

**Big Sandy Area Development District  
Special Called Board of Directors Meeting  
August 13, 2018 – 11:30 – District Meeting Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Judge-Executive Ben Hale  
Judge-Executive Charles Hardin, by proxy Mr. Mike Wilson  
Judge-Executive Kelly Callaham  
Judge-Executive Bill Deskins  
Mayor Les Stapleton  
Mayor Bill Mike Runyon  
Mayor Pete Shepherd  
Mayor Ed Daniels  
Mayor Andrew Scott  
Mr. Millow McCarty  
Ms. Nita Collier  
Mr. Herbie Deskins  
Ms. Susan Howard

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Mr. Adam Rice, Congressman Rogers Office  
Ms. Mary Meadows, Floyd County Chronical

**STAFF PRESENT**

Ms. Sandy Runyon	Ms. Peggy McKenzie
Ms. Terry Trimble	Ms. Amanda Cornett
Ms. Kristy Boyd	Ms. Kristy Hunt
Ms. Brenda Powers	Mr. Joe Jacobs
Ms. Tara Little	Ms. Angela Slone
Ms. Sandra Justice	Ms. Elizabeth Hamilton
Ms. Misha Curnutte	Ms. Janice Prater
Ms. Sharlet Butler	Mr. Greg Salyers
Ms. Peggy Thompson	Ms. Denise Thomas

After it was determined that a quorum was present, Judge-Executive Ben Hale, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the June 26, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion and a second by Mayor Ed Daniels and Mr. Millow McCarty. Motion carried. The Agenda was approved with a motion and a second by Mayor Ed Daniels and Mayor Bill Mike Runyon. Motion Carried.

Judge Hale announced to the board that he had applied for the position of Executive Director with the ADD so he recused himself as Chairman and turned the gavel over to Vice Chair, Mayor Andrew Scott.

Mayor Scott asked for approval of the Executive Review, which included one project for Paintsville Utilities for miscellaneous Water System Improvements totaling \$2,010,000. A motion and a second by Mayor Les Stapleton and Mayor Bill Mike Runyon approved the report. Motion carried.

#### Old Business

Ms. Runyon updated the board on a lawsuit regarding a homecare aide in Magoffin County. The Court of Appeals upheld the lower court's decision that the Add was not liable. KACo is providing defense of this case and are hopeful that the final decision will set a precedent. There are 30 days left for plaintiff to ask for review of this decision.

#### New Business

Mayor Scott asked for ratification of the Executive Committee poll done on August 1, 2018, to hire Ms. Tiffany Burke as the UMWA registered nurse.

#### Report of the 8/13/18 Executive Committee Meeting

During discussion of the ED RLF Program, it was determined that the new recommendations make it very difficult for a small entity to administer the program. Because of this determination the Executive Committee has determined that the best option for the ADD is to return the required amount of funds to EDA and close the program. Any remaining local funds will be used for future economic development projects.

The Executive Committee approved a request from Judge-Executive Ben Hale for the final balance of his ADF funds to purchase 2", 4", and 6" water pipe, brass fittings, couplers, and hi max couplers for installation of potable waterlines in those areas of Floyd County that are unserved or underserved.

The personnel recommendation on the agenda was declined by the candidate.

A motion and a second by Mr. Mike Wilson and Judge-Executive Bill Deskins ratified the Executive Committees recommendations. Motion carried.

#### Recommendation of the Executive Committee for hiring an Executive Director

Judge Executive Ben Hale recused himself from the meeting voluntarily. The Executive Committee met prior to the board meeting. They recommended that the Executive Assistant Position be expanded to Deputy Director and include duties associated with personnel director. Motion and a second by Mayor Les Stapleton and Judge-Executive Bill Deskins approved this recommendation. Motion carried.

Intensive discussion was had during the interview process of the five candidates qualified for the position. It was the recommendation of the personnel committee that Judge-Executive Ben Hale has the most expertise. Judge Hale was offered the same salary as the current ED and he accepted. Judge Hale asked that his start date be January 7, 2019 and the Executive Committee agreed. Mayor Stapleton told the board that it is no secret that he and Judge Hale do not always agree. However, during the interview process Judge-Executive Hale agreed that this ED position is apolitical and that his intention is to manage as such. A motion and a second by Mayor Pete Shepherd and Mayor Ed Daniels approved the recommendation. Motion carried.

Judge-Executive Ben Hale then gave his resignation as chair and stepped down to turn the reins over to Mayor Andrew Scott to serve as chair until the annual meeting and election of new officers.

#### Directors Comments

Ms. Runyon told the board that this agency is only as good as the staff and that she has been honored to represent the 5 counties of the district for 18 years. There was a learning curve when she began but the staff made it much easier. All the staff is very supportive of this agency and they adapt to the needs of the region. The Congressional support she has received has been critical and she appreciates it. There will be a lot of board member changes come January and she feels the need to emphasize support is very important.

She thanked the board and the staff for the support they have given her over the years.

Adam Rice with Congressman Rogers's office told the board that the Congressman was holding retirement reception for Sandy at UPike on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm and hoped everyone would try to attend.

Announcements were made and the Labor Day Holiday was discussed. Sandy recommended the board give an additional 2 days off for the holiday and the board agreed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.