

At a special joint meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Pulaski County School Board held on Monday, March 7, 1994, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W. in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 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.

Others present included School Board members as follows: Ron Chaffin, Chairman; Sybil Atkinson; Carolyn Brown; Lewis Pratt; and Nathaniel Tuck. Also present were: Joseph N. Morgan, County Administrator; Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., County Attorney; Dr. William Asbury, School Superintendent; Walter Shannon, School Business Manager; several other members of the School Board staff; Dee Ann Lindsey, Reporter for The Southwest Times; Paul Dellinger, Reporter for The Roanoke Times; and Nancy M. Burchett, Management Services Director.

1. Joint Meeting with School Board

The school superintendent presented the proposed School Board budget for FY 94-95. Dr. Asbury stated his budget proposal had not yet been approved by the School Board and he expected some changes to the school budget before final adoption by the School Board. Dr. Asbury discussed the early retirement debt, expected state revenues for schools for FY 95, and the status of the disparity suit.

The Board discussed with the School Board the possibility of refinancing the early retirement debt to achieve a lower interest rate. Mr. Morgan recommended the matter be studied to determine options to pursue in lowering the 8% interest rate charged by the state on the debt.

Supervisor Crawford inquired as to how the state was paying for the state employees early retirement.

Supervisor Sheffey requested a copy of number of students who were non-county residents attending Pulaski County schools.

Dr. Asbury also reviewed with the Board the school administration's budget initiatives for FY 94-95.

Dr. Fariss requested a listing of student enrollment by schools.

Dr. Asbury reported he expected a decision next month on the right to sue the state regarding the school disparity issue.

2. Winter Storm Emergency Declaration

Mr. Morgan reported the estimated damage due to the ice storm of March 2, 1994, to be approximately \$636,000.

On the motion of Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Sheffey and carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted the following winter storm emergency declaration:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Pulaski does hereby find:

1. That due to the heavy ice storm, the County of Pulaski is facing dangerous conditions;
2. That due to the extreme weather, a condition of extreme peril to life and property necessitates the proclamation of the existence of an emergency;

5. Executive Session - 2.1-344(A)

On the motion of Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried, the Board of Supervisors entered executive session pursuant to Section 2.1-344(A) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, for the discussion of personnel, legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry matters.

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

Voting no: none.

Return to Regular Session

It was moved by Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried, that the Board return to regular session.

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

Voting no: none.

Certification of Conformance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act

It was moved by Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried, that the Board adopt the following resolution certifying conformance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, Virginia, has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, Virginia, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors.

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

Voting no: none.

RE: Sale of Property

On the motion of Mr. Sheffey, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, the Board authorized the sale of property adjacent to the Flexaloy Building in the Corporate Center at \$10,000 per acre through the Industrial Development Authority.

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

Voting no: none.

6. Adjournment

On the motion of Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned to its next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, March 28, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 143 Third Street, N. W. in the Town of Pulaski.

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

Voting no: none.

Jerry D. White, Chairman

ATTEST:

Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk