

At a special reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 21, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pulaski County Administration Building, Board Room, 143 Third Street, N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Jerry D. White, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Bruce L. Fariss; Charles E. Cook; and Frank R. Conner. Staff present included Joseph N. Morgan, County Administrator and Nancy M. Burchett, Management Services Director.

1. Agency/Department Presentations

The following individuals appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding FY 98 budget requests and funding:

Ms. Kathy Webb, County Registrar, gave a brief summary of the Registrar's Office duties and responsibility, as well as on-going projects. Ms. Webb requested the Board fund the Assistant Registrar position full-time rather than part-time. Ms. Webb further requested the Board consider at least funding the position for 30 hours a week, if full-time position was not funded by the Board.

Chairman Sheffey inquired about other counties and staffing of Registrar's Office. He requested Ms. Webb provide this information to the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Sarah Burkett of the VPI Extension Office appeared before the Board and requested funding for travel mileage in the amount of \$600 and funding of the full amount requested for office supplies of an additional \$150.

Mr. David Smith, Director of the Regional Emergency Medical Services, Inc., (REMSI) appeared before the Board and presented information regarding accomplishments over the past year of REMSI. Information presented included response times improvements, equipment improvements such as increased number of automatic defibrillators, grant funds received, and improvements in mobile intensive care availability in the county. Mr. Smith reviewed the major focus for FY 98 and requested the Board fund an additional request for operating expenses in the amount of \$14,389 and \$37,500 for radio communication improvements.

The Board inquired about possible hospital funding for some of the expenses of REMSI. Mr. Smith advised the hospitals had provided some up front funds, but due to changes in the hospital funds, cash is no longer available. However, Mr. Smith advised the hospitals would be providing a number of in-kind services to REMSI in the future.

Supervisor White suggested REMSI promote additional memberships with the next renewal of memberships information.

Ms. Barbara Bowles, Secretary for the Literacy Volunteer of America, appeared before the Board and expressed appreciation to the Board for the recommended funding amount for FY 98 to the Literacy Volunteers of the NRV. Ms. Bowles gave a brief summary of the literacy programs provided by the Literacy Volunteers and introduced Ms. Linda Delp, the new director of the Literacy Volunteers of the NRV.

Ms. Bowles advised funding for this agency comes from local governments, the United Way, and fund raising. It was also noted federal grant funds may be available next year to fund literacy programs.

Mr. Mark Dye and Mr. Phil Blankenbeckler of New River Community Sentencing appeared before the Board and reported the number of juvenile cases referred had increased from 27 to 146 cases. Mr. Dye requested the Board consider the requested amount for this service in the amount of \$27,335.

Mr. David Bell, representing the Skyline Soil & Water Conservation Service, appeared before the Board to request the Board to consider fully funded the amount of \$9,731. Mr. Bell presented data regarding the number of erosion and sediment control plans reviewed, contacts, and referrals. Mr. Bell advised other localities were providing

a higher level of funding to the Skyline Soil & Water Conservation than Pulaski County.

At this time the Board reviewed correspondence from the Library Director regarding funding for the operating costs of the library bookmobile. Staff also advised the Juvenile Detention Home had requested a separate meeting to discuss the proposed budget for the Detention Home.

2. Budget Work Session:

- \*Revised Budget Summary: Expenditures & Revenues
- \*Line Item Budget Review
- \*Personnel
- \*Capital Improvements
- \*Other Information]

The Board of Supervisors proceeded to discuss the above items listed regarding the FY 98 proposed budget. Items discussed included the VRS employer rate, animal control claims, and departmental increases.

Dr. Fariss requested staff revise Table B to include a departmental number which would assist in locating detailed expenditures for each department.

The Board requested staff to provide the VRS employer rate for the School employees.

Supervisor White advised he could not support any new tax increases.

The Board requested staff to prepare revised figures for a 2% salary increase for county employees.

The Board requested staff confirm with the School Board that the number of student enrollees had increased and additional money may be received.

The Board requested staff determine if Soil Conservation needed to be utilized for review of soil and sedimentation plans.

Supervisor Cook requested success data from the NR Community Sentencing program regarding juveniles referred from the Courts, if available.

Dr. Fariss suggested REMSI pursue training individuals in CPR, possibly offering adult classes.

The Board requested staff provide a definite figure to complete the E911 system for the Board to review at its April 28, 1997 meeting.

The Board also discussed funding for the Randolph Park. The County Administrator advised the Advisory Committee will be making some recommendations to the Board and the town councils at the special meeting scheduled for April 29, 1997.

Dr. Fariss inquired about new state funds allocated for the New River Trail. He requested staff obtain details on these funds.

Supervisor Conner expressed concerns regarding the funding of the New River Valley Juvenile Detention Home. The Board requested the County Administrator to contact the other localities regarding funding and report back to the Board.

3. Other Matters

No other matters were discussed at this time.

4. Executive Session - 2.1-344(A)

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, to enter 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, and Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

RE: Return to Regular Session

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

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

Voting no: none.

RE: Certification of Conformance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Dr. Fariss 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 2.1-344.1 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 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 this motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors.

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

Voting no: none.

## 5. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. White and carried, that the Board of Supervisors adjourn. The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, April 28, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W. in the Town of Pulaski.

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

Voting no: none.

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Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

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Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk