

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS—April 19, 1999

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 19, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Administrator's Conference 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; Dr. Bruce L. Fariss; Charles E. Cook; and Frank R. Conner. Absent: Jerry D. White, Vice-Chairman. Staff members present included County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan, and Management Services Director, Nancy M. Burchett.

1. Budget Presentation
 - a. Budget Message Overview
 - b. Revenue Estimate Review
 - c. Expenditure Proposal Explanation
 - d. Questions from Supervisors

County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan, presented to the Board of Supervisors the proposed FY 00 budget. He reviewed the budget message information, revenue estimates and proposed expenditures. He reported the revenues projected reflected a 2.92% increase above FY 99, and advised the general fund operating expenditures had been reduced by 1.31%. Further, no tax increases were proposed in the budget for FY 00. In addition, proposed general salary increases for Board of Supervisors employees had been proposed for 3% effective July 1, 1999.

Mr. Morgan also noted that he was recommending that the Board offer the same VRS retirement plan as recently approved by the General Assembly for state employees. Under this new legislation an employee may retire at age 50 with 30 years service with no reduction in benefits. Previously, the age was 55 with 30 years service.

The Board requested a listing of employees who would be effected by this change. Said listing to include the number of years when the change would occur for each of the employees.

Supervisor Fariss requested staff to prepare a chart reflecting the total of all funds including all sources of funding, and under the schools category include all school expenditures budgeted under the capital improvements fund for FY 00 including school debt. He also requested the chart include a list itemizing all school expenditures and revenues.

Supervisor Fariss inquired about the possibility of the county garage and the school bus shop combining.

The Board suggested under the Registrar's Office that two (2) one-half positions be budgeted rather than one (1) full-time position.

Staff was requested to confirm the number of radar units used by the Sheriff's Department.

2. Other Matters

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted the following resolution of appreciation for State Delegate Thomas G. Baker:

Whereas, Thomas G. Baker, Jr. was repeatedly chosen by the voters of Pulaski County, as well as the other jurisdictions comprising the Seventh District of the House of Delegates of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as their delegate; and

Whereas, Delegate Baker, who is known affectionately as "Tommy" to his constituents, has earned the confidence and admiration of those voters over the decade he as represented them; and

Whereas, "Tommy" has made a beneficial impact on the current and future citizens of Pulaski County through his leadership on many matter of state, including:

- ◆ providing employment to county citizens through his support and advocacy of the Volvo Trucks North America expansions of 1994 and 1999, which created over two thousand new, high wage jobs;
- ◆ encouraging new and expanded business opportunities by championing the Virginia Enterprise Zone Program, which resulted in three of the fifty zones in the Commonwealth being located in Pulaski County;
- ◆ resisting the imposition of new taxes;
- ◆ encouraging more funding for education in rural Virginia; and

Whereas, "Tommy" has left a visible legacy of his service, through funding obtained for the:

- ◆ Old Pulaski County Courthouse Restoration;
- ◆ Edwards Hall of New River Community College;
- ◆ Historic Pulaski Train Station Restoration;
- ◆ Pulaski Theatre Restoration; and
- ◆ Wysor Observatory.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors does hereby commend and express its sincere appreciation for the service of Thomas G. Baker, Jr. to the county and its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the text of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Supervisors this 19th day of April, 1999 in permanent testimony of its appreciation to the service of Thomas G. Baker, Jr.

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

Voting no: none.

Absent: Mr. White.

Supervisor Fariss reported that the need for a new library currently exists, and advised Board members that this project would need to be addressed in the near future.

Supervisor Sheffey inquired regarding the need to publish the zoning map. County Administrator, Joseph Morgan, advised the maps were currently available; however, he advised he did not recommend publishing until the Comprehensive Plan had been finalized.

Supervisor Cook requested staff to inquire of Bell Atlantic regarding their solicitation to customers in Pulaski County offering the Christiansburg and Blacksburg exchanges for an additional fee. Mr. Cook questioned why the customers should have to pay an additional fee for this service.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried that the Board of Supervisors adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for Monday, April 26, 1999, 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 143 3rd Street, NW, Board Room in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk