

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2004

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, June 1, 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: Peter Huber, County Administrator and Nancy M. Burchett, Assistant County Administrator.

### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

Following a sandwich dinner, Chairman Sheffey called the meeting to order.

### 2. Budget Deliberations

Ms. Jackie Freeman, President of the Pulaski County Education Association, presented the Board of Supervisors with a petition signed by 339 county teachers requesting the Board of Supervisors to provide an additional \$1.3 million to the School Board's budget for FY 05. Ms. Freeman also read a prepared statement outlining concerns of the teachers.

At this time County Administrator, Peter Huber, reviewed with the Board of Supervisors remaining FY 05 budget decisions needing to be made by the Board in order for staff to advertise the proposed budget.

The Board of Supervisors approved the following additional amounts and confirmation of amounts to be included in the FY 05 budget advertisement:

1. An additional \$48,993 for constitutional officers and social services employees to offset health insurance costs in the amount of \$60.00 per month per employee from July 1, 2004 through November 30, 2004;
2. An additional 1% pay increase for county employees in the amount of \$18,421;
3. An additional \$10,000 for employee training;
4. An additional \$70,000 for Social Services for the hiring of two social workers;
5. An additional \$8,000 to Community Services Board pending a favorable response to a recent Board inquiry regarding the provision of additional services, and with a request for a quarterly report from Community Services;
6. No additional local school funding above recommended amount;
7. An additional \$1,000 to be matched by the City of Radford for the Magistrate's Office;
8. An additional \$25,000 for the recreational budget; and

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### 9. Full funding for the Pulaski County Free Clinic of \$30,000)

The Board also approved the following funding for the following items with funds to come from the FY 04 general fund balance:

1. \$10,000 for REMSI defibrillators as a local match to a grant;
2. \$2,000 for the 4-H Summer camp support;
3. A portion of the estimated \$900,000 projected general fund surplus in current year funding to address the major unmet capital expenses.

It was then moved by Mr. Akers, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, to advertise the public hearing on the FY 05 proposed county budget for Monday, June 21, 2004 at 7 p.m. at New River Community College, Dublin, Virginia.

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

Voting no: none.

Staff also discussed with the Board of Supervisors the information obtained regarding possibly providing health insurance coverage to part time employees. Ms. Burchett reported that a total of 23 part time county employees had been surveyed regarding their interest in health insurance coverage. She advised that only 9 responses had been received of the survey with 6 employees responding expressing an interest in the health insurance coverage.

Mr. Huber reported the current insurance carrier had been provided with census data pertaining to those employees that may be eligible. Further, the carrier would require that the employer participate or provide funding in the same manner as is done for full time employees. The School system staff had reported to county staff that with the rates quoted and the required employer participation level required, the amount to provide this coverage for part time school employees would be over \$450,000 per year. Therefore, due to this high cost, staff reported it unlikely the School Board would elect to provide this coverage at this time.

In addition, the Board discussed the current employer percentages contributed towards the employee health insurance premiums.

The Board also discussed the possibility of imposing an entertainment tax in the county in the future. The Board directed staff to add this to the list of items to be discussed with the state legislators at a future meeting.

### 3. Other Matters

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On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved an amount of up to \$4,000 as a match to grant funds from the State of Virginia toward ensuring the continued operation of the Radford Army Ammunition Plant.

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

Voting no: none.

### 4. Closed Meeting – 2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7

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

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

#### ◆ Shell Building

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:

#### ◆ Cloyd's Mountain Landfill

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

Voting no: none.

### Return to Regular Session

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale 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. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted 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 2.2-3712(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.

8. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Akers seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned to reconvene at its public hearing on the FY 05 proposed budget to be held on Monday, June 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the New River Community College, Rooker Hall, Richardson Auditorium, Dublin, Virginia.

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

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Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

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Peter M. Huber, County Administrator