McKelvy, Bob Wade, Stephanie Mangino, Tom Byrd, Ruth Marlow and other citizens

Call To Order

Chairman Staelin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Organizational Matters

Election of Chair

John Staelin turned the meeting over to David Ash, County Administrator.

David Ash called for a motion to nominate the Chair for the Clarke County Board of Supervisors for 2008.

Supervisors Dunning wished to state that he believed it was important to start the term with a strong urge to cooperate with the School Board. He asked for a commitment from the School Board and Board of Supervisors to communicate more effectively; and toward that end, representatives be in attendance at the meetings of the respective Boards. In conclusion, Supervisor Dunning nominated John Staelin to continue to serve as Chair for 2008.

Supervisor Dunning moved to close the nomination. The motion was approved by the follow vote:

John R. Staelin, Chair	- Aye
J. Michael Hobert, Vice Chair	- Aye
Barbara J. Byrd	- Aye
A.R. Dunning, Jr.	- Aye
David S. Weiss	- Aye

Supervisor Dunning moved to accept the nomination of John Staelin for the position of Chair of the Clarke County Board of Supervisors for 2008.

The motion was approved by the following vote.

John R. Staelin, Chair	- Aye
J. Michael Hobert, Vice Chair	- Aye
Barbara J. Byrd	- Aye
A.R. Dunning, Jr.	- Aye
David S. Weiss	- Aye

Subsequent to the vote, David Ash turned the meeting over to Chairman Staelin.

Election of Vice Chair

Supervisor Byrd nominated J. Michael Hobert to continue to serve as Vice Chair for 2008 and moved to close the nominations.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

John R. Staelin, Chair	- Aye
J. Michael Hobert, Vice Chair	- Aye
Barbara J. Byrd	- Aye
A.R. Dunning, Jr.	- Aye
David S. Weiss	- Aye

Set Date, Time and Place for Regular Monthly Meeting

Supervisor Weiss moved to continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room for the regular monthly meeting of the Clarke County Board of Supervisors.

The motion was approved by the follow vote:

John R. Staelin, Chair	-	Aye
J. Michael Hobert, Vice Chair	-	Aye
Barbara J. Byrd	-	Aye
A.R. Dunning, Jr.	-	Aye
David S. Weiss	-	Aye

Chairman Staelin reminded that the alternate date for meetings was set for 1:00 pm on the Thursday following the regularly scheduled Tuesday.

Rules of Procedure

A.R. Dunning, Jr. moved to adopt the Rules of Procedure as presented.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

John R. Staelin, Chair	-	Aye
J. Michael Hobert, Vice Chair	-	Aye
Barbara J. Byrd	-	Aye
A.R. Dunning, Jr.	-	Aye
David S. Weiss	-	Aye

Modifications to the Work Session Agenda

Appointment to Authorities, Boards and Commissions

John Staelin asked to appointment J. Michael Hobert and Anne Caldwell to serve on the Berryville Area Development Authority Comprehensive Plan Committee.

John Staelin moved to accept the appointments.

The motion carried by the following vote:

John R. Staelin, Chair	-	Aye
J. Michael Hobert, Vice Chair	-	Aye
Barbara J. Byrd	-	Aye
A.R. Dunning, Jr.	-	Aye
David S. Weiss	-	Aye

Addition of Closed Session

Due to time constraints, the Closed Session requested by Supervisor Byrd was not convened.

USGS Status Report on Ground Water Study and Proposal for Continuation

Chairman Staelin introduced David Nelms, George Harlow and Mark Bennett of the United States Geological Survey. Alison Teetor provided background and context for the USGS presentation and subsequent review of the annual contract. Ms. Teetor distributed a memo entitled "*Support for USGS Groundwater Study*" dated January 7, 2008 that is included in the Board of Supervisors meeting materials for January 2008.

David Nelms distributed a report entitled "*Water Resources of Clarke County*" dated January 7, 2008 that is included in the Board of Supervisors meeting materials for January 2008. In conjunction with the report, he provided an in-depth PowerPoint presentation detailing the information gathered during the six-year groundwater study in Clarke County and answered the Supervisors questions.

Mr. Nelms put forth that January, February and March were critical months for groundwater recharge. He further cautioned that at this time the well at Blandy was only about one to two feet above the lowest recorded level; and unless there was significant recharge, there would be major water shortages by fall.

Alison Teetor advised that the contract with USGS for the six-year groundwater study would expire in July and requested that the Board of Supervisors continue the contract. She told the Supervisors that Frederick and Warren were now conducting water studies. With the County entering the budget cycle, continuing USGS studies in Clarke County in the new budget year would be approximately \$100,000.

Vice Chairman Hobert opined that the information had not been readily forthcoming.

Supervisor Dunning emphasized the need to plan for the future.

Supervisor Byrd contributed that the next phase should focus on water quality.

Supervisor Weiss requested contract review.

Chairman Staelin instructed Alison Teetor to develop a list of questions with USGS and the Supervisors to discuss at a future work session.

Update on status of HOME Consortium Program

Due to scheduling conflicts, the HOME Consortium update by Chuck Johnston was carried forward to the regular meeting.

Summary Of Required Action

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
1.	Provide notice of appointment and update database.	Lora B. Walburn
2.	Develop a list of questions with USGS for review by the Supervisors at a future work session.	Alison Teetor
3.	Add HOME Consortium Update by Chuck Johnston to the January 15 regular meeting agenda.	Lora B. Walburn

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at 12:14 pm Chairman Staelin adjourned the work session.

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors is Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room.

ATTEST: January 7, 2008

John Staelin, Chairman

David L. Ash, County Administrator

Minutes Prepared By:
Lora B. Walburn
Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors