

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2004

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, February 16, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, Central Conference Room, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Frank R. Conner, Vice Chairman; Ranny L. Akers; William E. "Eddie" Hale; and Dean K. Pratt. Staff members present included: Tom McCarthy, County Attorney and Peter Huber, County Administrator. Press present included Jane Graham of the Southwest Times and Gene Broadus of WSPK. Others present included: Joel Burchett.

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions

Following a sandwich dinner, Chairman Sheffey called the meeting to order and asked each Board member to describe the items they would like to see included as a goal for the next four years.

2. Establishment of Board Goals

The following mission statement was confirmed

PRIDE in serving the citizens of Pulaski County
EXCELLENCE in employee performance, agency and commission support, intergovernmental relations and public service delivery
VISION for the growth and development of our community

Based on this mission statement, the following goals were discussed and adopted by consensus of the Board:

Education

- ◆ Maintain high educational standards
- ◆ Promote GED achievement within the work force
- ◆ Fund school building needs
- ◆ Include full size gym in new buildings for community use

Public Safety

- ◆ Set speed limits at the time roads are upgraded – consider community character in setting limits.
- ◆ Improve communications for fire and sheriff's office systems
- ◆ Improve public safety radio dispatch system – consider a safer location
- ◆ Review pay and medical service training for dispatchers
- ◆ Ensure comparable pay for dispatchers with other localities and lobby for State Compensation Board pay increases as may be needed
- ◆ Address traffic problems in the vicinity of the high school
- ◆ Consider increased participation in VDOT revenue sharing program
- ◆ Lobby General Assembly for increased secondary road funding

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Economic Development (manufacturing, business, and restaurants)

- ◆ Continue industrial recruitment efforts
- ◆ Increase diversification of the local economy
- ◆ Fill the shell building

Recreation

- ◆ Construct two to three smaller picnic shelters at Randolph Park seating 20 to 30 persons – consider high school student/staff/volunteer construction.
- ◆ Survey citizens to determine interest in an indoor Pulaski County activities center similar to what has been done in Christiansburg and Radford
- ◆ Improved coordination between Planning Commission and Public Service Authority in encouraging development in appropriate portions of the County as well as meeting the needs of existing homes
- ◆ Study county-wide uniform utility rates

Public Service

- ◆ Conduct a building space needs/reuse study
- ◆ Improve working communication and operational agreements with both towns
- ◆ Continue property clean-up particularly at entrances to the County
- ◆ Educate citizens on services being provided by the County of Pulaski through a newsletter, citizen report, internet, cable TV public access channel, newspaper articles, radio spots and interviews, student information, civic organization, formation of a speakers bureau, community meetings, direct contact with citizens, a "Your tax dollars at work" brochure, staff involvement in school civics education and participation in civic groups.

3. Other Matters – The County Administrator requested and received guidance from the Board regarding the placement of items on the Board agenda.
4. Closed Meeting – 2.2-3711.A.1 and A.3

On a motion by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors voted to enter Closed Session for discussion of the following:

Property Disposition or Acquisition – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.1 discussion for consideration of the disposition or acquisition of publicly held property regarding:

- ◆ Radford University Development of the Fairlawn Business Technology Park

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Prospective Industry – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.3 discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, or the expansion of an existing business and industry, where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

◆ Restaurant

Voting yes: Mr. Hale, Mr. Conner, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Akers, Mr. Pratt.
Voting no: none.

Return to Regular Session

On a motion by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board returned to regular session.

Voting yes: Mr. Hale, Mr. Conner, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Akers, Mr. Pratt.
Voting no: none.

Certification of Conformance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act

On a motion by Mr. Akers, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted 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.

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Voting yes: Mr. Hale, Mr. Conner, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Akers,
Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: none.

8. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Hale seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board of Supervisors voted to adjourn.

Voting yes: Mr. Hale, Mr. Conner, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Akers, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator