

A Special Meeting of the Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, May 28, 2024, in the public meeting room of the George D. English, Sr. Memorial Building, located at 111 Polk Street, Montross, Virginia. Those members present were Darryl E. Fisher, W. W. Hynson, Jeffrey McCormack, Matthew Ingram and Timothy J. Trivett. Also present were Richard Stuart, County Attorney, Ben Prescott, County Administrator, Donna Cogswell, Assistant County Administrator and Debra Whaley, Finance Director.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hynson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of/Amendment to Board Agenda: Chairman Hynson stated that everyone should have received the Agenda and asked if anyone had any changes or comments to the Agenda,

Mr. Trivett asked to Amend the Agenda to include a discussion on the performance of the Chairman of the Board. Chairman stated there is only one topic tonight; Mr. Trivett stated you cannot do that. After some discussion the Chairman asked for a second, Mr. Ingram. Chairman called for a roll call vote to Amend the Agenda – Mr. Trivett – aye; Mr. Fisher – aye; Chairman – aye; Mr. McCormack – nay; Mr. Ingram – aye.

Chairman asked the County Attorney where do we want to go next. Mr. Stuart stated there was going to be a Motion for closed session to talk about the County Administrator's performance. Mr. Trivett has amended the agenda to include discussion regarding the Chairman's performance also. Those can be done one at a time in the same closed session. You cannot take any action on Mr. Trivett's motion tonight because the rules do not allow it because that issue was introduced at the table by a member. The only one you can take action on is the one on the agenda, so that would be discussion of the County Administrator's performance.

3. CLOSED SESSION: Closed session for 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. Discussion of the County Administrator's performance pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1).

Motion was made by Mr. McCormack to go into closed session; second Mr. Trivett. The County Attorney stated that Motion is to discuss performance of personnel including the County Administrator and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1). Is that your Motion Mr. McCormack? Mr. McCormack stated yes sir. Roll call vote Mr. Trivett – aye; Mr. Fisher – aye; Mr. Ingram – aye; Mr. McCormack – aye and the Chairman votes aye. Mr. Stuart asked if the Board would like the County Administrator and the County Attorney in the session. Discussion was had regarding where to have the meeting. It was decided to go into the Conference room and also decided the Board members, Mr. Prescott and the County Attorney would be present in the meeting.

RECORDING WAS STOPPED AND MEETING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION

Chairman asked for a Motion to return to Regular Session from Closed Session. Motion by Mr. Fisher and second Mr. McCormack. Roll call vote – Mr. McCormack – aye; Mr. Ingram – abstain; Mr. Fisher – aye; Mr. Trivett – abstain; Chairman – aye.

Mr. Stuart stated that we need to also certify that only matters under the call were discussed and no action was taken in Executive Session. Motion made by Mr. Fisher, second Mr. McCormack. Roll call vote - Mr. McCormack – aye; Mr. Ingram – abstain; Mr. Fisher – aye; Mr. Trivett – aye; Chairman – aye.

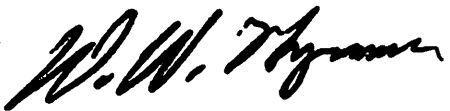
Mr. Stuart stated the direction the Board has decided to go is they are looking for a Motion to terminate the County Administrator's contract and his services effective immediately. This would include cleaning out his office tonight, leaving his laptop in his office and leaving his keys to both his office and his car. Motion by Mr. McCormack, second Mr. Fisher. Roll call vote - Mr. McCormack – aye; Mr. Ingram – nay; Mr. Fisher – aye; Mr. Trivett – nay; Chairman – aye.

Mr. Stuart said to Mr. Prescott that he was sorry but the Board has terminated his contract so he has to leave the Dias because he is not the County Administrator anymore. He then said the next thing the Board needs to do is appoint an interim county administrator. Mr. Fisher offered a motion per

invitation and agreement that Ms. Debra Whaley be appointed interim county administrator, second Mr. McCormack. Mr. Stuart clarified that would be at the same salary as the last county administrator. Chairman said yes to the same salary. Roll call vote - Mr. McCormack – aye; Mr. Ingram – abstain; Mr. Fisher – aye; Mr. Trivett – nay; Chairman – aye.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board at this time, upon motion by Mr. Fisher, second Mr. McCormack. Roll call vote - Mr. McCormack – aye; Mr. Ingram – aye; Mr. Fisher – aye; Mr. Trivett – aye; Chairman - aye. The Board meeting is adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m. The Board's Meeting will be a Special Meeting on May 8, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the public meeting room at the front entrance of the George D. English, Sr. Memorial Building.


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