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The Appalachian Juvenile Commission met on Friday, October 27, 2006, at 12:00 Noon at the Holiday Inn on Linden Drive, Bristol, Virginia.

Commission members present included Eric Clark – Bristol; Doug Meade and Kevin Downs – Washington County; Mike Roberts and Mike Carter – Smyth County; Wayne McClelland – Scott County; Robert Hagy – Buchanan County; Dawn Gilbert – Wise County; Donna Hutchinson – Norton; and Patricia Green – Tazewell County.

C. M. Callahan – Lee County; Lanny Large – Dickenson County; Alice Meade – Russell County; and Harold Leonard – Bristol were absent.

Staff present included Richard Hagy – Executive Director; Tim Dotson – Director of Highlands Branch; Diane Wright – Director of Southwest Branch; Danny Johnson – Finance Director; John Ross, Faye Johnson, Mary Cross, Jeremy Hurley, Elizabeth Baines, Jo Ann Cope, Susan Smith and Carolyn Brown.

Also invited and present was Reverend Jim Bangle.

Mr. McClelland, Chairman, opened the meeting.

Mr. Kevin Downs left as the meeting began.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Carter moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 28, 2006, be approved as submitted. Ms. Hutchinson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Financial Report

Mr. Johnson presented the Quarterly Financial Highlights as of September 30, 2006. He reported that a payment in the amount of \$650,000.00 was made on October 4th toward the outstanding balance on the Debt Service. The balance of \$240,000.00 will be paid on February 1, 2007.

Mr. Clark moved that the Financial Report be approved as submitted. Mr. Robert Hagy seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

“SERVING SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA”

Bristol, Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Norton, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise

Special Appreciation – Reverend Jim Bangle

Mr. McClelland stated that Reverend Bangle had been invited back in order for the Commission to show its appreciation for his service to the Commission.

Mr. Richard Hagy presented Reverend Bangle with a Gift Card and stated that he had been a guiding light during his service as a member of the Commission.

Reverend Bangle stated that serving on the Commission has been one of the most rewarding, fulfilling things that he had ever done.

Appreciation – Jo Ann Cope

Mr. Richard Hagy introduced Ms. Jo Ann Cope and reported that she would be retiring from the Center after thirty years of employment. Mr. Hagy presented Ms. Cope with a Gift Card on behalf of the Commission.

Ms. Cope expressed her thanks to the Commission and stated that she took pride in her job and the staff at the Center and what is and has been done for the youth detained there.

General Report – Southwest Branch

Mrs. Wright reported that the Girls Home has, as of September 18th started an emergency shelter program with four beds for this program, and have had four females since that time.

General Report – Highlands Branch

Mr. Dotson stated that one staff member, Teresa Enck, is on sick leave and has applied for the short-term disability insurance. Pete Gragg is scheduled for major surgery on November 7th and will be absent for an extended period of time.

One heat pump at the Center was over twenty years old and had to be replaced.

There was an issue with one of the teachers who was doing second grade level teaching. Mr. Dotson stated that he met with school officials and the Superintendent, after he stopped her from entering the building. School officials were unaware of any problems and asked that she be allowed to return to the Center. She has been provided a Mentor and her teaching has improved.

Recognition/Appreciation

Mr. Ross introduced Ms. Elizabeth Baines, Nurse at the Center. He stated that she is on call seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, and she is very much appreciated for the job she does.

Closed Session

Mr. Clark moved that the Commission go into Closed Session to discuss the Search Committee's findings under Section 2.1-344A of the Code of Virginia. Ms. Hutchinson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

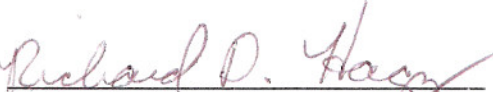
The Closed Session ended at approximately 2:15 P. M. All Commission members voted "yes" that only this item was discussed in Closed Session.

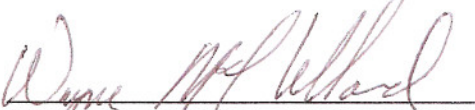
Mr. Clark moved that Mr. Tim Dotson be hired as the new Executive Director effective January 1, 2007. Mr. Robert Hagy seconded the motion. The following members voted "yes": Mr. Doug Meade, Ms. Dawn Gilbert, Ms. Donna Hutchinson, Mr. Mike Carter, Mr. Robert Hagy, Mr. Eric Clark, Ms. Patricia Green, and Mr. Wayne McClelland. Mr. Mike Roberts voted "no" stating that he felt the position of Executive Director should have been advertised for the public so they would have knowledge of open government.

Hiring Policy

Ms. Hutchinson moved that members that were on the Search Committee prepare a policy on hiring individuals. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 P. M.


Richard D. Hagy, Executive Director


Wayne McClelland, Chairman