

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2004

At a regular meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, May 24, 2004 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; Frank R. Conner, Vice Chairman; Ranny L. Akers; William E. "Eddie" Hale; and Dean K. Pratt. Staff members present included: Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., County Attorney; Peter M. Huber, County Administrator; Nancy M. Burchett, Assistant County Administrator; David Tickner, Community Development Director; and Gena T. Hanks, Clerk.

1. Invocation

The invocation was delivered by Reverend Terri Sternberg of Trinity Lutheran Church.

2. Additions to Agenda

Mr. Huber noted there were no additional agenda items at this time.

3. Public Hearings:

- a. A rezoning request by C. R. Dalton from Residential (R1) to Residential (R3), on property identified as tax map no. 076-001-0000-077A, (31.445 acres) located at 4700 Shelburne Rd., (Rt. 690), Ingles District.

Mr. Tickner explained the request and advised the applicant had requested the matter be tabled by the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board tabled action on this matter to the Board's June 28 meeting and directed staff to re-advertise said public hearing for the Board of Supervisors June 28 Board meeting.

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

Voting no: none.

Chairman Sheffey called on any citizens who wished to speak at the meeting to do so at this time. Ms. Dorothy Hall questioned the procedures for removing an item from the agenda without notice to the public. Mr. McCarthy explained a public hearing which has been advertised can be tabled at the Board's discretion.

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- b. A rezoning request by **Edwina D. Phillips** Revocable Trust from Agricultural (A1) to Planned Industrial Development (PID), on property identified as tax map no. 037-001-0000-0001, (396 acres) located south and west of the New River Valley Commerce Park, Cloyd District.

Mr. Tickner explained the request and advised the Planning Commission recommended approval. Mr. David Rundgren, Executive Director of the New River Valley Planning District Commission, provided additional information regarding this matter.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board approved the rezoning request, as recommended by the Planning Commission. A complete copy of all documents is filed with the records of this meeting.

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

- c. A request by **C. R. Dalton** for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow storage of manufactured home, on property identified as tax map no. 076-001-0000-077A, (31.445 acres), zoned Residential (R1), located at 4700 Shelburne Rd., (Rt. 690), Ingles District.

Mr. Tickner explained the request and advised the applicant had requested the matter be tabled by the Board.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing.

Mr. Dan Shelburne expressed opposition to tabling the matter and requested the Board require Mr. Dalton to remove the mobile home from the property.

Ms. Dorothy Hall expressed concern that the mobile home posed a threat to the public, specifically children, since the mobile home was left open.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Akers, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board denied the request, as recommended by the Planning Commission. A complete copy of all documents is filed with the records of this meeting.

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

- d. A request by **Steven G. Cole, ET AL** for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow construction of docks prior to construction of the principle dwelling, on property identified as tax map no. 066-029-0000-0005, (6.610 acres), zoned Residential (R1), located at 4800 Lake Cliff Dr., Draper District.

Mr. Tickner explained the request and advised the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing.

Mr. Neil Cash provided details regarding the request for a special use permit.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board approved the special use permit, as recommended by the Planning Commission. A complete copy of all documents is filed with the records of this meeting.

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

- e. A request by **Johnny Garrett of Claytor Lake Water Sports** for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow mooring bouys, on property owned by **American Electric Power**, located in a cove of Claytor Lake south of Peak Creek Hollow, Draper District.

Staff advised the applicant had withdrawn the request for a special use permit.

- f. A request by **Barbara Sue Thompson** for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a State Water Control Board Permitted Sewage Facility on property identified as 012-001-0000-0146, (0.350 acre), zoned Conservation (C1), located at 8152 Parrott River Road, Cloyd District.

Mr. Tickner explained the request and advised the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing.

Mr. Jeff Hasson, contractor, advised the applicant had informed him that the Health Department had provided approval of the septic system;

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however, the Health Department would not issue a permit until Board of Supervisors approval is given.

Mr. John Neal, engineer, advised the plans had been reviewed by the Health Department and Department of Environmental Quality, but that both agencies require approval of the special use permit by the Board of Supervisors before issuing of permits.

Supervisor Akers expressed concern regarding the lack of monitoring of septic systems in the county. Supervisor Conner requested staff work to establish a program to monitor septic systems in the county. Mr. Neal advised he is working with the Health Department and Department of Environmental Quality to obtain an inventory of septic systems in the county.

On a motion by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board directed county staff to work with the Health Department, the Public Service Authority and the Department of Environmental Quality to develop a monitoring program of direct discharge systems in Pulaski County.

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

There be no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board approved the special use permit, as recommended by the Planning Commission. A complete copy of all documents is filed with the records of this meeting.

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

- g. A request by **LGRR L L C** for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow an inflatable advertising balloon, on property identified as tax map no. 029-021-0000-0002, (1.180 acre), zoned Commercial (CM1), located at 6101 Fulk Drive, Cloyd District.

Mr. Tickner explained the request and advised the Planning Commission recommended approval. Mr. Tickner noted the Planning Commission did not place restrictions limiting the amount of time the blimp may be flown; however, Mr. Weddle had noted he does not plan to fly the blimp the entire year.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

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On a motion by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board approved the special use permit request, specifically noting the maximum height of the blimp to be 80' and further that the request is granted for one year. A complete copy of all documents is filed with the records of this meeting.

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

h. Consideration of Abandonment of a Portion of Rt. 711 (Mines Road)

VDOT Resident Engineer David Clarke explained a public hearing had been scheduled to consider abandonment of a portion of Route 711 (Mines Road) from a point 2.8 mi. north of Route 738 (Robinson Tract Road) to the end state maintenance of the existing Route 711 (Mines Road), a total distance of 0.2 mi., pursuant to Section 33.1-151 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing. Mrs. William Draper spoke in favor of the proposed abandonment. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a public notice was posted as prescribed under section 33.1-151, Code of Virginia, announcing a public hearing to receive comments concerning abandoning the section of road described below from the secondary system of state highways, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation was provided the prescribed notice of this Board's intent to abandon the subject section of road, and

WHEREAS, after considering all evidence available, this Board is satisfied that no public necessity exists for the continuance of the section of Secondary Route 711, from 2.8 MI. North of Route 738 (Robinson Tract Road) to the End of State Maintenance of the Existing Route 711 (Mines Road), a total distance of 0.2 Miles, and hereby deems that section of road is no longer necessary as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this Board abandons the above described section of road and removes it from the secondary

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system of state highways, pursuant to section 33.1-151, Code of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

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

Voting no: none.

4. Highway Matters:

The Board discussed the following highway matters with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Resident Engineer David Clarke:

a. Follow-up from Previous Board Meeting:

1. Allisonia Bridge Repairs/Replacement

Mr. Clarke reported the first bridge continues to remain at a four ton weight limit with the second bridge weight limit being reduced from 20 tons to 10 tons. Mr. Clarke reported of plans by VDOT to review options for the second bridge.

2. Update on Alum Spring Road Speed Limit

Mr. Clarke reported the speed study is currently underway and an update may be provided at the Board's June 28 meeting.

3. Request for Speed Limit Increase at Dunkard's Bottom

Mr. Clarke reported the speed study is currently underway and an update may be provided at the Board's June 28 meeting.

4. Rt. 643 Turning Lane at PCHS

Mr. Clarke reported the turning lane does not qualify for special safety money, but would require six year plan funding.

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5. Hatcher Road Tar and Gravel Status

Mr. Clarke reported work on this road is planned for the summer of 2004.

6. Delton Road Culvert Repairs

Mr. Clarke reported the culvert had been patched but not replaced.

7. Rts. 798 & 624 Repairs

Mr. Clarke reported the repairs had been completed.

8. Randolph Park Speed Limit Postings

Mr. Clarke reported the 25 mph signs had been posted.

9. Rich Hill Lane Rural Addition Status

Mr. Huber provided an update regarding previous actions by the Board of Supervisors regarding Rich Hill Lane. Mr. Clarke confirmed the requirement of needing only three residences to qualify as a rural addition. Mr. Clarke clarified the road will not be constructed until money is available; however, the Board of Supervisors could put a project before Rich Hill, if it desires.

b. Rt. 785, Booker Branch Road, and Rt. 732 Young Road, Rural Rustic Request

Supervisor Akers presented a petition from residents of Booker Road requesting the road be upgraded from a gravel surfaced road to a paved road.

Mr. Clarke advised VDOT would review the eligibility of both roads as a rural rustic road and provide an update at the June 28 Board meeting.

c. Riverbluff Subdivision Improvements

Staff advised Ms. Marci Emmons of Riverbluff Subdivision, 7540 Hillside Lane, Radford had advised several of the roads in her subdivision are in need of resurfacing. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT would review the paving status and provide an update at the Board's June 28 meeting.

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d. Rural Addition Status Report

The Board reviewed an updated rural additions status report.

e. Viscoe Road Speed Limit

Mr. Benny Keister advised of increased traffic on Viscoe Road and requested VDOT lower the speed limit. By consensus, the Board approved requesting VDOT conduct an informal speed study on this road and provide an update at the June 28 Board meeting.

f. Citizen Concerns

There were no citizen comments.

g. Board of Supervisors Concerns

Supervisor Conner requested posting of the speed limit on Horseshoe Loop and Black Hollow Lane. Mr. Clarke was requested to provide an update at the Board's June 28 meeting.

Supervisor Conner requested patching of Little Creek Bridge. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT will patch the bridge until a contractor can review the matter.

Supervisor Akers requested paving maintenance and/or guardrail on Rt. 605, due to safety concerns of school buses traveling on the road. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT would review the matter and provide an update at the Board's June 28 meeting.

Supervisor Sheffey expressed thanks to VDOT, on behalf of the Fairlawn residents, for paving of the roads in Fairlawn.

Six Year Plan Waiting List Additions

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board approved placing Rt. 643 PCHS turning lane, Rt. 785, Booker Branch Road, and Rt. 732, Young Road, on the six year plan waiting list.

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

Mr. Clarke provided details of the Statewide Directional Signage proposal, with copies of said details filed with the records of this meeting.

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5. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Treasurer Rose Marie Tickle, Ms. Burchett provided the Board with a copy of the Treasurer's monthly report.

6. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizen comments at this time.

7. Reports from the County Administrator & Staff:

a. Key Activity Timetable (KAT)

The Board reviewed the Key Activity Timetable in detail.

Supervisor Pratt questioned the status of the Hiwassee Fire and Rescue Station. Staff advised no official word had been received from Rural Development regarding this matter.

Supervisor Akers requested item "V.F.3", which is related to Code Enforcement, be amended to read "Continue property cleanup particularly at entrances to the county, corridors and high visibility areas".

Supervisor Sheffey asked for an update on the placement of a "Welcome Sign" at Memorial Bridge. Staff advised VDOT is waiting on the contractor to finish work on the bridge before proceeding with placement of appropriate signage.

b. Water Tank Painting Options

Staff provided an update on receipt of bids for the painting of the water tank. Staff was requested to confirm the timeframe for painting of the water tank by the contractor, and if time allows, taking suggestions from the public on the painting of the tank.

c. Appointments

The Board delayed action on appointments until the "Closed Meeting" session of the Board meeting.

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8. Items of Consent:

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board approved all items of consent as recommended by staff as follows:

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

a. Approval of Minutes of April 26 and May 3 & 6, 2004

The Board approved the minutes of the Board of Supervisors meetings of April 26 and May 3 & 6, 2004.

b. Accounts Payable

The Board approved accounts payable as presented on checks numbered 10366 through 10754, subject to audit.

c. Appropriations and Interoffice Transfers

The Board approved Interoffice Transfer #11 totaling \$80,665.33 and appropriations as follows:

GENERAL FUND #14

REVENUES

01650-0500	Donations	(\$200.00)
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Expenditures

073100-6022	Circulation Supplies (To allocate money donated by Friends of the Library)	200.00
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TOTAL		\$200.00
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GENERAL FUND #15

REVENUES:

018030-1300	Refund/Overpayment	\$1,260.00
023020-0200	Compensation Board Sheriff's Ofc. Equip.	3,612.00
016130-0400	Ofc. On Youth After School Prog.	3,889.00
023080-0100	Technology Funds-Clerk's Office	<u>7,327.43</u>

TOTAL		\$16,088.43
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Expenditures:

021600-8107	Clerk's Office Equipment	\$ 7,327.43
031200-8101	Sheriff's Office Equipment	3,612.00
035520-8103	Domestic Preparedness Grant Equip	1,260.00
053500-1310	Ofc. On Youth Part time Salaries & Wages	3,000.00
053500-2100	Office on Youth FICA	289.00
053500-6001	Ofc. On Youth Supplies	600.00
053600-7001	Institutional Care of the Poor	5,294.00
071110-5699	Recreation Operating Expenses	5,000.00
071380-2001	County Celebration Fireworks	<u>5,000.00</u>

TOTAL \$41,382.43

SCHOOL FUND #22

REVENUES

3-205-033020-2600 TITLE IIA \$ 3,512.40-

TOTAL -0-

EXPENDITURES

4-205-061100-2100-200-100 FICA \$ 3,512.40
TITLE IIA CORRECTION

TOTAL -0-

SCHOOL FUND #23

REVENUES

3-205-03020-0200 TITLE I \$ 7,970.64-

TOTAL

EXPENDITURES

4-205-061100-1121-200-100-989 SALARIES 7,970.64

TOTAL -0-

SCHOOL FUND #24

REVENUES

3-205-033020-4700 Autism Grant \$ 943.15-

TOTAL

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EXPENDITURES

4-205-061100-5540-200-200-981	Convention & Education	\$	650.00
4-205-061100-6012-200-200-981	Edu. & Rec. Supplies		293.15

AUTISM GRANT FOR SP ED
4/9/2004

TOTAL -0-

SCHOOL FUND #25

REVENUES

15020-0100	Title IID	\$	705.00-
16120-1100	Sub Teacher Fees		3,415.38-
18030-0300	Refund/Overpayment		10,907.03-
18030-0310	Comp.ServicesReimb.		12,172.38-
18030-0320	School Nurse Services		19,994.98-
18990-3300	Easement/Right of Way		1.00-
18991-0200	Property Damage		100.00-

TOTAL \$47,295.77-

EXPENDITURES

4-205-061100-8101-202-100	Critzer School Inst.	\$	2,524.95
2-205-062230-3141-900	Psychologists-Other Prof. Services		\$44,770.82

TOTAL \$47,295.77

VPA #4 (Medicaid Grant)

REVENUES

33050-4300	FAMIS	\$	6,600.00
24010-0605	FAMIS		3,400.00

TOTAL \$10,000.00

EXPENDITURES

4201-53178-1153	Salaries & Wages	\$	4,050.00
4201-53178-2100	FICA		310.00
4201-53178-2300	Medical/Heal Insurance		1,000.00
4201-53178-2210	Retirement/VRS		245.00

TOTAL

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VPA #4 (PAGE 2)

EXPENDITURES

4201-53178-2830	Flexible Benefits	\$ 10.00
4201-53178-6001	Office Supplies	635.00
4201-53178-5210	Postal Services	100.00
4201-53178-5510	Travel Mileage	150.00
4201-53178-8101	Machinery & Equipment	3,500.00

TOTAL \$10,000.00

CSA #2

REVENUES

0240102900	Client Services	\$222,193.00
2100410501000	General Fund Transfer	91,729.00

EXPENDITURES

2100535305727	Mandated Child & Family Svcs.	\$+313,922.00
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND #2

041010-0100	Insurance Recoveries	\$ 7,185.00
041050-1000	Transfer from General Fund	38,033.00

TOTAL \$ 45,218.00

EXPENDITURES

31200-8105	Sheriff's Office Vehicles	\$ 7,185.00
12510-8125	Computer Software Upgrade	25,000.00
32220-8101	Fairlawn Fire Dept. Paving	7,400.00
71320-8230	Randolph Park	5,633.00

TOTAL \$ 45,218.00

TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

GENERAL FUND #3

EXPENDITURES

071360-3310	Friends of Claytor Lake Boat Repairs	\$ 7,000.00+
012510-8101	Information Technology Equipment	2,000.00+
091400-9301	Contingency	9,000.00-

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d. Ratification

1. Contract with FlexBenefits for Administration of Employee's Flexible Benefit Plan

The Board approved a contract with Flexible Benefit Administrators for the administration of the employee's flexible benefit plan, or what is better known as a "cafeteria plan".

2. 2004 Citizen Corps Program Grant Application

The Board approved an agreement, a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting, which allows participation in the grant application process.

e. Contracts, Change Orders & Agreements - InterAct Mapping/CAB Project Agreement

The Board approved an agreement with InterAct providing for the Mapping/CAD Project for the 911 Communications Center.

f. Personnel Changes

The Board reviewed recent personnel changes as provided by Ms. Burchett.

g. New River Resource Authority Resolution Approving Amended Expansion Agreement and Second Amended User Agreement

The Board approved the following resolution and an amended agreement between the New River Resource Authority and Giles County allowing for the inclusion of the Town of Glenn Lynn as a member of the Authority.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PULASKI COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Subject:

- 1. Amended Agreement for Expansion of New River Resource Authority and Form of Agreement between New River Resource Authority and Giles County**
- 2. Second Amended User Agreement of New River Resource Authority for Authority Members**

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WHEREAS, the New River Resource Authority (the "Authority") was heretofore created to develop, own and operate a regional garbage and refuse collection and disposal system, pursuant to the Virginia Water and Waste Authorities Act (currently, Title 15.2, Chapter 51, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and, formerly, Title 15.1, Chapter 28, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended), and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Board a proposed "Amended Agreement for Expansion of New River Resource Authority and Form of Agreement between New River Resource Authority and Giles County" (the "Amended Expansion Agreement"), providing for modifications of the Agreement for Expansion of New River Resource Authority and Form of Agreement between New River Resource Authority and Giles County, a copy of which Amended Agreement for Expansion is attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, there has been further presented to this Board a proposed "Second Amended User Agreement of New River Resource Authority for Authority Members" (the "Second Amended User Agreement"), providing for modifications of the Amended User Agreement of New River Resource Authority for Authority Members dated as of July 1, 1998, a copy of which Second Amended User Agreement is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Pulaski, Virginia, in a meeting assembled on the 24th day of May, 2004, as follows:

1. The Amended Expansion Agreement and the Second Amended User Agreement as presented to this Board are hereby approved.
2. The Chairman, Clerk of the Board and the County Supervisor thereof and all other officers and employees of the County are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all such further action as shall be deemed necessary or desirable in order to effectuate the completion of the objects of the Amended Expansion Agreement and the Second Amended User Agreement, and the signature of such officers and employees on any document related thereto shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of any such action by the Board of Supervisors.
3. The proper officials of the County of Pulaski, Virginia, are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Amended Expansion Agreement and Second Amended User Agreement on behalf of the County of Pulaski, and the Clerk of the Board is directed to affix and attest the seal.

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FURTHER RESOLVED that said officials are also authorized to join in, execute and deliver, on behalf of the County of Pulaski, such other documents as are approved and authorized in the Amended Expansion Agreement and the Second Amended User Agreement attached hereto and/or as may be required to fully implement the terms and provisions thereof.

It is certified that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Pulaski, Virginia (its Governing Body) at a meeting on the 24th day of May, 2004.

h. Subdivision Plat Vacation – Timothy & Cathy Sutphin

Staff advised Timothy and Cathy Sutphin, owners of a 173 acre parcel in Robinson Tract that was originally subdivided into 17 lots as Harts Run I and II in 1987, wish to vacate the subdivision to better control their use of the property for agricultural purposes.

By motions noted in the original "Items of Consent" vote, the Board approved the plat vacation as described above.

i. Request from AAU Basketball Team

Staff recommended a contribution of \$750 in responding to this request and explained this amount was based on the number of team members with limited incomes as determined by eligibility for reduced school lunch programs; an estimate of the most economical means of transporting and supporting those team members; an allowance for how many days would be required for actual play days; and the fact that there are several other state champions who may be interested in attending national tournaments. Staff further recommended the establishment of a \$5,000 annual limit to be used on a first come-first served basis with criteria for use to be based on the most economical means of transporting and supporting school lunch eligible youth

The Board approved a contribution of \$750 to the team.

j. 4-H Camp Funding

The Board reviewed a request from the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service for assisting in funding campers at the annual 4-H camp. The Board deferred action on this request to its June 1 work session.

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k. Revised Budget Schedule

The Board reviewed a revised schedule which reschedules the budget public hearing to Monday, June 14, with final adoption of the budget by the Board at its June 28 meeting.

l. Denial of Insurance Claim

Staff provided correspondence from the county's VACO Insurance recommending denial of a claim resulting from an accident which involved both a PSA driver and truck. County Attorney Tom McCarthy recommended denial by both the county and PSA Board.

The Board denied the claim as recommended by Mr. McCarthy.

m. Resolution Opposing VDOT Charges for Directional Signage to Public Facilities

The Board adopted the following resolution opposing VDOT charges for directional signage to public facilities:

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has developed draft criteria and fees for the "Integrated Directional Signing Program" (IDSP); and

WHEREAS, the proposed criteria include provisions that may make it easier to bump, or exclude from the Program, existing signs that fall into the categories of Supplemental Guide Signs and Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed criteria and fee structure include a component that would establish an annual fee for Supplemental Guide Signs and Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs; and

WHEREAS, no annual fee is currently charged for existing Supplemental Guide Signs and Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs; and

WHEREAS, Supplemental Guide Signs and Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs promote the orderly flow of traffic while helping to guide motorists to such destinations as visitor centers, museums, cultural attractions, public schools, government offices/facilities, and colleges/universities, etc.; and

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WHEREAS, fees proposed for Supplemental Guide Signs and Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs could create a financial burden for non-profit organizations, public school systems, local governments, and colleges/universities; and

WHEREAS, it appears inappropriate to develop a revenue stream from provision of basic traffic management.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission urges VDOT to withdraw the proposed IDSP criteria and fee structure so that no annual fees are established for or charged to non-profit organizations, public schools, local government entities, or colleges/universities for maintaining Supplemental Guide Signs and Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should VDOT determine that it is vital to implement an annual fee structure, beyond the initial installation costs, for Supplemental Guide Signs and Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs existing on the effective date of the revised criteria, such signs will be grandfathered permanently such that there would be no annual fees for non-commercial organizations, nor would VDOT at its own initiative remove such signage.

Adopted this 24th day of May, 2004.

9. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments at this time.

10. Other Matters from Supervisors

Supervisor Hale requested that the employee recognition committee consider a program to honor an employee once at month at Board meetings. Staff was requested to provide an update to the Board after the committee meeting.

Staff was directed to request VDOT provide a list of roads to be paved through the maintenance program.

11. Closed Meeting –2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7

It was moved by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Board of Supervisors enter Closed Session for discussion of the following:

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

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Voting no: none.

Return to Regular Session

It was moved by Mr. Akers, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, that the Board return 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

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Akers 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: Mr. Hale, Mr. Conner, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Akers,
Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: none.

Action Items

On the motion of Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board approved the following appointments:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2004

1. Building Usage Planning Ad Hoc Committee

The Board appointed Ken Bowling, H. W. Huff, Jr., Charles DeHart, Mark Hamric, Lewis Pratt, Eddie Crews and Richard Jones to the committee with the potential to add one additional person as recommended by the School Board.

2. Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority

The Board appointed Eddie Hale to the Authority.

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

Voting no: none.

12. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned to reconvene for a budget work session on Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.

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

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator