

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, April 30, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the Law Library of the Pulaski County Courthouse, Third Street, N.W. in the Town of Pulaski, the following members were present: Jerry D. White, Vice-Chairman, Robinson District; Frank R. Conner, Massie District; Charles E. Cook, Draper District; and Bruce L. Fariss, Ingles District. Chairman Joseph L. Sheffey, Cloyd District, was unable to attend. Also present from the county staff were County Attorney Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr. and County Administrator Joseph N. Morgan.

The Board met in joint session with the Town Councils of Dublin and Pulaski.

Present representing the Town of Dublin were: Walter "Benny" Keister, Mayor; David S. Farmer, Vice-Mayor; Benny P. Skeens, Councilman; David C. Stanley, Councilman; Russell Gwaltney, Chief of Police; and Gary C. Elander, Town Manager.

Present representing the Town of Pulaski were: Andrew L. Graham, Mayor; E. G. "Junior" Black, Councilman; W. Edgar Hale, Councilman; Alma H. Holston, Councilwoman; John A. Johnston, Councilman; Bettye H. Steger, Councilwoman; Lane R. Penn, Councilman; Roy D'Ardenne, Councilman; Herb Cooley, Chief of Police; Frank Terwilliger, Town Attorney; and Thomas M. Combiths, Town Manager.

Vice-Chairman White called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Representing the news media were Dee Ann Lindsey, Southwest Times, and Paul Dellinger, Roanoke Times.

1. Law Enforcement Cooperation

Pulaski Town Manager Combiths advised that a report had been prepared by the chief law enforcement officers within the county on present and potential areas of law enforcement cooperation. The report was explained by Sheriff Ralph Dobbins. Chiefs Cooley and Gwaltney also explained the report and expressed appreciation for the high degree of cooperation in existence. Commonwealth Attorney Everett Shockley was present at the meeting in support of the report. Vice-Chairman White commended the Sheriff and chiefs for the cooperative effort and the report was accepted unanimously.

2. Regional Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (REMSI) Formation

REMSI Executive Director David Smith reported on the status of REMSI formation, including the beginning of charges for ambulance services to take place on May 1. He requested endorsement of a Friday, May 24, family fun day for rescue volunteers at Edwards Hall of New River Community College, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The councils and board endorsed the volunteer recognition event and offered any needed assistance.

It was moved by Councilwoman Holston, seconded by Supervisor Conner and carried, that the following resolution be enacted declaring emergency medical services week:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services providers have traditionally serves as the safety net of America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams, consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

WHEREAS, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, and Pulaski and Dublin Town Councils, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 19-25, 1996 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

3. Recreation Survey Status

Those members present of the County-wide Pulaski, Dublin, Pulaski County Recreation Commission reported that staff of the commission and the Pulaski County Office on Youth are conducting a survey of Pulaski County High School students to determine recreation interest. In addition, the Office on Youth is providing open gym during the summer at the Central Gymnasium behind the County Administration Building. Mr. Skeens reported volleyball is being organized as an additional youth sports activity.

4. Randolph Park Presentation

The county administrator explained the proposed Randolph Park, including the proposed donation by Ms. Evelyn Alexander of a 40 plus acre site on Route 683, Alexander Drive, as a site for a comprehensive facility. The feasibility study prepared by the Virginia Tech Design Assistance Center was reviewed. Supervisor Fariss indicated the plans to establish a citizens committee to promote the park.

5. County-wide Clean-up Suggestions

Councilwoman Steger urged support for a county-wide litter clean-up effort in 1997. The effort would be coordinated through the Clean Community Council and encourage participation through the county school system.

Supervisor Cook and Mrs. Steger encouraged trial location of drop off sites for large appliances and other special pickup items as an alternative

to the scheduled residential pickup of such items.

There was also discussion to promote a hazardous materials amnesty day for household hazardous materials to be collected.

It was moved by Mr. Keister, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, that the joint Town Councils and Board of Supervisors designate Councilwoman Steger as the coordinator for a county-wide clean-up effort in the spring of 1997.

6. Electronic Village Study Committee

Councilman D'Ardenne reported on an electronic village conference sponsored by Congressman Boucher on April 29, which was attended by town and county representatives.

It was moved by Mr. D'Ardenne, seconded by Mr. Graham and carried, that a committee be established to study the benefits of implementing an electronic community concept for Pulaski County and the towns, with the committee membership to be composed of two elected officials and two staff members from each town and the county, and with the study committee to present a plan at the next joint councils and supervisors meeting.

7. Next Meeting

The Town of Dublin offered to host the next meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 1996 at a location to be announced.

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman White declared the meeting adjourned.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

ATTEST:

Joseph N. Morgan
Clerk