

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, November 16, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. at the Newbern Elementary School, the following members were present: Jerry D. White, Chairman; Joseph L. Sheffey, Vice-Chairman; Ira S. "Pete" Crawford; Bruce L. Fariss; and Mason A. Vaughan, Sr. Also present were County Attorney Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr.; Assistant County Administrator Peter M. Huber; County Engineer Ronnie Coake; and Management Services Director Nancy Burchett.

1. Informal Meeting with County Citizens

The Chairman welcomed those county citizens present and expressed appreciation for their interest in attending the meeting.

2. Informational Presentation

a. Claytor Lake State Park Water and Sewer Extensions

The county engineer presented details regarding the Claytor Lake State Park water and sewer extensions. Regarding the water extension, the county engineer advised that 162 potential water customers would be involved in the water extension, with the total water extension costs to be approximately \$600,000. Of this cost, the State of Virginia would be contributing \$234,000 for the water extension at the Claytor Lake State Park. The remainder of the money would be a loan from Farmers Home Administration. The county engineer reported the water tank for the water extension would probably be located near the rock quarry. In addition, he reported the 20,000 feet of waterline plans had been approved by the State Health Department and State Water Control Board. The county engineer answered several questions from the citizens including the size of waterline, future growth capacity, water tank location, route of the waterline extension, and connection fee rates, as well as water rates of the Public Service Authority. He noted the connection to the water system is mandatory for property within 300 feet of waterline, with the water connection fee being \$350.

Regarding the sewer extension, the county engineer advised the state bond referendum passing would provide sewer service to the State Park. This extension would provide funding for a sewage pump station and force main lines which would allow an expansion of sewer service in the future. He reported construction, hopefully, to begin in about one year.

A citizen expressed concern regarding an individual who might be on a fixed income and could not afford to pay or be charged the non-user fees for the water and sewer service. The county engineer explained the PSA policy regarding non-user fees and what happens should an individual not pay these fees. He explained the PSA would take a lien against the property and not force collection of non-user fees.

Mr. Joe Hale requested staff to contact state officials to request additional funding for the water and sewer extensions in the area. He stated the state park needed water and sewer service very badly at this time.

b. Courthouse Improvements

Old Courthouse renovation for Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue and Multi-Purpose Room
Brick Courthouse expansion to house all courts
Temporary Courthouse at HUB building
Additional parking

The assistant county administrator gave an update of the rebuilding at the old courthouse. He advised that the old courthouse would house the

Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, and have a multi-purpose room. The public was invited to review the plans after the meeting if they so desired. He reported the brick courthouse expansion would house all the courts, including circuit court, general district court, juvenile and domestic relations court, and the circuit court clerk's office. Again, those plans were available for the public to review after the meeting.

The assistant county administrator also reported that the temporary court facilities would be moved to the old HUB building until the brick courthouse expansion had been completed. It was noted the brick courthouse expansion would probably be completed within an eighteen month period. In addition, he reported additional parking would be made available through the purchase of the old Groseclose parking lot and the Owen's building would be removed and that area would be used for additional parking at the courthouses.

3. Other Matters

Ms. Mary Myers expressed her concerns regarding the rezoning request of the rock quarry which is to be on the Board of Supervisors agenda for the November 23 regular meeting. She stated she represented a number of individuals who were concerned about the environmental and health hazards, should this request be approved. She also expressed safety concerns, as well as the depreciation of surrounding property should the rezoning request be approved. She asked those present who opposed the rezoning request to stand. A number of individuals did stand. She then asked the Board to deny the rezoning request. Chairman White explained that a public hearing had been advertised for the November 23 supervisors meeting, as required by law. He further stated the Board could not comment on the matter until the public hearing had been held. He expressed appreciation to Ms. Myers for her comments.

Mr. Bill Kraft, a resident of Lakeland Subdivision, said he would like to get a private road named and asked about the procedure for having this accomplished. Staff advised Mr. Kraft to contact Emergency Services Coordinator Stan Crigger.

A number of citizens inquired as to the 911 being operational. The current addresses are still being used for emergency situations and not the new four digit 911 address. The Board requested staff to prepare an update on the progress of the E911 system.

Several citizens expressed concern regarding the location of the water tank to serve the Claytor Lake area to be near the rock quarry. Mr. Ted Viars requested county staff to determine how much of an increase in the operation of the rock quarry the expansion called for. He requested this information be made available at the public hearing on November 23. Mr. Bill Kraft, President of the Newbern Elementary PTA, urged anyone who is opposed to the rezoning request of the rock quarry to attend the public on November 23. Also, citizens were advised a petition had been placed in the school office for individuals who wish to sign the petition.

Supervisor Sheffey asked if those attending the community meeting felt this type of meeting was helpful to the public. The citizens in attendance said they thought the meetings were helpful and provided much information. However, one individual suggested the meetings be advertised more. Chairman White said he felt the meetings were very beneficial and that future attendance would dictate whether or not the Board continued to have community meetings. One citizen suggested someone from county staff come into the community and talk with residents about projects which may be occurring in the future, such as the water and sewer expansion, before these projects actually occur.

Chairman White thanked those in attendance and stated the Board valued the public's input and direction.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board adjourned until the regular meeting scheduled for Monday, November 23, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W. in the Town of Pulaski.

Jerry D. White, Chairman

ATTEST:

Nancy M. Burchett, Deputy Clerk