

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2000

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on June 5, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, Board Room, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Dr. Bruce L. Fariss, Vice-Chairman; Charles E. Cook; William E. "Eddie" Hale; and Frank R. Conner. Staff members present included County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan and Management Services Director, Nancy M. Burchett.

1. Public Hearing – FY 01 Budget

a. Review of Budget Advertisement and Proposed Tax Rate Changes

County Administrator, Joseph Morgan, reviewed the budget advertisement document and the proposed tax rate changes for fiscal year FY 01. Mr. Morgan reported the budget advertisement included a tax increase for personal property from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per \$100 of assessed value; an increase in the 911 phone tax from .42 cents per month to \$1.00 per month; and the addition of a consumer utility tax on natural gas of 20% for residential customers on the first \$15 monthly bill, and 20% for commercial and industrial customers on the first \$5,000 monthly bill. Further, he reported staff would be studying the possible implementation of a business & professional license tax to replace the current merchant's capital tax next fiscal year and a possible increase in the dog license fees.

b. Review Of Expenditure Chart

Joseph Morgan, County Administrator, reviewed with the Board an expenditures pie chart reflecting the general fund expenditure categories and percentages of the total general fund dollar for FY 01. Said chart reflected total general fund expenditures of \$22,441,538.

c. Review Of Revenue Chart

Mr. Morgan then reviewed with the Board a revenue pie chart also reflecting the general fund revenues by major sources.

At this time Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing on the FY 01 proposed budget.

The following individuals addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding the budget:

Mr. Paul Hale, Principal of Pulaski County High School, advised the Board of problems created by the standards of learning tests and the need for additional staff to re-teach the students who are not successful in passing these tests. He reported that the school system is facing a crisis in standards of learning staffing.

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Mr. Thomas Simpkins, a resident of the Snowville area, advised that mandated programs had increased services within the schools. He emphasized the need for more teachers in front of the students. He also expressed concerns regarding the projected lack of teachers in the next 10 years.

Mr. Rhea Saltz, a member of the School Board, inquired regarding the expenditure chart and the percentage shown for school expenditures.

County Administrator, Joseph Morgan, advised that the 43% on the chart for schools reflected the school's percentage of the total general fund expenditure, excluding buses and debt service.

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

Chairman Sheffey advised those present that action on the FY 01 budget would be on the Board of Supervisors agenda for the June 26, 2000 regular meeting.

2. Other Matters:

◆ Randolph Park Pool Contract Award

The Board of Supervisors reviewed with the County Administrator recent bids received for the Randolph Park pool construction. Mr. Morgan advised that four (4) responses had been received and staff recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder, Swope Construction Company.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Randolph Park pool contract to Swope Construction Company in the amount of \$1,895,000.00, subject to review of the contract by legal counsel and changing Section 3.2 to show the substantial completion date at January 12, 2001 and not January 12, 2000.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Hale and Mr. Conner.
Voting no: none.

● Scheduling of Public Hearings

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board of Supervisors authorized staff to schedule the following public hearings for the June 26, 2000 Board of Supervisors meeting:

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- ◆ An amendment to the "Ordinance Levying A Tax On the Purchase Of Local Telephone Service To Pay For An E-911 Emergency Telephone System" to increase the monthly tax per phone line to \$1.00 for both cellular and conventional telephone accounts;
- ◆ An amendment to the "Pulaski County Utility Tax Ordinance" to add a tax on residential, commercial and industrial natural gas consumption; and
- ◆ An amendment to the Ordinance pertaining to "Dogs and Other Animals" to increase the annual license taxes to up to \$10 per dog.

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

Voting no: none.

3. Closed Meeting – 2.1-344.A.1.3.5.7

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of Supervisors entered closed session for discussion of the following:

Legal Matters – Pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.1-344(A)7 consultation with legal counsels and briefing by staff for discussion of specific legal matters and matters subject to probable litigation regarding:

- Fairview Home

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

Voting no: none.

Return to Regular Session

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

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

Voting no: none.

Certification of Conformance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, that the Board of Supervisors adopt the following resolution certifying conformance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

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WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, Virginia, has convened a closed 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 closed 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 closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in this motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors.

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

Voting no: none.

4. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Conner to adjourn to reconvene on Monday, June 26, 2000 at 7 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Board Room, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.

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

Voting no: none.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk