

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2004

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, June 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium of Rooker Hall, New River Community College in the Town of Dublin, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Frank R. Conner, Vice-Chairman; William E. "Eddie" Hale; Ranny L. Akers; and Dean K. Pratt. Staff members present included: County Administrator, Peter M. Huber; Assistant County Administrator, Nancy M. Burchett; and Executive Secretary Gena T. Hanks.

1. Public Hearing – FY 05 Budget

Chairman Sheffey welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 05 budget.

Ms. Fran Rooker, representing Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia (SWVA), requested the Board consider the funding request from Brain Injury Services of SWVA. Ms. Rooker introduced Ms. Helen Butler, Executive Director of Brain Injury Services of SWVA. Ms. Butler explained the services of Brain Injury Services and advised the organization serves nine Pulaski County residents. Ms. Butler requested the Board of Supervisors consider sharing in the cost of the services provided to the nine individuals by funding the budget request of Brain Injury Services of SWVA.

Ms. Jackie Freeman, President of the Pulaski County Education Association, provided a detailed report to the Board requesting the Board reconsider its decision to not increase local funding to the school system by \$1.3 million. Ms. Freeman cited poor physical conditions of school buildings, outdated science books, lagging salaries, and rising health insurance costs for her request.

Ms. Pamela Hale Bradley, Executive Director of the Literacy Volunteers of America, expressed support for the current proposed budget, particularly funds provided to the Literacy Volunteers of America.

The following individuals supported those comments made by Ms. Freeman and requested the Board reconsider its decision to not increase local funding by \$1.3 million to the school system: Linda Snow, Donna Frye, Mary Rash, Keri Peterson, Shannon Turner, Rena Turpin, Betty Jenks, Chad Owen, Mary Martha Hughes, Rhonda Barnes, Theda Gilmore, Jean Evans, Debbie Martin, Rita Kegley, Kathy Lillard, Missy Gilbert, Trish Betteken, Karen Freier, Joseph Reed, Rick Montgomery, Drew Layne, and Becky Murphy.

Board of Supervisor members were called upon to provide individual comments regarding the proposed budget.

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Supervisors indicated their need to look at all aspects of the community and emphasized their support for education as evidenced by the renovation and construction of school facilities. Mr. Sheffey explained the \$1.3 million in the proposed budget for schools was offered based on the state not providing any additional funding. However, when the state committed to providing \$2.6 million in funding, the decision was made by the Board to not increase local funding to the school system. He further advised it was the decision of the School Board, not the Board of Supervisors, as to how funds allocated by the Board of Supervisors are spent by the School Board. Mr. Sheffey commended the Pulaski County School Board for its efforts and assistance during the budget process.

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

2. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried that the Board of Supervisors adjourned to reconvene for their regular meeting on Monday, June 28, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 143 3rd Street, NW, 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