

At a special meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, June 3, 1996, 7:00 p.m. at the Pulaski County Courthouse, General District Courtroom, 45 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Jerry D. White, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Bruce L. Fariss; and Frank R. Conner. Absent was Charles E. Cook. Staff present included County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan, and Management Services Director, Nancy M. Burchett.

1. Public Hearing - FY 97 Budget:

The County Administrator advised the proposed FY 97 budget had been advertised for public hearing in accordance with state law and the proposed FY 97 budget called for no increases in taxes.

At this time the Chairman opened the public hearing for citizens comments.

Ms. Dana Dehart, President of the Pulaski County Education Association appeared before the Board of Supervisors and requested consideration to fully fund the School Board budget request for FY 97.

Mr. Thomas A. Simpkins, a resident of Snowville, made comments regarding the overcrowding of students at Snowville Elementary School and the need for better facilities at Snowville Elementary School.

Mrs. Elrica Graham, Chairman of the Courthouses Exhibits Committee, appeared before the Board of Supervisors and requested the Board give consideration to allowing one-half of the Third Floor of the Old Courthouse for additional historic exhibits. In addition, Mrs. Graham requested the Board allow the old courthouse bell to remain on the Third Floor of the Old Courthouse.

No further comments were received; therefore, the public hearing was closed.

2. Other Matters

a. Building Usage Application - Courthouse Lawn - American Health Association

On the motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved a building usage application from the American Health Association for the use of the Courthouse Lawn on June 7, 1996.

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

Voting no: none.

Absent: Mr. Cook.

b. Renfro Groundbreaking Ceremony Agenda - June 6, 1996

The Board of Supervisors reviewed a draft of the Renfro Groundbreaking Ceremony scheduled for June 6, 1996. Chairman Sheffey and Supervisor Conner advised they would be in attendance at this event. Further, the Board made no changes to the draft ceremony agenda.

c. Friday, July 5, State Holiday Observance

On the motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the additional holiday of Friday, July 5, 1996, for county employees. Said action in conjunction with Governor Allen approving July 5, 1996 as a State holiday.

Voting yes: Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White and Mr. Conner.

Voting no: Dr. Fariss.
Absent: Mr. Cook.

d. Banking Services

Action on this matter was deferred until executive session.

e. Delay in Southwest Times Delivery to Hiwassee/Snowville Area

Dr. Fariss expressed concerns regarding the delay in receiving delivery of the Southwest Times in the Hiwassee/Snowville areas of the county. Staff was requested to meet with the publisher of the Southwest Times and address concerns expressed by Dr. Fariss.

3. Executive Session - 2.1-344(A)

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. White 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 legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry matters.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White, and Mr. Conner.
Voting no: none.
Absent: Mr. Cook.

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

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White, and Mr. Conner.
Voting no: none.
Absent: Mr. Cook.

Certification of Conformance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act

It was moved by Mr. White, 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 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 members' 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. Sheffey, Mr. White, and Mr. Conner.
Voting no: none.
Absent: Mr. Cook.

*Banking Services

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved awarding the banking services to Community National Bank, per the recommendation of the Banking Selection Committee.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White, and Mr. Conner.
Voting no: none.
Absent: Mr. Cook.

Note: Chairman Sheffey and Supervisor White both filed a declaration of interest regarding the above, as stockholders of Community National Bank, but determined such interest was not a material financial interest and that each could participate in the selection of banking services fairly, objectively and in the public interest. Said declarations are filed with the records of this meeting.

*Possible Volunteer To Assist with 911 Implementation

Supervisor White advised staff of an individual citizen, Sue Phillips, who had offered her assistance to the county as a volunteer to assist in the implementation of the 911 system county-wide. Staff was requested to contact Ms. Phillips.

4. Adjournment

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. White and carried, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 1996, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White, and Mr. Conner.
Voting no: none.
Absent: Mr. Cook.

Chairman

Clerk