

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2002

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 15, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, Board Room, 143 3rd 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, Peter M. Huber; and Assistant County Administrator, Nancy M. Burchett.

1. Budget Work Session:

a. Review of Budget Options:

Staff reviewed with the Board of Supervisors a new Summary of Options, Table S, and a Summary of Expenditures by Departments and Options, Table V.

The Board of Supervisors requested the following additional information pertaining to the FY 03 budget:

- ◆ Staff to confirm if a handling fee is charged by utility companies for the collection of the proposed tax on cellular phone and obtain information on how the utility companies distinguish between town, county and City of Radford customers;
- ◆ Staff requested to determine the medium value of a vehicle in the county for personal property tax purposes;
- ◆ Staff to provide information on a possible Business & Professional License Tax in the county in lieu of the present merchant's capital tax;
- ◆ Staff to provide information on how farmland in the county is taxed and the number of acres being taxed at the lower use value rate;
- ◆ Staff to arrange for an independent individual to review fire and rescue fleet and equipment to determine the need for new fire and rescue vehicles and equipment;
- ◆ Staff to determine if older fire and rescue vehicles impact the insurance premiums on said vehicles;
- ◆ Staff to determine if fire calls in the Town of Pulaski aided by county fire departments are paid by the Town in the same manner as the county pays the Town for fire calls outside the Town;
- ◆ Staff to provide additional information on the NRV Visitor's Alliance to include names of the Board of Directors and services provided to the New River Valley;
- ◆ Staff to provide additional information on the Skyline Soil & Water Conservation District to include specific services provided to Pulaski County residents;
- ◆ Staff to determine the number of individuals utilizing the swimming facilities at Harry DeHaven Park last year;

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- ◆ County Attorney to review the potential liability, if any, at Harry DeHaven Park if no lifeguards are provided by the county this year;
- ◆ Staff to provide a graph/chart on the educational cost per student verses the cost for a special education student and the number of students verses the number of special education students;
- ◆ Staff to contact Montgomery County for information on their refurbishing of county vehicles program to include cost savings and type of vehicles this practice applies to;
- ◆ Staff to obtain specifics of repairs requested for the doors at the County Garage;
- ◆ Staff requested to review the possibility of the county obtaining one of the three (3) vacant car dealerships in the Town of Pulaski for a central garage facility to service county, schools and the Towns of Dublin and Pulaski vehicles;
- ◆ Staff requested to clarify the type of voting machines currently approved by the State Board of Elections and the cost of the approved machines;
- ◆ Staff to determine if fire and rescue vehicles are presently equipped with the Opticom Traffic Control system and if there is an expense to the Virginia Department of Transportation in adjusting traffic signs to accommodate this system;
- ◆ Staff to provide updated information on the unencumbered general fund balance;
- ◆ Staff requested to determine if any Industrial Development Authority funds could be returned to the county's general fund;
- ◆ Staff requested to provide a debt service table on how the proposed school building plan could be implemented with minimal impact on taxpayers;

The Board then directed staff to use option 3 as the preferred budget option at this time with the inclusion of an increase in the motor vehicle decal from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per vehicle, and \$7.50 per trailer and \$8.00 per motorcycle to \$10.00, inclusion of the fire truck purchase at \$309,000 and exclusion of \$500 for Center in the Square.

b. Additional Information Items Request:

The Board reviewed the following additional information as previously requested by the Board:

- ◆ A spreadsheet prepared by the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office comparing the percentage of tax-exempt property to the total property values in Pulaski County.
- ◆ A listing of localities in Virginia that impose a mobile vehicle license tax fee.

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- ◆ A listing of school systems throughout Virginia with the amount of local, state, and federal funding per pupil.
- ◆ Separate graphs illustrating historic school enrollment and funding trends.
- ◆ A listing of vehicles recently purchased by the county and an accounting of vehicles maintenance costs for county vehicles.
- ◆ A school debt schedule and a total debt schedule.

c. Scheduling of Any Additional Community Meetings Regarding Budget Matters:

Staff reported that a community meeting had been scheduled at the request of Supervisor Hale for the Robinson District for April 23, 2002 at 7 p.m. at the Robinson Tract Community Center for the purpose of discussing the proposed real estate tax increase. Board members were invited to schedule other meetings in other districts if desired. At this time, the supervisors did not indicate a desire to hold additional community meetings pertaining to the proposed real estate tax increase.

Staff also reported that an e-mail account had been established for the public to e-mail in comments to the county regarding the proposed budget and proposed tax increase. Mr. Hale directed staff to forward e-mails received to him as they are received.

d. Transient/Occupancy Tax Proposed for FY 03 Budget:

The Board reviewed additional information from staff confirming that revenues projected for FY 03 Transient/Occupancy tax to be correct based on past revenues received from this tax.

2. Response to Senate Bill 592 Imposing a \$5 Fee on Solid Waste Deposited at Landfill

The Board reviewed a memo from the New River Resource Authority requesting the Board to oppose Senate Bill 592 that would impose a \$5.00 surcharge on solid waste deposited at the landfill.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to send a letter overnight and by e-mail to the Governor and the State Legislators opposing Senate Bill 592 that would impose a \$5 surcharge on solid waste deposited at landfills.

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

Voting no: none.

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3. Small Community Air Service Improvement Program:

The Board reviewed a letter from Roanoke County requesting support and possible financial sponsorship for obtaining a low-fare air carrier at the Roanoke Regional Airport.

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors denied the above noted request from Roanoke County.

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

Voting no: Mr. Hale.

4. Other Matters:

The Board of Supervisors directed staff to add any items of consent matters to the May 22, 2002 agenda in an attempt to lighten the Board agenda for the May 29, 2002 meeting since this meeting included the public hearing on the proposed real estate tax increase.

The Board endorsed sending a letter to the Southwest Times editor in response to a letter to the Southwest Times editor recently from former Supervisor Charlie Linkous.

5. Closed Meeting – 2.2-37711.A.1.3.5.7

It was moved by Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Board of Supervisors enter closed session for discussion of the following:

Property Disposition or Acquisition - Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)3 discussion for consideration of the disposal or acquisition of publicly held property regarding:

- New River Industrial Park

Personnel – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)1 discussion for consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of public officers, appointees or employees, regarding:

- None

Prospective Industry – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)5 discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, or the expansion of an existing business and industry, where no previous announcement has been

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made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

- None

Legal Matters – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)7 consultation with legal counsels and briefing by staff for discussion of specific legal matters and matters subject to probable litigation regarding:

- None

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. 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 Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook 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 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 2.2-3712(D) 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.

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◆ Property Acquisition or Disposition:

The Board requested staff to determine the costs of making the New River Industrial Park land more visible to a perspective industry and provide the Board with a copy of the geological study done on this property a few years ago.

6. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried that the Board of Supervisors adjourn to reconvene on Monday, April 22, 2002 for a budget work session. The next regular meeting is set for April 29, 2002, 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 143 3rd Street, NW, Pulaski, Virginia.

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

Voting no: none.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator