

JOINT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/SCHOOL BOARD MEETING— April 12, 1999

At a joint meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and Pulaski County School Board held on Monday, April 12, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W. in the Town of Pulaski, 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. Present from the Pulaski County School Board were: Lewis Pratt, Chairman; Warren Jeff Bain; Beth C. Nelson; and Rhea Saltz. Absent: Ronald Chaffin. Staff members present included County Attorney, Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan; Management Services Director, Nancy M. Burchett; School Superintendent, Dr. David Cox; School Business Manager, Walt Shannon; and School Board Clerk, Jean Cox.

1. Call to Order and Welcome of School Board

Chairman Sheffey called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the Pulaski County School Board.

2. Pulaski County School Board Presentation  
FY 99 Budget Request:

School Board Chairman, Lewis Pratt, thanked the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to present the School Board's proposed budget for FY 00. He then called on School Superintendent Cox to address specific goals and background information on behalf of the School Board.

Dr. Cox reviewed the following goals of the School Board for FY 00:

1. Increase student achievement;
2. Evaluation of Programs and Employee Development;
3. Open lines of communications maintained to convey educational goals and achievements and to meet educational needs of the community; and
4. Capital Building Plan to continue with Phase I of the plan with an effort to obtain a site for a new elementary school planning and design and support the additions at Critzer and Snowville Elementary Schools.

Walt Shannon, School Business Manager, then reviewed with the Board of Supervisors the following charts and tables:

1. Average Daily Membership graph for FY 88-99;
2. Cost per pupil graph for FY 92-98;
3. Average teacher salary table for FY 98-99;
4. Average principal salary table for FY 98-99;
5. Budget for FY 98-99 expenditures by categories charts & graphs; and
6. Detailed expenditure needs for FY 00 by categories.

Mr. Shannon reported salary increases had been proposed for 3% July 1, 1999 and would cost \$660,000. He further reported the School Cafeteria Fund called for an increase in the price of school lunches.

Chairman Sheffey asked if the School Board had any projections regarding unspent funds for FY 99 and the amount of the additional lottery funds.

Mr. Shannon advised any left over funds would be requested as a carry over for capital projects in FY 00. He further reported the additional lottery funds less the loss of ADM money would net at approximately \$400,000 in additional revenues for FY 99.

3. Employee Health Care Coverage for FY 99-00

The Board of Supervisors and the School Board reviewed with Management Services Director, Nancy Burchett, and School Business Manager, Walt Shannon, their recommendation regarding employee health care for FY 99. Said recommendation requested acceptance of proposal from the NRV Consortium with Aetna/US Healthcare beginning July 1, 1999 with the Virginia Municipal League serving as administrator for the consortium. Total savings reported to be \$120,706 as compared to renewal of the current health plan with the Local Choice Program.

The Board of Supervisors expressed concerns regarding the network of doctors and local doctors being included. Staff advised Aetna was currently negotiating with the doctors of New River Internal Medicine and hoped to have them in the network by July 1, 1999.

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved staff recommendation for employee health care coverage for FY 99-00 with Aetna/US Healthcare through a joint purchase agreement with the NRV Consortium, and approved the Virginia Municipal League serving as administrator for the joint consortium. Said motion subject to rates quoted by Aetna/US Healthcare remaining the same as reported in the memo from Ms. Burchett and Mr. Shannon.

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

Voting no: none.

Abstaining: Dr. Fariss.

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4. Budget Work Session:

a. Delivery of Complete Document on April 19

County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan, advised plans were to have as much as possible of the complete budget document for FY 00 at the April 19, 1999 special meeting.

b. Scheduling of Agency Presentations on May 3

The Board confirmed May 3, 1999 as the meeting date to hear from departments and agencies regarding the FY 00 budget requests.

c. Confirmation of Budget Preparation Calendar

The Board confirmed the budget preparation dates as previously approved by the Board and recommended by staff.

d. Review of Draft Budget Document

Joseph N. Morgan, County Administrator, reviewed with the Board of Supervisors a draft budget request table reflecting each department within the General Fund and their request for FY 00.

e. Other Desired Budget Information

The Board requested the following additional documents for review regarding the FY 00 budget:

1. Summarization of employee pay increases for FY 00 of surrounding localities in the NRV;
2. Requested all pages of the budget document be numbered; and
3. Request staff mark items mandatory and not mandatory.

5. Other Matters

Supervisor Fariss suggested the vehicle donated, to the United Way from the Agency on Aging, not be titled to the county.

Supervisor Fariss requested staff to determine if the equipment noted in the YMCA proposal for swimming services is included in the \$10,000 quoted, and if not, if equipment will belong to the county at the end of the contract. Staff was requested to advise the Board of this inquiry via a future weekly update.

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6. Executive Session – 2.1-344(A)

\*Legal Matters:

The Board of Supervisors requested staff to send letters to Senators John Warner and Chuck Robb and Congressman Rick Boucher on behalf of the Randolph Park Advisory Committee in support of the use of Army Reserve personnel for the preliminary grading of Randolph Park.

The Board of Supervisors requested the County Attorney to continue to work with state official for the satisfactory removal of the Pioneer Maid vessel from Claytor Lake waters.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried that the Board of Supervisors adjourn to reconvene on April 19, 1999 at the County Administration Building, Conference Room. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors is set for Monday, April 26, 1999, 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 143 3<sup>rd</sup> Str 46f0o/, NW,(o)-1(ard of So)3(bomthe)upp7( satiTow)82(g ofSupePly ski, Virtioi