

At a special meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 15, 1996, 7:00 p.m. at the Pulaski County Administration Building, Administrator's Conference Room, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Jerry D. White, Vice-Chairman; Bruce L. Fariss; Charles E. Cook; and Frank R. Conner. Also present were County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan; Management Services Director, Nancy M. Burchett; and Social Services Director, James C. Wallis.

1. Presentation on Recreation Park

Ms. Trenda Levitt of the Virginia Tech Design Assistance Center appeared before the Board of Supervisors and presented a model and master plan for the proposed recreation park. Ms. Levitt advised the site was ideally situated and plans included two pools, picnic areas, walking and biking trails, sport fields, Boy and Girl Scout camping areas, areas for ecology purposes, and also bird watching areas. She reported the estimated cost for completion of the entire park to be about \$3,000,000. Also, Ms. Levitt noted the site for the park had been donated by Ms. Evelyn Alexander and the proposed name of the park was Randolph Recreation Park.

Ms. Evelyn Alexander and Ms. Julia Farmer were in attendance for the presentation.

The Board inquired about possible state/federal funding the park. Ms. Levitt advised a 50/50 match funding might be possible in 1997 or 1998 from the State Department of Conservation and Recreation. She further advised user fees could be imposed to generate revenue for funding the future operating costs of the park.

The Board of Supervisors expressed appreciation to Ms. Levitt for her presentation and work on the proposed recreation park. The Board also thanked Ms. Evelyn Alexander for the donation of the land for the park.

The County Administrator advised the Board might consider funding the park through a combined bond issue with the proposed school bond issues at a later date.

2. Budget Presentation

The County Administrator at this time presented the FY 97 proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors. He advised two budgets were prepared, one with no increase and one with a three percent increase for most departments and agencies. The no increase budget would allow no unmandated increases and would require no tax increase. The three percent increase budget would allow a three percent increase in most department and agencies operating costs and adjusts tax rates to raise an additional \$564,344. The County Administrator also reviewed with the Board capital outlay requests.

The Board of Supervisors requested staff to provide the following additional information pertaining to the budget:

- a. A distribution of vehicle values taxed under personal property.
- b. Listing of adjacent counties/towns that impose a cellular phone tax.
- c. Determination of the dollar amount of required local expenditures due to state legislative action.
- d. A current estimate on renovation of the 3rd floor of the Old Courthouse.
- e. A table of contents for proposed budget.

The Board emphasized the need for the county/schools to economize and encouraged staff to review possible areas which may be operated jointly. In addition, the Board indicated no support for any tax increase at this time.

3. Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

4. Executive Session - 2.1-344(A)

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors entered executive session in accordance with Section 2.1-344(A) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended to discuss personnel, legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White, Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

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

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White, Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

Certification of Conformance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act

It was moved by Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Board of Supervisors 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 of 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(A) 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 requirement 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. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Jr. White, Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

5. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried to adjourn. The next regular meeting of the Board is set for April 22, 1996 at the County Administration Building, 143 3rd Street, N.W., in the Town of Pulaski.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

ATTEST:

Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk