

At a special meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Pulaski County School Board held on Monday, March 1, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W. in the Town of Pulaski, the following members were present: Jerry D. White, Chairman; Joseph L. Sheffey, Vice-Chairman; Bruce L. Fariss; Ira S. "Pete" Crawford; and Mason A. Vaughan, Sr. School Board members present were: Ron Chaffin, Chairman; Rhea Saltz; Dr. Nathaniel Tuck; and Sybil Atkinson. County staff present were: Joseph N. Morgan, County Administrator; County Attorney Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr.; and Nancy M. Burchett, Management Services Director. Also present were: Dr. William Asbury, School Superintendent; and Walter Shannon, Business Manager, and other school administrative staff.

1. Joint Meeting with School Board

The Chairman welcomed members of the School Board and audience present.

a. FY 94 Budget

Local Revenue Estimates

The County Administrator reported an increase of just under 1% in local revenues were expected for FY 94 or an additional \$126,846 in total locally controlled revenues for FY 94.

State Revenue Status for Schools

The Chairman of the School Board, Ron Chaffin, expressed the School Board's appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for past support and assistance.

School Superintendent, Dr. William Asbury, presented a budget fact sheet to the Board of Supervisors regarding projected state revenues for FY 94, average daily student membership for the past several years, salaries and personnel information, and major expenditure items expected to increase in FY 94. Dr. Asbury advised projected state revenues for FY 94 would be over \$400,000 less than received in FY 93 due to a decrease in student enrollment. He further reported the General Assembly had approved a salary mandate of a 3% increase effective December 1, 1993, for teachers. However, this increase would only be funded by the state for teachers who meet standards of quality guidelines. This would cover only 221 teachers out of a total of 369 teachers. Therefore, the increase for the 148 teachers not meeting standards of quality guidelines would have to be funded locally. Dr. Asbury noted, however, the locality does not have to accept this mandate.

Dr. Asbury reported federal revenues were expected to remain the same or increase slightly. Mr. Sheffey requested information on how other localities were affected by the General Assembly action on school funding be shared with the supervisors. Mr. White suggested the legislators be asked how to deal with state reduction in funds. Dr. Fariss suggested the Health Department be requested to provide the blood pathogens shots to school employees free of charge. Mr. Crawford requested the supervisors be provided a listing of teachers and administrators with salaries along with the school's budget request. The boards also discussed possibly consolidating with other surrounding localities to possibly reduce costs.

State Disparity Suit Status

Dr. Asbury reported on the disparity suit status. He advised the earliest the suit would be heard by the Supreme Court would be April,

1993, with the latest date being September, 1993. He further reported that a decision should be rendered by January, 1994.

Capital Improvements Status
Expenditure Projections

Dr. Asbury reported capital projects approved for FY 93 were on target with CIP Plan and all projects will be underway by the end of the school year. However, a carry over of funds will probably be needed due to work not being completed by June 30, 1993.

Budget Preparation Calendar

The Board of Supervisors reviewed with the School Board the budget calendar which sets the date for presentation of the School Board budget for Monday, April 5, 1993 at 7:00 p.m.

b. Surplus Property Planning

Joint Committee on Jefferson School Building

The County Administrator recommended a joint committee be appointed to plan for the transfer of Jefferson School Building to the county, with transfer to possibly be made in September, 1993.

Transfer of Title on Property Adjacent to County Garage

The Board of Supervisors requested the School Board to transfer the property adjacent to the County Garage to the County as soon as possible.

Route 11, Lee Highway, Acreage Appraisal

The County Administrator reported an appraisal may be needed for the Route 11, Lee Highway, property.

Other - South of Water Tank at Dublin along Bagging Plant Road
Gresham School Site at New River

The Board reviewed maps of the area south of the water tank at Dublin along the Bagging Plant Road. Harry Dehaven, Transportation Supervisor for the Schools, advised this area was donated by Radford Arsenal and had to be used for school purposes; however, this stipulation expired in 1984. The property is presently being leased for agricultural purposes with the revenue going to the Future Farmers of America.

Dr. Asbury suggested that the above property and other property be reviewed by the joint committee studying school population and facilities.

2. 1989 Delinquent Taxpayer List Publication

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Sheffey and carried, to authorize advertising of the 1989 delinquent taxpayers list in the local newspaper, with the stipulation that the supervisors be informed prior to every collection effort and any action on delinquencies including selling of property.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Crawford, Mr. White, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Sheffey.
Voting no: none.

3. Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

4. Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, that the Board enter executive session, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss prospective industry and legal matters.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Crawford, Mr. White, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Sheffey.

Voting no: none.

Return to Regular Session

It was moved by Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Sheffey and carried, that the Board return to regular session.

Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk