

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2004

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at 6:00 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: Peter Huber, County Administrator and Nancy M. Burchett, Assistant County Administrator.

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Sheffey welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

2. Budget Matters:

County Administrator, Peter Huber, reviewed with the Board the following FY 05 budget matters:

- REMSI Request

A request from Regional Emergency Medical Services, Inc. for \$20,000 in capital improvement funding for the purchase of defibrillators and radio equipment was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

- School Board Request

A request from the School Board for \$1.3 million in additional local funding for FY 05 was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

- Budget Revisions

Peter Huber, County Administrator, reviewed with the Board of Supervisors revised FY 05 budget spreadsheets reflecting both the projected current year revenues and expenditures as well as recommended changes in the 05 budget resulting from the adoption of the state budget. Mr. Huber reported that since the state had approved an additional \$2.6 million additional dollars for the School system next year, the \$1.3 million local dollars previously recommended to help fund additional school expenditures in personnel could now be utilized to address building space needs and new construction of an additional elementary school in Fairlawn.

In addition, Mr. Huber advised the one time windfall of the tax increase imposed with the June 5, 2004 real estate tax billing should be used for non-reoccurring expenses. Mr. Huber reported the estimated windfall to be approximately \$1 million to \$1.4 million.

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3. Other Matters/Comments

At this time Chairman Sheffey called upon those in the audience that would like to make any comments pertaining to the FY 05 budget.

Ms. Sybil Atkinson, Chairperson of the Department of Social Services Board, read a statement to the Board of Supervisors requesting the Board to consider providing additional local funding for the employment of four (4) additional social workers. Ms. Atkinson presented the Board with state statistics on actual workloads and staffing shortages comparing Pulaski with Montgomery, Wythe and Smyth Counties.

Social Services Director, Jim Wallis, advised the need was much greater than just the four social service workers with the real need actually being about 21 social workers.

No other comments were heard at this time.

4. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned to reconvene on Tuesday, June 1, 2004 at 6 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 143 3rd Street, NW, Pulaski, Virginia for a budget work session.

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

Voting no: None.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator