

MEETING 23–May 6

At a Joint Meeting/Public Hearing of the Madison County Board of Supervisors and the Madison County Planning Commission on May 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Center Auditorium located at 414 N. Main Street:

PRESENT: R. Clay Jackson, Vice-Chair
Jonathon Weakley, Member
Robert Campbell, Member
Kevin McGhee, Member
V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney
William Tidball, Interim County Administrator
Betty Grayson, Zoning Administrator

ABSENT: Doris G. Lackey, Chair

Planning Commission:

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

1. Determine Presence of a Quorum

Mr. Yowell, Commission Chair, noted that a Quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 1, 2015 joint meeting were approved as presented.

3. Action Items:

Mr. Yowell advised that tonight's session will focus on the Zoning Ordinance Violations and Penalties; representatives are also present from Dominion Power to provide additional information on the proposed power line. Citizens will have five (5) minutes to provide input on the power line issue.

a. Public Hearing: Ordinance ID#2015-4 [Article 19, Administration and Interpretation, Section 19-3, Violation and Penalty, Sections 19-3-1 and 19-3-2]

Garold Stephenson, Chair of a sub-committee was present and provided input on the guidelines used to compile tonight's recommendations (i.e. penalties/violations).

i. Public Comment

Mr. Yowell opened the floor for public comment.

With no public comment being made, the public comment opportunity was closed.

After discussion, the Madison County Planning Commission recommended the Madison County Board of Supervisors adopt Ordinance ID#2015-4 [Article 19, Administration and Interpretation, Section 19-3, Violation and Penalty Sections 19-3-1 and 19-3-2].

4. Suspend Meeting

Mr. Yowell suspended the Commission's portion of tonight's session at 7:10 p.m.

5. Reconvene

Mr. Yowell reconvened the Commission's portion of tonight's meeting.

6. Dominion Power/First Energy (Rusty Meadows & Greg Mathe)

Mr. Yowell noted there are two (2) representatives present tonight to provide input on the proposed power line involving Madison County.

Greg Mathe and Rusty Meadows, Project Manager, of Dominion Power were present to provide information on the proposed power line.

Information provided was a follow up from information provided to the County in March 2015 and focused on:

Three (3) core areas

Future needs

Added benefit (i.e. networking)

Input provided focused on:

- Pratts sub-station is located at the end of the line
- Will have a tremendous impact to the farmlands and scenic beauty, historic districts, conservation easements and PEC easements
- VOF easements are pending
- Two (2) open houses will be scheduled in April (Madison & Culpeper)
- State Corporation Commission will hire their own personnel to study the route
- About (150) people have met with representatives after the initial open house session
- Dominion's website is www.dominion.com
- Pratts sub-station website is ongoing
- Existing Pratts sub-station is owned by REC

Comments from the Commission focused on the following:

- Lloyd Williams questioned reliability and the existing electricity load
- Roger Gooding questioned how the proposed line will affect the health of the citizens (i.e. those with pacemakers and other health conditions)
- David Jones: Questioned if there will be any anticipated violations regarding the proposed electricity wattage

Comments from the Board focused on the following:

- Supervisor Jackson questioned:
The right-of-way from Gordonsville to Remington
How conservation easements will be effected

Additional concerns focused on:

- PJM liability issue

i. Public Comment

Mr. Yowell opened the floor for public comment on tonight's issue.

The following citizens provided comments on tonight's issue:

- Tony Morris
- Jim Alexander
- Lisa Murphy
- Mike Mosko
- Ann Wood
- Elizabeth Wynkoop
- Rachel Nicoll
- Charlie Thornton
- Sallie Hill Outten
- Billy Hill
- Jim Smith
- Larry Beatty
- Phil Brockman

Mr. Mathe noted that First Energy will have the option regarding place of property at Pratts near the existing sub-station. It was also noted that:

- PJM has recommended (not officially voted) on the proposal
- PJM's governing Board meets month, and
- That wooden poles usually become homes for woodpeckers, thereby steel poles are being investigated.

Additional citizens providing comment included the following:

- Mrs. Murphy
- David Jones
- Nan Coppedge
- Ann Ridgeway

Mr. Mathe noted the intent of Dominion Power is to serve the community as obligated by the State for public utility services. He further noted the company will be serving the community as a whole and must adhere to federal and state mandates that are in place. It was further noted that strong voices within a community is only fair and citizens will stand up for their communities. In closing, he noted that guidelines required by the State Corporation Commission are in place for a reason and the process does work for all parties involved, and he expressed appreciation to all who took the time tonight to verbalize their concerns.

Additional citizens providing comment included the following:

- George Beach
- Carlton Yowell

Mr. Mathe noted that PJM's governing Board will be meeting tomorrow; the project application will need to be submitted to the State Corporation Commission by June 30, 2015. It was noted that PJM has recommended that Dominion Power submit the application by the end of the first quarter. Once the case has been submitted to the State Corporation Commission, they will initiate an order to establish a schedule of procedures and specifics pertaining to the proposed project that will be published on Dominion Power's website.

7. Adjournment

With no further action being required, Mr. Yowell, Chair, called for adjournment of the tonight's meeting.

Mr. Yowell, Commission Chair, noted he will be with the Board of Supervisors at the conclusion of tonight's meeting to establish a course of action on tonight's discussion, and assess any additional measures the Commission may need to take.

After full vote of "Aye", the Commissions meeting was adjourned.

Board of Supervisors

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Jackson called the Madison County Board of Supervisor's portion of tonight's meeting to order.

2. Determine Presence of a Quorum

Supervisor Jackson advised that a quorum was present.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Requested additions to the Agenda: Add Item 6a [Resolution – Walton Thompson].

Supervisor Weakley moved the Agenda be approved as amended, seconded by Supervisor McGhee.

Ayes: Jackson, Weakley, Campbell, McGhee. Nays: (0). Absent: Lackey

4. Action Items:

- a. *Public Hearing: Ordinance #2015-4 [Article 19, Administration and Interpretation, Section 19-3, Violation and Penalty, Sections 19-3-1 and 19-3-2]*

Supervisor Campbell verbalized concerns regarding the County's Zoning Ordinance and the proposed amendment.

The County Attorney noted that any sections to the County's Zoning Ordinance call for separate amendments. Further emphasis referred to the difference between civil and criminal offenses. It was noted the original Zoning Ordinance was initiated in March 1974 and all guidelines are in compliance with the Virginia State Code.

Supervisor Weakley thanked the sub-committee for their work on tonight's proposed amendment.

Supervisor McGhee moved the Board accept and approve Ordinance ID#2015-4 [Article 19, Administration and Interpretation, Section 19-3, Violation and Penalty, Sections 19-3-1 and 19-3-2] as recommended by the Madison County Planning Commission, seconded by Supervisor Weakley. *Ayes: Jackson, Weakley, Campbell, McGhee. Nays: (0). Absent: Lackey.*

**Supervisor Jackson suspended the Board's meeting and returned the session back to the Madison County Planning Commission, seconded by Supervisor Weakley. Ayes: Jackson, Weakley, Campbell, McGhee. Nays: (0). Absent: Lackey.*

**Supervisor Jackson reconvened the Board's portion of tonight's meeting.*

5. Dominion Power/First Energy (Rusty Meadows & Greg Mathe)

Supervisor Jackson opened the floor for further comments from the public.

- i. *Public Comment :*
The following citizens provided additional comments:
- Vere Nicoll
 - Jim Alexander
 - Lloyd Williams

Chairman Lackey arrived

Comments/concerns from the Board & Commission focused on:

- The financing process for getting the right-of-way
- Will there be a one-time payment or an annual fee
- Effects on County property easements
- Will there be a payment in lieu of taxes, payments to the locality or on structures
- Dominion's plan was approved in February 2017
- Pratts sub-station is for transmission and distribution
- The code sections noted in the County's comprehensive plan
- No designation of any corridors
- The desire to prevent 'brown outs'
- Request a representative from the SCC
- Time line for application submission (May-June [2015])
- County's level of authority on the issue

The County Attorney noted there is an enabling statute in the State Code that allows enabling of corridors.

It was further suggested that updates on tonight's issue be posted to the County's website for the public.

In closing, it was noted concerns presented will be researched and assessed.

With no further comments being brought forth, the public comment opportunity was closed.

6. Information/Correspondence (if any)

- a. *Resolution [Walton Thompson]: Supervisor Weakley provided input on the acts of kindness/generosity demonstrated by Mr. Walton Thompson towards Madison County and the surrounding localities. A resolution is being presented for discussion and/or action.*

Supervisor Weakley moved the Board approve a resolution for Mr. Walton Thompson, as presented, seconded by Supervisor McGhee. Ayes: Lackey, Jackson, Weakley, Campbell, McGhee. Nays: (0). Absent: (0).

Syria Mountain Estates:

The County Attorney advised of an issue pertaining to the Graves and Syria Mountain area of Madison County; a response will be required by May 11, 2015.

7. Adjournment

With no further action being required, on motion of Supervisor Weakley, seconded by Supervisor McGhee, Chairman Lackey adjourned the meeting. *Ayes: Lackey, Jackson, Weakley, Campbell, McGhee. Nays: (0). Absent: (0).*

Doris G. Lackey, Chairman
 Madison County Board of Supervisors

William Tidball, Interim Clerk of the Board of the Madison County Board of Supervisors
Adopted on: June 9, 2015
Copies: Doris G. Lackey, R. Clay Jackson, Jonathon Weakley, Robert Campbell, Kevin McGhee
V. R. Shackelford, III, Constitutional Officers



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 - a. **Resolution [Walton Thompson]**
7. Adjournment