

At a regular meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, August 25, 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 members present included County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan; County Attorney, Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr.; Management Services Director, Nancy M. Burchett; and Executive Secretary, Gena T. Hanks.

1. Invocation

The invocation was given by Reverend Ken Boettcher of the Dublin Baptist Church.

2. Additions to Agenda

Additional agenda items were noted and considered at the appropriate times on the agenda.

3. Public Hearings

No public hearings were scheduled for this meeting.

4. Highway Matters:

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Resident Engineer, Dan Brugh, met with the Board regarding the following:

a. Follow-up from Previous Board Meetings:

1. Rt. 11, Lee Highway, NRCC Entrance Crossover Median

Mr. Brugh reported he had reviewed this area and that no additional accidents had occurred.

The Board requested VDOT review possibly limiting turns exiting from New River Community College to the right hand lane onto Route 11 only and requested a report on this possibility at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

2. Residential Speed Limit Posting Route 663, Owens Road

Mr. Brugh reported a portion of Route 663, Owens Road, as eligible for posting and would be posted in the near future.

3. Road Signing to Harry DeHaven Park Public Boat Ramp from Route 693, Lead Mines Road & Route 605, Little River Dam Road.

Mr. Brugh advised the road signage for the Harry DeHaven Park boat ramp had been installed by VDOT.

4. Pothole Repair Request at Intersection of Thaxton Road, Route 649, and Cummings Avenue, Route 691

Mr. Brugh reported these repairs had been done by VDOT.

5. Cook's Crossing Lane Rural Addition

The Board of Supervisors requested staff confer with the citizens of Cook's Crossing to determine if additional right of way could be acquired from citizens before any county funds are expended for the relocation of power poles.

6. Route 623, Gate Ten Road on Route 600, Belspring Road, Rumble Strips

Mr. Brugh advised the installation of rumble strips at the above location is not advisable under VDOT guidelines.

7. Route 683, Alexander Drive, and Route 643, Cougar Trail Road

Mr. Brugh reported the pavement markings would be reviewed after the signal is installed and any necessary changes will be made by VDOT after installation of the traffic signal.

8. Striping Beyond Warner Lambert In Corporate Center on Route 812, Pepperell Way

Mr. Brugh advised that Route 812, Pepperell Way, does not quality for striping due to not meeting minimum VDOT requirements.

9. Route 693, Lead Mines Road, and Route 607, Boone Furnace Road, Centerline Striping

Mr. Brugh reported the centerline striping had been completed on Route 693, Lead Mines Road and Route 607, Boone Furnace Road.

10. Road Improvements Plan Between I81 At Route 660, Claytor Lake State Park Road, and Route 100, at Dublin Town Center

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of Supervisors requested VDOT to conduct a study for possible road improvements between I81 at Route 660, Claytor Lake State Park Road, and Route 100, at Dublin Town Center with the cost of said study to be less than \$10,000.

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

Voting no: none.

11. Route 1030, Bagging Plant Road, and Route 100 Cleburne Boulevard, Entrance Congestion

Mr. Brugh reported the above area had been reviewed and that traffic congestion occurs during shift changes in the afternoons. However, he advised at the present time a signal light is not justified.

b. Belspring Road, Route 600, Guardrail Request

The Board requested VDOT to add the above guardrail request to the listing of guardrail requests for future installation.

c. Speed Limit Reduction Request Route 747, Old Route 11 and Request for Placement of Walkway Along Road

The Board of Supervisors requested VDOT to perform an informal speed study on Route 747, Old Route 11, and report back to the Board at its next regular meeting.

Mr. Brugh advised the walkway request could be considered this fall when the six year road improvement plan is revised. Staff was requested to advise the interested citizen regarding the walkway request.

- d. Speed Limit Reduction Request on Route 11, Lee Highway Between Jewel Avenue, Route 1048, Ruebush Road, Route 617, and Oak Grove Place, Route 1082, as well as Deceleration Lanes

Mr. Brugh advised VDOT will perform an informal speed analysis for the above area and report back to the Board. He further reported that deceleration lanes are a six year plan request item; however, this request could be included in the standing county primary road improvement requests to improve the three lane section of Route 11 to a four lane road.

- e. Route 611, Wilderness Road, and Route 682, Newbern Road, Through Truck Traffic

Mr. Brugh advised VDOT is ready to secure citizen input either by a public hearing or by accepting written comments.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of Supervisors recommended a public hearing be held by VDOT on the above matter with written comments to also be accepted. The Board further suggested the hearing be held in the Newbern area of the county.

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

Voting no: none.

- f. Baskerville Area Rural Addition

Supervisor Cook presented a petition of adjacent property owners of Hudson Drive offering to donate the necessary right of way for road improvements. The Board requested staff to add this request to the road viewers listing for viewing.

- g. Board of Supervisors Concerns

Supervisor Conner expressed appreciation to VDOT for road improvements at Mountain View Subdivision, and for striping of Route 601, Little Creek Road.

Supervisor White expressed dissatisfaction with recent surface treatment of Lavendar Road, Jill Drive, and Ridgewood Place. Also, Supervisor White advised potholes were not filled in prior to resurfacing treatment being applied. He presented VDOT with a petition from citizens regarding the above roads. Supervisor White requested VDOT to review the roads and advise him directly of response to complaints.

Supervisor White questioned the cost of striping centerlines. Mr. Brugh advised the cost to be approximately \$40,000 for newly added lines.

Supervisor White inquired regarding VDOT's procedure on follow-up calls to the Dublin VDOT area headquarters. Mr. Brugh advised not all complaints are directed to the Christiansburg VDOT office and that the Dublin office does not respond unless a specific response to a call is requested and warranted.

Supervisor Sheffey expressed thanks to VDOT for the rumble strips on Route 626, Hazel Hollow Road.

Supervisor Conner inquired regarding striping lane markers for Route 11, Wilderness Road, and FO47, Cleburne Boulevard. Mr. Brugh advised VDOT would review and report back to the Board.

Supervisor Cook noted VDOT may need to monitor the Route 11 and Route 100 intersection at New River Community College and the Bagging Plant Road, Route 1030, for changing traffic patterns. Mr. Brugh advised VDOT has viewed these areas.

Supervisor Conner noted the longest time wait at the newly installed traffic light at Route 643, Cougar Trail Road, and Route 11, to be 90 seconds or one and one-half minutes.

Supervisor Fariss inquired regarding the status of the Regional Jail Entrance. The Board requested staff to recommend a safe entrance to the Regional Jail and give an update to the Board of Supervisors on a preferred entrance by September 5, 1997 via the weekly update.

h. Citizens Concerns

Ms. Kate Haynes expressed safety concerns regarding Route 11, (item 4d under highway matters on agenda). Ms. Haynes requested a lowering of the speed limit.

Mr. Brugh advised the speed limit cannot be lowered on Route 11 as the speed limit is set by law; however, he advised VDOT could install a right turn lane.

Mr. Dave Edwards of Jewell Avenue, Rt. 1048, suggested better sight distance on the left-hand turn onto Route 11 towards Radford could be achieved by cutting of brush and grading of the bank along on the road. Mr. Brugh reported VDOT would view this and report back to the Board.

Ms. Pattie Robinson of Alum Spring Road and Largen Hill Court expressed concerns regarding speeding in this area. She also relayed concerns regarding a garage being used by David Lane for a racecar without occupying a residence, and complained of loud noise from the racecar as a nuisance. Further, Ms. Robinson advised of a number of cars in this area without licenses or county decals.

Supervisor Conner advised the citizens in the area to contact the Magistrate's Office to obtain a disturbing the peace or trespassing warrant.

Mr. Neal and Mary Johnson also of Largen Hill Court expressed concerns regarding the noise created by the racecar and requested action be taken by the Board of Supervisors.

i. Other Matters

The Board of Supervisors approved scheduling the six year road plan improvement public hearing for the October Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Brugh suggested the Board consider older subdivision asphalt paving as an addition to the six year plan in order to remedy frequent pothole repairs by VDOT.

5. Regional Chambers of Commerce Transportation Program

County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan, introduced to the Board of Supervisors Mr. Daniel G. Oakley, Vice President of the Regional Chambers of Commerce Transportation Program.

Mr. Oakley reviewed with the Board of Supervisors the results of a recent transportation study completed by four planning districts. Said study estimated needed road improvements to be at a cost of approximately \$12 billion. However, the study made seven recommendations regarding road improvements with these recommendations estimated to cost \$38 million. Mr. Oakley reviewed with the Board of Supervisors the seven major roads which had been recommended for major road improvements.

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors endorsed the Study on the Future of Transportation in Southwestern and Southside Virginia, as presented by Daniel G. Oakey.

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

Voting no: Dr. Fariss

6. Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the monthly trial balance report and certificates of deposit as prepared by County Treasurer, Rose Marie Tickle. The Board accepted the reports as presented.

7. Citizen Comments

No citizen comments were heard at this time.

8. Commerce Park Status

Chairman Sheffey made a Commerce Park status presentation to the Board of Supervisors. He advised this same presentation had been presented to him on August 18, 1997 by Senator Trumbo. Said presentation outlined the advantages of a commerce park.

9. Draper Mountain Overlook Status

Supervisor Cook presented a report on the status of the Draper Mountain Overlook. He reported when Phase I of the project is completed, there will be 16 parking spots available for the public, the walls will be restored, access gates will be installed, a picnic table will be available to the public on each side of the mountain, and port-o-johns will be on site. He further advised completion of Phase I is expected to be early spring of 1998.

10. Reports from the County Administrator and Staff:

a. County Flag and Colors

The Board of Supervisors viewed with Nancy Burchett, Management Services Director, several flag designs with the county logo. The Board tabled the selection of a county flag until the next meeting and directed staff to present a color picture of the county flag with burgundy fringe and a color picture of the county flag with gold fringe for the Board's consideration.

b. Office on Youth Plan for Central Gym Expansion

Anthony Akers, Office on Youth Director, reviewed with the Board of Supervisors a proposed plan for the Central Gym expansion. Mr. Akers advised costs for the expansion are estimated to be approximately \$70,000 to \$100,000; however, plans are to fund the expansion through donations and grants. Also, he advised plans are to include the youth in his program to be involved in the construction of the gym expansion.

Supervisor White suggested consideration be given to charging fees for non-county sponsored groups using the gymnasium.

The Board also requested staff provide the Board of Supervisors with a calendar of events for the Office on Youth via the weekly update.

c. County Entrance Signs

Emergency Services Coordinator, Stan Crigger, appeared before the Board and advised staff recommended the county entrance signs be erected along I-81 between Kirby Road and Interstate 81 (north bound), and on the Wally Flinchum site (south bound).

d. Musk Thistle Control Status

Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., County Attorney, advised the present musk thistle control ordinance is not enforceable since enabling statute has been repealed by the General Assembly. The Board instructed the county attorney to draft a new musk thistle control ordinance with assistance from the county extension agent for review by the Board and possible adoption.

e. Scheduling of Public Hearing on Private Solid Waste Haulers

The Board of Supervisors approved scheduling a public hearing as soon as practical on regulating private solid waste haulers in Pulaski County.

f. Key Activity Timetable

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the Key Activity Timetable as prepared by staff.

g. Appointments

No appointments were made at this time.

11. Items of Consent:

On the motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the following items of consent, unless otherwise noted.

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

Voting no: none.

a. Minutes of July 28, 1997

The Board approved minutes of July 28, 1997 as presented.

b. Accounts Payable

The Board approved the accounts payable listing for checks numbered 15794 through 16056.

c. Appropriations & Transfers

The Board approved the following additional appropriations and transfers as follows:

1. Interoffice Transfers #2 - \$33,699.95

The Board approved Internal Service Fund Transfer #2 in the amount of \$33,699.95 as presented and filed with the records of the Director of Management Services.

2. General Fund Appropriation #2-Carryovers \$13,318.43

Expenditures:

7301-5604 Library RIF	\$	4,595.93
8305-1003 Extension Office Salaries		5,891.00
8305-3006 Extension Office Printing		831.50
8105-5604 Economic Dev. Rt. 219 Project		<u>2,000.00</u>

Total	\$	13,318.43
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3. General Fund Appropriation #3 -\$4,351.00

Revenues:

2302-92 Compensation Bd. Sheriff	\$	4,101.00
1618-02 Extension Cooking Fees		<u>250.00</u>

Total	\$	4,351.00
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Expenditures:		
3102-7001 Sheriff Dept. Equipment	\$	4,101.00
8305-3006 Extension Printing		<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$	4,351.00

4. School Fund Appropriation #2 – \$300,000 FY 98

Revenues:		
5102-00 Transfer from General Fund	\$	300,000.00
Expenditures:		
6601-3126 Architect/Engineering Fees	\$	300,000.00

5. Comprehensive Service Act Fund Appropriation #2 - \$107,087.61 FY 97

Revenues:		
2401-29 CSA Reimbursement	\$	106,087.61
Expenditures:		
9140-5827 CSA Payments /Other	\$	106,087.61

6. Capital Improvements Fund Appropriation #2 Carryovers and New Projects Obligations \$3,744,230

Revenues:		
5102-00 Transfer from General Fund	\$	2,424,953.00
2404-46 CDBG NRB Industries		806,677.00
3209-01 RCD Loan/Cloyd's Mt. Sewer		34,739.00
3307-01 Claytor Lake Water		259,152.00
3307-02 Claytor Lake Sewer		<u>218,709.00</u>
Total	\$	3,744,230.00

Expenditures:		
1224-7022 Garage Computer Equip.	\$	8,141.00
3102-7022 Sheriff Computer Equip.		8,567.00
3210-7131 Hiwassee Fire Dept. Well		5,000.00
3213-700511 Twin Comm. Fire Pumper		90,000.00
4230-7114 GIS Aerial Photography		54,746.00
4305-7020 CAB Renovations		2,061.00
4311-7166 Belspring Ballfield Improvements		17,695.00
7250-3009 Industrial History Local		10,000.00
8118-3002 NR Indust. Park Condemnation		100,000.00
7130-7070 Harry DeHaven Park Land		235,000.00
7130-7158 Harry DeHaven Park Boat/Pk.		46,075.00
8105-7151 Shell Bldg.		209,000.00
8105-7155 Renfro/Pulaski Furniture		50,000.00
8121-7167 Volvo Rd Improvements		150,000.00
4224-7135 Cloyd's Mt. Sewerline		34,739.00
8119-7170 NRB Industries Water		440,177.00
8119-7171 NRB Industries Sewer		366,500.00
9101-9016 Claytor Lake Waterline Debt		5,544.00

9131-7144 Claytor Lake Sewer local	500,000.00
9131-7144 Claytor Lake Sewer Grant	218,709.00
9130-7124 Claytor Lake Water Grant	259,152.00
9101-7125 Debt Economic Stimulus Program	924,274.00
4311-7168 Belspring School Demolition	<u>8,850.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,744,230.00

d. Ratification:

1. New River Industrial Park Grading Agreement–AG 97-8-1

The Board of Supervisors ratified an agreement with Draper Aden Associates for the preliminary grading plans at the New River Industrial Park for a fee not to exceed \$1,000.00.

2. Auditing Contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox-CT 97-8-2

The Board of Supervisors approved the auditing contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for fiscal years ending June 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999 with annual costs for FY 97 to be \$19,000 with fees for the subsequent two years increasing by the percentage increase reflected by the Consumer Price Index, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

3. NRB Industries CDBG Grant Agreements:

\*Department of Housing & Comm. Development-AG 97-8-2

The Board of Supervisors approved an agreement between the County of Pulaski and the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development regarding a grant award in the amount of \$700,000 for NRB Industries water and sewer project.

\*NRB Industries-AG 97-8-3

The Board of Supervisors approved the grant conditions agreement with NRB Industries in the amount of \$700,000.

\*Construction Contract – Central Builders for Water-AG 97-8-4

The Board of Supervisors approved the water system improvement contract to Central Builders in the amount of \$442,177.00.

\*Construction Contract – Beavers & Cecil-AG97-8-5

The Board of Supervisors approved the sewer extension contract to Beavers & Cecil Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$280,664.00.

4. Habitat for Humanity – Use of Surplus Truck

The Board of Supervisors ratified and approved use of a county surplus truck by Habitat for Humanity.

e. Contracts & Change Orders:

1. Change Order #1 – Demolition of Belspring School-CO 97-8-1

The Board approved Change Order #1 for the clean up of the Ritter property in Belspring in the amount of \$8,850.00.

2. Change Order #3 – Route 660 Waterline Project-CO97-8-2

The Board approved Change Order #3 for the Route 660 waterline project in the amount of \$12,000 with H. T. Bowling, Inc.

f. Personnel Changes

The Board of Supervisors reviewed recent personnel changes as prepared by Management Services Director, Nancy M. Burchett.

g. Route 219 International Trade & Travel Corridor Endorsement Resolution

The Board of Supervisors adopted the following resolution regarding the Route 219 International Trade & Travel Corridor:

WHEREAS, international trade corridors have been proposed to facilitate and improve international trade across the northern and southern borders of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Route 219 International Trade and Travel Corridor could pass through Pulaski County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Route 219 International Trade and Travel Corridor will encourage economic development and increase economic opportunities in Pulaski County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS support the concept of a Route 219 International Trade and Travel Corridor.

FURTHERMORE, the Board will continue to explore the potential benefits that can be derived from development of the proposed Route 219 International Trade and Travel Corridor.

h. Property Address Completion

The Board of Supervisors approved a three part program to expedite the property addressing, per staff recommendation as follows:

1. Data Entry to be done by utilizing part-time staff such as the Assistant Registrar;
2. Part-time employees familiar with the county, such as former sheriff's deputies, former mail carriers or former PSA water system employees be used for field verification of addresses; and
3. A coordinator, either through an employee or by contracting with an agency such as the planning district or a consulting engineer, be engaged to oversee the addressing.

i. Current Engineering Project Status Report

The Board of Supervisors reviewed status reports from the county engineer and Draper Aden Associates on current engineering projects.

j. Request for Replacement of Copier by Clerk of Circuit Court

The Board of Supervisors approved a request from the Circuit Court Clerk for the purchase of a replacement copier at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 with staff to investigate continued use of the old copier verses trading in on new copier purchase. Also, said purchase approved with the understanding receipts from the sale of copiers are to be remitted to the county treasurer.

k. Housing Assistance Program Transfer

The Board of Supervisors authorized staff to request that the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) allow the County of Pulaski to relinquish its existing agreement for rental housing assistance funded by VHDA. The Board of Supervisors further approved transferring the administration of the Rental Housing Assistance Program to Pembroke Management, Inc. once VHDA agrees to relinquish above referenced agreement.

12. Citizen Comments

No citizen comments were heard at this time.

13. Other Matters from Supervisors

No other matters from supervisors were discussed at this time.

14. Executive Session – 2.1-344(A)

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, to enter executive session in accordance with Section 2.1-344(A) of the 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.

Return to Regular Session

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. White and carried, the Board of Supervisors returned to regular session.

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

Voting no: none.

Certification of Conformance with the 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 of this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

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 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.

15. Adjournment

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for Monday, September 22, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, Board Room, 143 Third Street, N.W. , in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.

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