

**VIRGINIA:** County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Recessed Meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Lee County Courthouse on May 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sidney Kolb, Vice-Chairman  
David Jessee  
D.D. Leonard  
Robert Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Mosley

OTHERS PRESENT: Dane Poe, County Administrator

OTHERS ABSENT: None

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m.

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The Chairman advised that Mr. Leonard was present by phone from South Carolina.

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**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**DEBUSK VETERINARY TEACHING CENTER HOUSING STUDY PROPOSAL**

Mr. Poe stated that the County has received a \$20,000.00 Grant from Virginia Housing for a Market Analysis for the Debusk Veterinary Teaching Center Housing Study which includes a site development plan. He stated that LENOWISCO Planning District put out a request for proposals with no response and requested to direct solicit. They contacted J.A. Street General Contractors out of Blountville, Tennessee and they submitted a proposed agreement at a cost of \$20,000.00. He advised the grant will cover the cost and requested the Board consider approval.

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Mr. Kolb asked when the deadline was.

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Mr. Poe stated the deadline for the RFP's was March 31<sup>st</sup> with no proposals submitted.

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Mr. Kolb asked if J.A. Street General Contractors was the only firm that was consulted.

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Mr. Poe stated he didn't know but would check on it.

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There was a discussion about contacting local contractor's and advertisements.

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Mr. Smith advised moving forward with J.A. Street General Contractors.

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It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Jessee, to table until later in the meeting. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Jessee, Mr. Kolb

VOTING NO: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Smith

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Mr. Kolb advised checking with contractors in the County.

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It was the consensus of the Board to take up later in the meeting.

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**SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD**

It was moved by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Smith to appoint Stephanie Fee to a four-year term on the Social Services Board. Ms. Fee's term will expire on May 31, 2027. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Jessee, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Smith

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**DEBUSK VETERINARY TEACHING CENTER HOUSING STUDY PROPOSAL**

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Jessee, to accept the proposal submitted by J.A. Street General Contractors at a cost of \$20,000.00. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Jessee, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Smith

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**BUDGET**

Mr. Poe stated the updated budget has a \$3.5 million deficit \$2 million of that of that is due to increases in jail costs for next year, local school funding increases and the maintenance hangar at the airport. He advised the sheriff's office received a grant that includes six new police vehicles which will reduce the deficit \$139,000.00. That leaves the deficit at about \$3.4 million.

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There was a discussion about the budget and casino revenues.

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Mr. Kolb asked about audit information.

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Mr. Poe advised he will have the information for next meeting.

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Mr. Kolb asked how much of the General Fund is already allocated for budget or other expenditures.

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Mr. Poe advised January is the high point of the year for the General Fund balance.

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There was a discussion about the General Fund balance and School Board budget.

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Mr. Poe advised of the future need to develop the road into Constitutional Oaks Industrial Park.

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Mr. Leonard asked if the Casino money would qualify to be used for that project.

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There was a discussion about the use of the Casino money.

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Mr. Kolb asked how much of a salary increase was projected for employees.

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Mr. Poe stated on the Constitutional Offices he used the 5% approved by the Comp Board but he has not adjusted the local department requests.

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There was a discussion about employee salary increases.

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Mr. Kolb stated he doesn't see the full numbers.

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Mr. Poe advised he doesn't have all the numbers in yet.

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There was a discussion on the Electoral Board requested increase and hours worked.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to enter Closed Session pursuant to Code Section 2.2-3711 A.1. Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Jessee, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Smith

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It was moved by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Kolb, to exit Closed Session. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Jessee, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Smith

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### **CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED SESSION**

It was unanimously agreed as follows.

**WHEREAS**, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a Certification by this Lee County Board of Supervisors that such Closed Meeting was conducted within Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lee County Board of Supervisors hereby certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Closed Meeting in which this Certification Resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

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Mr. Poe advised he would include Pennington Gap's request in the budget.

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It was moved by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Smith, to recess to May 31, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Jessee, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Smith

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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