

At a regular meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, March 23, 1998 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; Executive Secretary, Gena T. Hanks; and Assistant County Administrator, Peter Huber.

1. Invocation

The invocation was given by County Attorney, Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr.

2. Public Hearings

a. 1998 Real Estate Tax Rate

County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan, reported that real estate property due to the reassessment had increased over last years total assessed value of real property by twenty-five (25%). He advised the state requires a county to have a reassessment of property at least every six years. He further reported citizens had two opportunities to appeal their new assessed value. The first means is through the real estate assessors and if not satisfied, the individuals could meet with the Board of Equalization. Mr. Morgan further advised that the Board of Supervisors had no authority to adjust real estate values.

Mr. Morgan then reviewed with the Board of Supervisors charts reflecting the relationship between existing and proposed revenues and expenditure commitments and requests.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing on this matter for public comments. The following individuals addressed the Board opposing the proposed tax increase:

Albert Taylor, Wally Flinchum, Junior Childress, Elmer Mottesheard, Eugene Miller, Colleen Oakley, Craig Strain, Bea Draper, W. A. Davis, Charles C. Underwood, Charlie Duncan, Dan Gullion, Janet Lane, Juanita Petrone, Duane Pace, Ed Colley, Charles R. Haynes, Clarence Quesenberry and Doug Manuel.

Mr. Tom Simpkins requested the Board to set the tax rate at a level to fund the school capital needs and to invest in education.

Several citizens inquired about the reassessment process. County Administrator, Joseph Morgan and Chairman Sheffey, explained the RFP process for retaining the assessors and advised that the firm selected had offices in Roanoke and have completed reassessments for several counties in the New River Valley.

No further public comments were heard; therefore, Chairman Sheffey closed the public hearing. It was noted the Board would act on the tax rate at the April 20, 1998 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

b. Case Knife Road Water Joint CDBG Application

Assistant County Administrator, Peter Huber, advised this public hearing had been requested by the Town of Pulaski to support the Town's CDBG application for water for Case Knife Road. Mr. Huber advised this application required no funds from the county. He further reported the Town was only asking for sponsorship of the grant.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing on this matter.

No public comments were heard; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing on the matter.

On the motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors endorsed the above grant application by the Town of Pulaski, at no cost to the county, and if no rate surcharge is charged to county residents.

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

Voting no: none.

c. A request by Fred P. and Donna Bond for rezoning from Residential (R1) to Conditional Commercial to allow a convenience store/deli/antique sales with a Conditional Use Permit to allow a game room on property identified as tax parcel 045-001-0000-0024, 0.52 acres, located on the east side of Alum Spring Road, (Rt. 643), 1,500 ft. north of the Buena Vista Road, (Rt. 640), Robinson District.

County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan, advised the Planning Commission recommended denial of the above request.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing on this matter.

Mr. Fred Bond advised he wished to drop the request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a game room on the property. He presented the Board of Supervisors with a petition signed by residents of the area supporting the convenience store reopening. Mr. Bond further advised he had been out of the county for several years and did not realize the property zone had been changed. Mr. Bond requested the Board approve his request to operate a store/deli/antique sales only business.

Supervisor White inquired regarding hours of operation for the store. Mr. Bond advised the hours would be from 6 a.m. to no later than 10 p.m.

Supervisor White advised that the game room had been the main problem with the adjacent property owners.

Mr. Bond's brother also requested the Board of Supervisors to approve the request for rezoning from Residential to Conditional Commercial for the operation of a store.

No further comments were heard; therefore the Chairman closed the public hearing on this matter.

On the motion of Mr. White, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the above rezoning request from Residential (R1) to Conditional Commercial to allow a convenience store/deli/antique sales only.

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

Voting no: none.

- d. Consideration of rezoning from Residential (R-3) to Commercial (CM-1) of property owned by Credit Marketing & Management Assoc., identified as tax parcel 048-008-0000-0123, located on the north side of Lee Highway (Rt. 11) at the intersection of Wright Avenue (Rt. 1085, Cloyd District.

County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan, advised the Planning Commission recommended approval of the above rezoning request.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing on this matter.

No comments were heard; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. White and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the above rezoning request per the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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

Voting no: none

3. Additions to Agenda

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

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. Status of Surface Transportation Assistance Act Double Trailer Access

Mr. Brugh advised this matter is currently under review by VDOT and he had been working with county staff on this matter.

2. Selection of Rural Additions for Construction

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. White and carried, the Board of Supervisors authorized county staff to serve as Road Viewers to view the Claytor Village Subdivision and the New River Valley Fairgrounds road.

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

Voting no: none.

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. White and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the following roads for rural addition funding:

\*Cook's Crossing extension (\$18,700) and

\*Connector to Rolling Hills Subdivision (\$5,750)

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

Voting no: none.

Supervisor Sheffey advised that Rt. 755, Depot Road, could be removed from the rural additions listing.

3. Update on Traffic Counts on Rail Crossings of Rt. 633, Cemetery Street, & Rt. 617, Ruebush Road, east of the Town of Dublin, as well as Jefferson Washington, and Randolph Avenues

The Board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Brugh detailing traffic counts on the above crossings. Mr. Brugh advised insofar as the concept of replacing the two at grade crossings with one overpass, Norfolk Southern Railroad would have to finance a minimum of 10% of the cost and other funding sources may be from the railroad safety improvement program and the Six Year Plan funds.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. White and carried, the Board of Supervisors requested VDOT to explore an overpass with both grade closings.

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

Voting no: none.

The Board requested staff to send an excerpt of the minutes regarding this matter to the two towns.

4. Traffic Signal Reactivation Route 114, Pepper's Ferry Boulevard, and Route 679, Viscoe Road

Mr. Brugh advised the signal reactivation does not currently qualify due to present traffic count.

5. Guardrail at Draper Elementary School along Route FO47, Old Route 100

Mr. Brugh advised the guardrail at Draper Elementary School should now be installed.

6. Guardrail along Route 658, Delton Road, near water pipe

Mr. Brugh advised this request is currently under review by VDOT.

7. Rock cliff protrusion removal along Route 658, Delton Road

Mr. Brugh advised this request is currently being reviewed by VDOT.

8. Guardrail and stream diversion along Route 658, Delton Road, approximately 1.5 miles south of Route 654, Old Baltimore Road

Mr. Brugh reported this request is also currently being reviewed by VDOT.

9. Drainage on Route 712, Water Tank Road

Mr. Brugh advised this work will be done by VDOT once the area dries up.

10. Repaving Routes 787, Peak Creek Road, 644, Hurston Road and 763, Old Mill Road

Mr. Brugh reported VDOT is currently scheduling the above paving and more definite dates can be reported at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

11. Status of High Water on Route 661, Dunkard Road, near Tall Oaks Lane

Mr. Brugh advised VDOT had reviewed the above area and reported the cost to be approximately \$70,000 to correct the high water problem.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. White and carried, the Board of Supervisors instructed staff to place this project on the waiting list of the six year plan.

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

Voting no: none.

b. County Entrance Signs Status



Supervisor Fariss advised that Route 752 had not been named. Staff was requested to assist with the naming of Route 752.

Supervisor Fariss commended regarding the Max Creek gate placement at the entrance to the Boy Scout Campground.

Supervisor Sheffey inquired regarding placement of guardrails at Route 600, Belspring Road, and Route 1205, Timberlane Drive.

Supervisor Sheffey inquired regarding pothole repairs and VDOT's schedule for said repairs. Mr. Brugh advised pothole repairs will begin in April.

Supervisor Sheffey expressed concerns regarding the Pepper's Ferry Loop drainage problems.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved adding the Pepper's Ferry Loop drainage problems to the Six Year Plan waiting list.

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

Voting no: none.

g. Citizen Concerns

Ms. Brenda Blackburn asked Supervisors to request VDOT to remove the gate on Max Creek Road, Route 655, at the entrance of the Boy Scout Camp.

Mr. Jeff Hinton requested VDOT to also remove the above referenced gate.

Mr. Brugh advised the gate will be removed by VDOT; however, any abandonment must be processed by the Board of Supervisors.

No further citizen comments regarding highway matters was heard.

g. Other Matters

The Board of Supervisors authorized staff to send a letter of support to Congressman Boucher and Senators Warner and Robb transmitting a resolution of support of for both Senate and House versions of the bill for federal road funding.

5. Treasurer's Report

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

Supervisor Fariss inquired regarding follow-up on the delinquent tax ad and noted confusion with the town decals due to a delay in the Town of Pulaski's due date. Mr. Tickle advised the delinquent taxes are turned over to Attorney Samuel Campbell for collection if not paid, and that the towns decals are the same color to enhance enforcement efforts. She confirmed that the Town of Pulaski had extended it's deadline for the collection of the town decals.

6. Citizen Comments

No citizen comments were heard at this time.

7. New River Criminal Justice Training Academy Board Restructuring

Sheriff James Davis, Mr. Gray Barnes, Executive Director of the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy, and Chief Ray Melton, Chairman of the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request the Board to approve a resolution allowing for the restructuring of the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy Board.

Mr. Barnes briefly reviewed the history of the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy. He advised under the current structure of the academy, the New River Valley Regional Jail would be prohibited from being a member of the academy.

Supervisors Conner, Cook and Fariss expressed concerns regarding the new by laws. The Board requested copies of the old by laws for review and requested all documents be reviewed by the County Attorney, Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., prior to the Board taking any action on this request.

8. Snowville PTO Presentation

Mr. Thomas Simpkins, President of the Snowville PTO, presented to the Board of Supervisors a resolution of appreciation. In addition, Mr. Simpkins requested the Board of Supervisors acquire additional land for a playground and parking area at Snowville Elementary. Mr. Simpkins also requested the Board give consideration to a full size gymnasium for Snowville School. He advised of safety problems currently being encountered with the present parking facilities at the school.

The following individuals spoke and requested the Board of Supervisors to acquire additional land and build a full size gymnasium at Snowville Elementary School: Mr. Kenneth Harrell, Mr. Walter Felts and Mr. Jeff Hite.

9. Claytor Lake State Park 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Presentation

Mr. Richard Johnson, Claytor Lake State Park Superintendent, advised the Board of Supervisors of planned events scheduled for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Claytor Lake State Park. Mr. Johnson gave a brief summary of the history of the State Park. He advised the park was dedicated on May 29, 1948 and the community operated the park for the first two years of operation. He further reported a committee had been formed to raise funds and plan the events for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Chairman Sheffey commended Mr. Johnson on the plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and expressed appreciation for the upkeep on the state park by state officials.

10. Circuit Court Clerk's Document Management and Imaging System

Circuit Court Clerk, Glenwood Lookabill, appeared before the Board and addressed the need for a document management and imaging system for the Clerk's Office. Mr. Lookabill advised that in less than one year, the Clerk's Office will be out of space. He reported a Request for Proposals had been done for an imaging and document management system. The costs were estimated to be \$22,000 per year for a four year period. Mr. Lookabill further advised the costs for this system would be offset by some reductions in the current Clerk's Office budget.

The Board of Supervisors requested Mr. Lookabill to provide an analysis on the reductions in the current budget if the imaging system was implemented. Further, the Board requested this matter be included in the Capital Improvement Plan and in the FY 99 budget process for review.

11. Reports from the County Administrator and Staff:

a. Solid Waste Collection Privatization Status

The Board reviewed the draft of the request for proposals for solid waste collection. Staff advised that the Public Service Authority is expected to approve the issuance of the RFP after the February 9, 1998 meeting of the PSA. Staff also requested the County Attorney to brief the Board of Supervisors on legal issues regarding this matter in executive session.

Dr. Fariss stressed the need for uniform refuse service rates for all residents of the county.

b. Budget Calendar

The Board of Supervisors approved the following budget calendar with one change noting the February 9 meeting with the School Board to March 9:

FY 99  
BUDGET CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
<b>Friday, January 30</b>	◆ <b>Distribution of budget preparation instructions</b>
Monday, February 23*	◆ Initial local revenue estimates presented to the Board of Supervisors
<b>Monday, March 9</b>	◆ <b>Preliminary budget discussions with Board of Supervisors and School Board</b>
Sundays, March 8 and 15	◆ Publication of tax rate adjustment
Monday, March 23*	◆ Public Hearing on real estate tax rate adjustment
Monday, March 30	◆ Budget requests to be submitted to county administrator
<b>Monday, April 6</b>	◆ <b>School Board budget presentation</b>
Friday, April 10	◆ Budget recommendation submitted to Board by county administrator

Tuesday, April 14	◆ Planning Commission review of Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) completed
<b>Monday, April 20</b>	<b>◆ Tax rate adjustment by Board of Supervisors</b> <b>◆ Other agency/department presentations</b>
<b>Monday, May 4 - Monday, May 11</b>	<b>◆ Budget work sessions</b>
<b>Monday, May 11</b>	<b>◆ Tentative approval of budget by Board for public hearing purposes</b>
Sunday, May 17	◆ Budget advertised
<b>Monday, June 1*</b>	<b>◆ Public hearing on budget and preliminary adoption for planning purposes</b>
Monday, June 22*	◆ Board adopts final budget

\*DENOTES MONTHLY FOURTH MONDAY  
SUPERVISORS MEETING ALREADY SCHEDULED

Meetings of Board of Supervisors Highlighted

c. Key Activity Timetable

The Board reviewed the Key Activity Timetable (KATT) as presented by staff. The Board requested the changes as follows: under Engineering mark “Recycling” as Completed;

under Recreation add the Claytor Lake State Park 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; and add Library expansion to KATT or CIP.

d. Progress on Board of Supervisors Major Goals 1996-1999

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the progress report on the Supervisors Major Goals for 1996-1999, as prepared by staff. The Board authorized staff to include this report in the February 22, 1998 Southwest Times Progress edition.

e. Appointments

1. Recreation Commission
2. Juvenile Detention Home
3. Cable TV Advisory Committee
4. Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board deferred the above appointments until after the executive session portion of the meeting.

f. January 29 Intergovernmental Meeting Agenda

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the proposed January 29 intergovernmental meeting agenda, as prepared by staff.

12. Items of Consent:

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. White 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 December 15, 1997

The Board approved the minutes of December 15, 1997, as presented.

b. Accounts Payable

The Board approved the accounts payable listing for checks numbered 15824 through 18237. Staff noted that checks numbered 17710-18003 had been voided.

c. Appropriations & Transfers

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

1. Interoffice Transfers #7 - \$45,118.16

The Board approved Internal Service Fund Transfer #7 in the amount of \$45,118.16 as presented and filed with the records of the Director of Management Services.

2. General Fund Appropriation #7-\$362,540.75

Revenues

2404-43 Regional Jail Advisory	\$ 308,727.75
2402-80 VA Preschool Initiative	50,943.00
1615-01 Library Memorial Books	695.00
1615-06 Library RIF Donations	600.00
1618-02 Extension Cooking Class Fees	<u>225.00</u>
Total	\$ 361,190.75

Expenditures:

3306-300910 NR Criminal Justice	\$ 206,333.75
3306-300912 NR Criminal Justice	102,394.00
5363-5606 VA Preschool Initiative	50,943.00
7115-4007 Friends of Claytor Lake	300.00
7301-5411 Library Books	695.00
7301-5604 Library RIF	600.00
8305-6013 Extension Education Supplies	225.00
9104-5804 Erroneous Assessments	834.00
9310-5823 Revenue Refunds Bldg. Permits	101.00
9310-582301 Revenue Refunds State	30.00
9310-5822 Revenue Refunds Dog Fees	53.00
9310-5824 Revenue Refunds Co. Decals	<u>32.00</u>
Total	\$ 362,540.75

3. Capital Improvement Fund Appropriation #7 - \$22,500

Revenues:

1899-75 Commerce Park Local Contribution \$ 22,500

Total \$ 22,500

Expenditures:

8122-3002 Commerce Park Prof. Services \$ 22,500

Total \$ 22,500

4. Law Library Supplemental Appropriation

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved a one time appropriation of \$3,500 for the Law Library with the County Attorney requested to determine if mandated or required by the State.

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

Voting no: none.

5. Capital Improvement Fund Transfer #2 – Library \$6,800

7301-7060 Dublin Library Fiber Optic \$ -6,800

7301-702208 Dublin Library Computers +6,800

6. School Fund Appropriations #7 - \$3,438; #8 - \$83,151; #9 - \$3,000; #10 - \$1,500; and #11 - \$6,000

#7 Revenues:

204258 Early Intervention Reading \$ 3,438

Expenditures:

6131-601301 Instructional Materials \$ 3,438

#8 Revenues:

3301-11 Title VIB IDEA Grant \$ 83,151

Expenditures:

6978-112120 Teacher Salaries \$ 41,575

6978-314020 Other Prof. Serv. 41,576

Total \$ 83,151

#9 Revenues:

3301-10 Chapter II \$ 3,000

Expenditures:

6910-3140 \$ 3,000

#10 Revenues:	
3301-32 Special Education	\$ 1,500
Expenditures:	
6229-820124 Machinery & Equip	\$ 1,500

#11 Revenues:	
3301-19 Title II	\$ 6,000
Expenditures:	
6950-3140 Other Professional Serv.	\$ 6,000

7. School Fund Transfer & Appropriation #12 \$80,360

Revenues:	
5102 Transfer from General Fund	\$ 80,360
Expenditures: Trigon Rebate Adjustments	
6112-230110 Elementary	\$ -29,119
6113-230110 Secondary	-16,954
6121-230101 Guidance	- 2,251
6122-230100 Social Work	- 300
6130-230101 Imp. Instruction Mgt.	- 188
6131-230102 Imp. Instruction Curriculum	- 300
6132-230102 Imp. Instruction Develop	- 150
6133-230101 Media	- 1,950
6141-230101 Office of Principal	- 5,476
6219-230107 Administration	- 1,301
6229-230123 Attendance & Health	- 1,500
6309-230114 Pupil Transportation	- 750
6409-230121 Operations & Maintenance	- 5,401
6601-3320 Capital Improvements	+65,640
6601-3320 Capital Improvements	+80,360
Total	\$ 80,360

d. Ratification:

1. Contracts

No contracts were presented for ratification at this meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

2. Change Orders:

a. Rt. 660 Waterline Project – Change Order #1  
\$23,142.95

The Board of Supervisors approved Change Order#1 in the amount of \$23,142.95 with H. T. Bowling, Inc. for the Rt. 660 waterline project.

3. Agreements:

No agreements were presented at this meeting for ratification by the Board of Supervisors.

e. Personnel Changes

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

e. Scheduling of Public Hearings:

1. Amendment of Animal Control Ordinance

The Board authorized staff to schedule a public hearing on an amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance as soon as the draft amendment is prepared.

2. Confirmation of Vehicle Impoundment Fee at Garage

The Board of Supervisors delayed action on this matter and requested staff to make a recommendation in establishing a uniform fee structure for vehicle impoundment fees charged by the county.

g. Randolph Park Design Consultant

The Board of Supervisors authorized staff and the Park Citizens Advisory Committee to interview Draper Aden Associates, Thomas A. Douthat and Hill Studio for the Randolph Park Design Consultant, per staff recommendation.

h. Amendment to Airport Commission Runway Rehab Grant

The Board of Supervisors authorized staff to execute an amendment to the Airport Commission runway rehab grant. Said grant had been sponsored by the county. A copy of the amendment is filed with the records of this meeting.

i. Establishment of Alternate Meeting Dates Due to Meetings, Etc.

The Board of Supervisors confirmed its regular meeting would continue to be the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building and approved the following alternative meeting dates, as recommended by county staff:

1. from May 25 (Memorial Day) to June 1;
2. from October 26 to October 19 (due to ICMA Conference)
3. from December 28 to December 21 (Christmas holidays; and
4. meeting the following Monday whenever the chairman or vice-chairman in his absence, determines hazardous weather conditions or other conditions exist, which would prohibit the Board from holding its regular monthly meeting.

j. Junk Car Ordinance Enforcement

The Board of Supervisors requested the Zoning Administrator, Dari Jenkins, to provide a semi-annual enforcement status report regarding junk cars, and requested the County Attorney, Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., to draft an amendment to the Junk Car Ordinance addressing screened vehicles being exempt from the ordinance.

k. AEP 765 KV Transmission Project Endorsement

The Board of Supervisors reaffirmed support of the American Electric Power 765 kV Transmission project and requested the following resolution of support to be sent to American Electric Power Virginia President, Dan Carson; Regional American Electric Power Manager, Joe Weddle; and others as noted in the resolution:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY  
OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA, FOR AMERICAN ELECTRIC  
POWER'S WYOMING-CLOVERDALE 765 kV  
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

WHEREAS, AEP provides economical and reliable retail service to significant industrial customers within the county; and

WHEREAS, approximately fourteen thousand (14,000), residential, commercial and industrial customers of Appalachian Power Company, d/b/a American Electric Power ("AEP") in the county rely upon AEP to supply their electricity needs economically and reliably; and

WHEREAS, the availability of reliable and reasonably priced electricity is essential to the social and economical well being of the citizens, businesses and industries of the county, as well as other areas served by AEP; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1990, and more recently in applications filed on September 30, 1997, with the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the West Virginia Public Service Commission, Appalachian Power Company, d/b/a American Electric Power (“AEP” or “Company”) has proposed the construction of a 765 kV transmission line from its Wyoming Station near Oceana, West Virginia, to its Cloverdale Station, at Cloverdale, Virginia (“the Wyoming-Cloverdale 765 kV Line”), to provide needed electric capacity to serve the Company’s Central and Eastern areas; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia State Corporation Commission stated in a December 13, 1995, Interim Order in an earlier proceeding on the proposed line that, based on the record, there is “... compelling need for additional electric capacity to serve Appalachian’s Central and Eastern Regions...” and that the proposed transmission line “may be the most reasonable method of addressing this compelling need...”; and

WHEREAS, in its August, 1996, Report to the President in the wake of the recent blackouts in the Western U. S. during the summer of 1996, the U. S. Department of Energy identified delays in the Wyoming-Cloverdale 765 kV line as one of only two areas of significant concern within the United States regarding liability of the nation’s electric supply.

WHEREAS, in a report issued to the Department of Energy in March, 1997, an independent body of experts from three area electricity reliability councils concluded that the delayed completion of the Wyoming-Cloverdale 765 kV Line will result in a significant risk to the power supply reliability affecting a large area of the eastern United States and that the proposed line is an effective way to mitigate the potential for widespread power interruptions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County recognizes that an unreliable power supply, and even the prospect of an unreliable power supply, can exert a powerful damping effect on economic development and could sap the vitality and competitiveness of existing business and industry, and affect their expansion decisions, in the county and surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County recognizes that interruptions of the power supply to the citizens and businesses of Pulaski County could cause significant economic

damage and other serious health related and safety impacts in Pulaski County and surrounding region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PULASKI COUNTY, VIRGINIA, as follows:

1. The Board hereby expresses its support for AEP's proposed Wyoming-Cloverdale 765 kV Transmission Line.
2. In light of the growing urgency of the need for transmission reinforcement, the Board hereby requests that the Virginia State Corporation Commission complete its assessment of AEP's application in a timely manner and approve the proposed transmission line and a Virginia location for the line.
3. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the West Virginia Public Service Commission and the United States Forest Service.

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

Voting no: none.

13. Citizen Comments

No citizen comments were heard at this time.

14. Other Matters from Supervisors

Supervisor Cook expressed concerns regarding the lack of participation by all county residents in the PSA garbage service. Mr. Cook also relayed concerns regarding progress on the property addressing in the county. Staff suggested a orthophotography progress report be scheduled at the March supervisors meeting.

Supervisors Fariss expressed concerns regarding the reassessment figures for the Ingles District. Staff was requested to compare reassessment figures with open space land values in adjacent counties.

15. Executive Session – 2.1-344(A)

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Cook 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 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 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.

\*Appointments

On the motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors made the following appointments:

1. Recreation Commission

The Board of Supervisors deferred action on appointments to the Recreation Commission until the February regular meeting of the Board.

2. Juvenile Detention Home

The Board of Supervisors reappointed Warner Osborne to serve on the New River Valley Juvenile Detention Home for a term expiring January 31, 2002.

3. Cable TV Advisory Committee

The Board of Supervisors directed staff to assign terms to the existing Cable TV Advisory Committee to allow for staggered membership.

4. Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Supervisors requested staff to contact Mark Vaughn to determine his interest in possibly serving on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

16. Adjournment

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. White and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned to reconvene on Thursday, January 29, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. intergovernmental meeting at the Town Municipal Building, in the Town of Pulaski. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors is set for Monday, February 23, 1998 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