

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

At a regular meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, September 26, 2005 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; William E. "Eddie" Hale; Ranny L. Akers; and Dean K. Pratt. Staff members present included: Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., County Attorney; Nancy M. Burchett, Assistant County Administrator; David Tickner, Community Development Director; and Gena T. Hanks, Clerk.

Mr. Sheffey called for a moment of silence recognizing Ronnie Simpson, former Pulaski County Treasurer.

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

**Memorial Resolution
Ronald C. Simpson**

WHEREAS, **Ronald C. Simpson** rendered valuable public service to Pulaski County serving as the county's Treasurer from 1964 to 1970; and

WHEREAS, during his service, everyone who met **Ronald C. Simpson** benefited from kindness, compassion and willingness to always strive for cooperation and harmony and was admired by citizens throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, **Ronald C. Simpson** placed strong emphasis and commitment to his family and church; and

WHEREAS, **Ronald C. Simpson** gave countless hours in selfless service to all citizens of Pulaski County; and

WHEREAS, the service provided by **Ronald C. Simpson** has benefited not only present and past citizens of Pulaski County, but will enhance the quality of life of its future citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors does hereby commend and express its appreciation for the service of **Ronald C. Simpson** to the county and its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors does extend to the family of **Ronald C. Simpson** its sympathy and condolences in his passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the text of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors in permanent testimony of its

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appreciation to the service provided by **Ronald C. Simpson** to the citizens of Pulaski County.

Adopted this 26th day of September, 2005.

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

Voting no: none.

1. Invocation

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

2. Recognitions - Featured Employees

Mr. Sheffey recognized Sandra Lackey of the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and Connie Carrico of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, as the Featured Employees for the month of October. Mr. Sheffey read a detailed description of the job duties and personal interests of each employee.

3. Additions to Agenda

Ms. Burchett noted the moving of item 9d "Building Space Needs Report" to a future agenda, item 10d1 – "27th District Court Service Unit C. E. Richardson Foundation Grant Funds Application" being identical to that of item 10g – "Grant Applications – C. E. Richardson Foundation Funds", and advised that Mr. Radcliffe would not be able to attend the meeting to provide an update on property cleanups.

4. Public Hearings:

- a. A request from **Conn-Weld Industries** to vacate a portion of a 50 ft. unimproved right-of-way, an unimproved 15 ft. alley, and a 25 ft. unimproved right of way tax map parcels 056-004-0001-0001 2, 3; 056-004-0001-0004 5,6,7; 056-004-0004-0001 2, zoned Industrial (I1), located off **Colonial Dr.**, (Rt. 1019), in the Draper District.

Mr. Sheffey read the details of the public hearing and called on Mr. Tickner for any staff comments. Mr. Tickner explained the purpose of the public hearing was to solicit input from the public regarding the proposed plat vacation request. Mr. Tickner presented an aerial of the property in question and advised the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plat vacation request.

Mr. Sheffey opened the public hearing. There were no citizen comments and the hearing was closed.

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On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board approved the plat vacation request as described above, and as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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

Voting no: none.

b. Transportation Act (TEA) 21 Grant Application

Ms. Burchett explained the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments on a possible Transportation Act grant, which does require a local fund match of 20%

Mr. Sheffey opened the public hearing.

Mr. Bob Henegar expressed support for Phase 1 of the Historic Newbern project that was just recently funded and asked for support on the Phase II bikeway/walking trail.

Mr. Fess Green spoke in favor of the application proposed by staff for a bikeway and suggested the Radford Pathways group could assist in providing input on the project.

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

Staff noted the application deadline is November 1, 2005. The Board requested staff to provide cost estimates on both projects and place the matter on the October 24, 2005 agenda for consideration of a possible grant application.

c. FY 06 Budget Amendment

Ms. Burchett provided a detailed listing of expenditures included in the budget amendment.

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

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board approved the budget amendment and appropriated amounts as advertised and recommended by staff as follows:

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REVENUES:

GENERAL FUND:

Revenue from Local Sources:

| | | |
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| Use of General Fund Balance | \$ | 332.26 |
| Charges Law Enforcement Seized Assets | | <u>15,953.28</u> |

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| TOTAL GENERAL FUND | \$ | 16,285.54 |
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SCHOOL FUND:

Revenue from Federal Sources:

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| Assistive Tech/Assessment Grant | \$ | 22,261.36 |
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Revenue from Local Sources:

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| Charges for Services | \$ | 43,996.38 |
| Recovered Costs & Other Misc. | | 16,053.64 |
| General Fund Transfer carry over FY 05 | | <u>736,846.27</u> |

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| TOTAL SCHOOL FUND | \$ | 819,157.65 |
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND:

Revenue from Local Sources:

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| GF Transfer | \$ | <u>1,336,080.36</u> |
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| TOTAL CIP FUND | \$ | 1,336,080.36 |
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COUNTY DEBT FUND:

Revenue from Local Sources:

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| General Fund Transfer carry over FY 05 | \$ | <u>329,505.88</u> |
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| TOTAL COUNTY DEBT FUND | \$ | 329,505.88 |
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| GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS | \$ | 2,501,029.43 |
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EXPENDITURES:

GENERAL FUND:

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| Law Enforcement & Public Safety | \$ | <u>16,285.54</u> |
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| TOTAL GENERAL FUND | \$ | 16,285.54 |
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SCHOOL FUND:

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| Instruction | \$ | 120,492.38 |
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| Administration, Attendance & Health | | 46,495.36 |
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| Capital Outlay | | <u>652,169.91</u> |
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| TOTAL SCHOOL FUND | \$ | 819,157.65 |
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND:

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| Communications Broadband Internet & Telephone System | \$ | 310,000.00 |
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| Law Enforcement Dispatch System Imp. & Courtroom Metal Detectors | | 109,853.99 |
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| Fire Protection | | 22,808.41 |
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| Animal Shelter Replacement | | 178.10 |
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| County Buildings Space Needs & Imp. | | 734,262.86 |
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| Grant Train Station | 5,860.00 |
| Library Roof & ADA Improvements | 54,000.00 |
| County Entrance Welcome Signs | 9,117.00 |
| Rt. 100 Improvements | <u>\$ 90,000.00</u> |
| TOTAL CIP FUND | \$ 1,336,080.36 |

COUNTY DEBT FUND:

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| Debt Service Economic Stimulus | \$ 329,505.88 |
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GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$2,501,029.43

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

Voting no: none.

5. Highway Matters:

Mr. David Clarke, VDOT Resident Engineer, met with the Board and discussed the following matters:

a. Follow-up from Previous Board Meeting:

1. Review of Highway Matters Section of Key Activity Timetable (KAT)

The Key Activity Timetable was reviewed and updates made accordingly as follows:

| | UPDATED STATUS | |
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| | | Public Safety |
| Apr. 06 progress review | | 1. Set speed limits at time road are upgraded/consider community character in setting limits |
| Apr. 06 progress review | | 2. Improve communications for fire & sheriff's office |
| Nov. 05 | | 3. Address traffic problems in the vicinity of PCHS |
| <i>COMPLETED</i> | | 4. Consider increased participation in VDOT Revenue Sharing Program |
| Feb. 06 | | 5. Lobby General Assembly for increased secondary road funding |
| | | Follow-up from Previous Board Meetings: |
| July 05/VDOT unsure of completion date | same as before | 1. Memorial Bridge Update & Rt. 11 Entrance Sign (consider median) |
| 6/05 (on schedule) | same as before | 2. Allisonia Bridge Repairs/Replacement |
| Summer/05/slow process | Work has begun | 3. Low Water Bridge at Little Creek (environmental clearance - ok'd) |
| Est. \$100,000/high est. | same as before | 4. PCHS Turn Lane cost estimate for revenue sharing funding |
| Jan. 05/over \$50,000 | same as before | 5. Rt. 100 Turn Lane (VDOT advised costs to be more than \$100,000) |
| (VDOT reviewing/primary road funds) | | a. McDonalds |
| (VDOT reviewing/primary road funds/no funds) | | b. Southbound onto South I-81 ramp |

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| Signs ordered | same as before | 6. Robinson Tract Road Warning Signs |
| \$1 million est. cost/checking inspect. | In 6 Yr. Plan.Shouldn't need to close | 7. Bridge on Rt. 100 North |
| Bids back/Need Trans Bd. approval | Work begun | 8. Dunkard's Bottom Drainage |
| Caution signed to be put up | | 9. Rt. 11, "Watch for Turning Vehicle" signage |
| VDOT will do informal study/checking signage needs | same as before | 10. Crossbow Drive Speed Limit Posting & Watch for Children Signage |
| VDOT to review | adding some caution signs | 11. One Lane Bridge Warning Signs throughout county |
| VDOT to review | COMPLETED | |
| VDOT to review | under review | 12. Installation of Signage on Rt. 11 & I81/Identify NRCC & Old Dominion Univ. |
| VDOT to review | paving done per schedule | 13. Paving in Snowville Areas where not recently paved |
| VDOT to determine if qualifies | under review | 14. Big Valley Road Speed Limit posting |
| VDOT to review | work not needed | 15. Drainage Runoff - 5673 Tanglewood Drive |
| | under review | 16. Guardrail on Rt. 612 in Parrott (Requested by Barry Albert 639-1749) |
| | must use construction \$\$ | 17. Extension of Sidewalk on Brandon Road |
| | VDOT to review | 18. Speed Study on Schrader Hill |
| | Sent policy to Co. Admin. | 19. Newbern Truck Traffic |
| | County staff to review | 20. Watch for Children Signs - Tabernacle Place |
| | COMPLETE | 21. Alum Spring Road culvert |
| VDOT to review - trees still down | | 22. Falling Branch Road bridge debris |
| | COMPLETE | 23. Wilderness Road drainage |
| VDOT to meet with homeowners | | 24. Heron's Landing Subdivision informal speed study |
| VDOT to review | | 25. Lead Mines Road drainage hole |
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| COMPLETED | | COMPLETED ITEMS |
| COMPLETED | | 1. Riverbluff Subdivision Improvements |
| COMPLETED | | 2. Wilderness Road Shoulder Repairs |
| COMPLETED | | 3. State Park Road Repairs |
| COMPLETED | | 4. Rt. 634 Scraping Update |
| COMPLETED | | 5. Rt. 114 Bridge Markers Removal |
| COMPLETED | | 6. Riverhills Townhomes Road Issues |
| COMPLETED | | 7. Rt. 672, Lowman's Ferry Road, Drop Off from Pavement |
| COMPLETED | | 8. Request to Cut Brush Back on Old. Rt. 11 at the Bagging Plant Intersection |
| COMPLETED | | 9. Rt. 100 Deceleration lane into New Dublin Presbyterian Church |
| COMPLETED | | 10. Hatcher Road Improvements |
| COMPLETED | | 11. Locust Drive - Request for Signage, Etc. |
| COMPLETED | | 12. Portion of Kent Farm Road - Rural Rustic Road Eligibility determination |
| COMPLETED | | 13. Manns Drive Brush Cutting |
| COMPLETED | | 14. Hazelwood Drive Paving Requirements |
| COMPLETED | | 15. Brush Cutting - Fariss Mines Road from Boones Furnace Rd. |
| COMPLETED | | 16. New River Post Office Sinkhole |
| COMPLETED | | 17. Rt. 11 Passing Zone at Stone Ridge Subdivision |

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| COMPLETED | | 18. Dunkard's Bottom School Bus Stop Signage |
| COMPLETED | | 19. Delton Road Culvert Status (Pending environmental clearance) |
| COMPLETED | | 20. Robinson Tract Road at Bridge |
| COMPLETED | | 21. Horseshoe Loop & Black Hollow Lane Speed Limit Signage |
| COMPLETED | | 22. School Signs |
| COMPLETED | | 23. Belspring Road Removal of Passing Zones |
| COMPLETED | | 24. Exit 101 Southbound Ramp Turning Radius |
| COMPLETED | | 25. Guardrail Listing - Add Road Names and District |
| COMPLETED | | 26. Cloyd's Mountain Road Improvements (potholes & breakage) |
| COMPLETED | | 27. Pothole at Rt. 600 & 114, coming from Belspring |
| COMPLETED | | 28. Dallas Freeman Road, Rt. 778, Spot Widening |
| COMPLETED | | 29. Drainage Issues at end of Memorial Bridge |
| COMPLETED | | 30. Julia Simpkins Road Embankment |
| COMPLETED | | 31. Addition of Bike Lanes to State Maintained Roads |
| COMPLETED | | 32. Hazel Hollow Road Potholes |
| COMPLETED | | 33. Max Creek Bridge, Rt. 693, Pothole Repairs |
| COMPLETED | | 34. Rt. 11 Asphalt Patching |
| COMPLETED | | 35. Rt. 693 Request for Speed Study |
| COMPLETED | | 36. Rt. 11/Morehead Lane Speed Study |
| COMPLETED | | 37. Formal Speed Study on Portion of Rt. 626, Hazel Hollow Road |
| COMPLETED | | 38 Brush Cutting Along Bank at Fairview Home |
| COMPLETED | | 39. Hatcher Road Pothole Repairs |
| COMPLETED | | 40. Rt. 11 Speed Limit at Pulaski Elementary School |
| COMPLETED | | 41 Rt. 738, Robinson Tract Road, shoulder reconstruction |
| COMPLETED | | 42. Rt. 11/114 Potholes |
| COMPLETED | | 43. Guardrail at Honaker Road just past Milstead Place |
| COMPLETED | | 44. Route 636 guardrail |
| COMPLETED | | 45. Honaker Road Drainage Problem |
| COMPLETED | | 46. Pothole at Rt. 600 Entrance to Sun Trust Bank |
| COMPLETED | | 47. Rolling Hills Subdivision Posting of Speed Limits |
| COMPLETED | | 48. Rt. 667, Linkous Ferry Road, Potholes |
| COMPLETED | | 49. Rt. 778, Dallas Freeman Road, Repairs |
| COMPLETED | | 50. Rt. 711, Mines Road Advertisement |
| COMPLETED | | 51. Gravel in Fairlawn & Dublin |
| | | 52. Traffic Light at Rt. 11 & Rt. 611--does not qualify |

- a. Follow-up from Previous Board meeting:
 - Review of Highway Matters Section of KAT

Mr. Clarke advised in reference to item 9 on the KAT that caution signs would be added to Rt. 11.

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Mr. Sheffey advised that in reference to item 22 on the KAT there are still trees on Falling Branch Road. Mr. Clarke agreed to review this matter.

b. Request for Speed Bumps/Signage in Heron's Landing Subdivision

Mr. Clarke confirmed that this road is currently unposted. By concensus, the Board requested VDOT to conduct an informal speed study, as well as meet with the homeowners association.

c. Rural Additions – Status Report

Mr. Clarke advised no changes in the current state law affecting rural additions and he did not expect the current law to change. Mr. Clarke was requested to confirm the amount of the current rural addition funds and provide an update to the Board at the October Board meeting.

Ms. Burchett presented a letter from Cindy Buckinham and George Patneau of Four Seasons Lane requesting consideration to Four Seasons Lane as a rural addition. The Board directed staff to send a letter to both residents advising that no additional rural addition requests are being considered at this time.

Supervisor Akers commented that the Board needed to focus its efforts on improvements to secondary roads before taking on private roads.

d. Citizen Concerns

Mr. Jeff Levy advised of speeding on Gate Ten Road. Mr. Sheffey suggested Mr. Levy obtain a petition from the residents if a lower speed limit is desired and the matter could be considered by the Board once a petition was received.

Mr. Clarke advised the Board may want to join some other counties in proposing future legislation making all unposted roads a standard 35 mph with higher postings to be by request only, with each locality given the authority to determine the need for higher postings. The Board requested Mr. Clark to provide a listing of counties that were interested in proposing the new legislation at the next meeting of the Board.

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e. Board of Supervisors Concerns

Supervisor Akers requested a drainage hole on Lead Mines Road be moved due to vehicles running into it. Mr. Clarke agreed to have the matter reviewed and provide a report back to the Board at its October meeting.

Supervisor Akers advised of a request for a school bus stop sign on Hazel Hollow Road. Mr. Clarke advised this matter would need to be referred to School Board Office.

Supervisor Conner expressed concern over the recent accidents occurring on I-77 due to fog.

Staff presented a picture of stone signage to be considered at the entrance from Radford to Pulaski County. Mr. Clarke advised this type of signage would not be appropriate due to being too low to the ground and existing shrubbery at the median.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rose Marie Tickle provided the monthly report, as well as an annual report.

7. Citizens' Comments

Mr. E. W. Harless commended Mr. Jamie Radcliffe for his work in property cleanups and advised he was doing an outstanding job. Mr. Harless requested the Board consider employing a full time person, preferably a Sheriff's deputy, to perform property cleanup work. The Board directed staff to talk with Mr. Radcliffe to receive his input on Mr. Harless's request.

8. Presentation - Proposed Putt-Putt at Randolph Park

Mr. Jeff Levy, NRCC Instruction, along with NRCC students presented three design plans prepared by Mr. Levy and the NRCC students. The Board requested a staff recommendation be made at the October Board meeting as to the feasibility of development of a Putt-Putt at Randolph Park.

Mr. David Mauk commended Mr. Levy and NRCC students for their work and noted the cost savings to the county as a result of the design being done by NRCC.

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Mr. Sheffey thanked the entire group for their efforts. Mr. Anthony Akers advised the proposed Putt-Putt would be an added benefit to Randolph Park.

9. Reports from the County Administrator & Staff:

a. Key Activity Timetable (KAT)

The Board reviewed the Key Activity Timetable in its entirety.

Supervisor Akers questioned the progress of the Water Treatment Plant Facility Design, specifically relating to the stilling wall. Staff was directed to determine if any action had been taken on this project and provide an update to the Board via an upcoming weekly update.

b. Property Clean-up Report

Ms. Burchett advised this matter would need to be deferred to the October Board meeting due to Mr. Radcliffe being unable to attend the meeting.

c. Financial Report

Ms. Burchett presented a detailed cash financial report on expenditures and revenues for fiscal year just ending June 30, 2005, a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting.

d. Building Space Needs Report

Ms. Burchett advised this matter would be deferred to the October Board meeting.

e. Appointments

Action regarding appointments was deferred to the Closed Session portion of the agenda.

10. Items of Consent:

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board approved the following items of consent.

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

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a. Approval of Minutes of August 22, 2005

The Board approved the August 22, 2005 minutes as presented.

b. Accounts Payable

The Board approved accounts payable as presented on checks numbered 18220 through 18571, subject to audit.

c. Appropriations and Interoffice Transfers

The Board approved Interoffice Transfer #3 totaling \$69,581.33 and School Budget Adjustments as follows:

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| SCHOOL FUND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #1 | |
| Revenues: | |
| 3-205-033020-3700 – Pre-School Mini | \$85,911.00 |
| Expenditures: | |
| 061100-1121-200-200-935 – Salaries Teachers (Loss in funds) | -\$80,745.00 |
| 061100-2100-200-200-935 – FICA (Loss in Funds) | -5,166.00 |
| TOTAL | -\$85,911.00 |
| SCHOOL FUND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #2 | |
| Revenues: | |
| 3-205-033020-3800 – Sliver | \$3,633.00 |
| Expenditures: | |
| 061100-6013-200-976 – Instructional Supplies – Loss in Funds | -\$3,633.00 |
| TOTAL | -\$3,633.00 |

d. Ratification

1. 27th District Court Service Unit C. E. Richardson Foundation Grant Funds Application

The Board ratified a grant application by the Court Service Unit for C. E. Richardson Foundation Grant Funds.

2. Fireworks Permit

The Board ratified a request from Motor Mile Speedway for a fireworks display that was held on Saturday, September 17, 2005.

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3. Mini-Training Grant for Fire Departments

The Board ratified an application for a mini-training grant on behalf of the county fire departments, with said grant being through the Department of Fire Programs in the amount of \$4,219.80.

e. Contracts, Change Orders & Agreements

1. Paving Contract for Twin Communities Fire Department

The Board approved a contract for serviced provided by Joe's Paving and Construction of Christiansburg for work to be performed at the Twin Communities Fire Department.

2. Crosswinds Contract

The Board approved entering into a contract with Mr. John Spangler, d/b/a Crosswinds Services.

3. Library Roofing Bid Award

The Board approved awarding of the bid to Roofing and Restoration, Inc for installation of a 90 mil 30-year roof membrane for \$118,795 with the additional funding required to be transferred from contingency.

4. Amendment to MOU between NR/Mount Rogers WIB and Pulaski County

The Board approved an amendment to the existing agreement extending the date of the contract from September 30, 2005 to December 31, 2005, with there being no other changes to the language in the agreement.

5. Polyester Mobile Home Park Construction Contract

The Board approved the bid and an "all acts necessary" authorization in the implementation of construction on the Polyester Mobile Home Park water and sewer project.

f. Personnel Changes

The Board reviewed a listing of recent personnel changes.

g. Grant Applications - C. E. Richardson Foundation Funds

Ms. Burchett noted this item was the same as item 10d1 above.

h. Policy Standard Addressing Maintenance & Repairs for Fire Departments

The Board approved the following policy which was recommended by the Fire Protection Committee:

"After some discussion a motion from Twin Community recommends the departments pay any expenses up to five hundred dollars, and the County pick up any thing over that amount. Newbern seconded this motion and all departments voted in favor of the motion."

i. Fairlawn Entrance Sign

Staff requested the Board provide suggestions for the entrance sign from Radford to Pulaski County along Route 11. Mr. Sheffey suggested a sign similar to that at the entrance on I-81. The Board directed county staff to contact Jeff Levy of NRCC for a possible concept.

j. Virginia Workforce Council Grant

The Board approved the sponsorship and support of the grant, based on an increasing concern by local employers in finding qualified employees.

k. Emergency Declaration

The Board approved a declaration of disaster in order to make local farmers eligible for assistance as follows:

**PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
VIRGINIA
TO DECLARE PULASKI COUNTY A DROUGHT AREA**

Whereas, widespread acres of Pulaski County are experiencing severe drought conditions, which have caused crop losses and damaged forage crops on which livestock producers depend; and

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Whereas, the lack of forages has caused many farmers to feed hay which would normally be reserved for the winter months; and

Whereas, many farmers have seen their springs, streams and ponds go dry, causing a severe hardship to livestock producers who no longer have sufficient water for their herds; and

Whereas, there does not appear to be any relief in the foreseeable future; and

Whereas, these conditions have and continue to cause severe financial loss to the farmers of Pulaski County;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors hereby petitions the Honorable Mark Warner, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to declare Pulaski County a drought area in order to provide the means for those affected to qualify for some relief assistance.

I. Revision to Dress Code

The Board approved the casual dress code for Board members at upcoming Board meetings through October 10, Columbus Day.

m. Development of New River Industrial Park

Staff advised that following receipt of verbal and written interest from at least three parties in the purchase of remaining IDA property in the New River Technology park, staff recommended approval by the Board and the Industrial Development Authority in the public solicitation of development proposals for this property. By consensus, the Board agreed to the solicitation of proposals for remaining IDA property in the New River Technology Park.

n. Mutual Aid Agreement

The Board approved a mutual ad agreement for emergency services, a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting.

o. Hurricane Katrina Relief Support

Staff presented a proposed draft policy which would allow for employee donation of unused vacation time to the Hurricane Relief efforts. The Board directed staff to provide the proposed draft policy to county employees to review and provide input and place review of the policy on the Board's October agenda.

p. Workforce Development Month Resolution

The Board adopted the following resolution declaring October as Workforce Development Month:

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH
October, 2005**

WHEREAS, the Virginia public workforce system has built a network of valuable employment and training services through its One-Step Career Centers and community partners; and

WHEREAS, this network is branded as the Virginia Workforce Network and strives to create a workforce development system that is "demand-driven," one that meets the needs of the State's employers, workers and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Workforce strives to be employer-driven by seeking the engagement of employers in defining their workforce needs and ensures that those needs are met. The Virginia Workforce Network helps employers recruit, retain and improve the performance of qualified employees in ways that support industry growth in the State, enhancing Virginia's ability to compete nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Workforce Network is partnership-based forging strategic relationships with the education system which provides training and job readiness for the employed and under-employed and customized training to better serve incumbent workers; and

WHEREAS, a skilled and flexible workforce is a key to business performance and supporting Virginia's economic competitive advantage.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors hereby declares the month of October, 2005 as **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH** in the County of Pulaski.

q. Resolution Declaring Disaster Due to Drought Conditions

Ms. Burchett noted this item was the same as item 10k.

r. Telecommunications Grant/Loan Application

The Board approved an application with private a telecommunications firm, with the firm to be responsible for the maintenance of the line and the provision of perpetually free fiber connections between School Board and county facilities, eliminating the annual costs currently being incurred by local taxpayers.

s. Agreement with State Board of Elections

The Board approved the proposed agreement, a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting, pending clarification of state standards regarding accessibility issues.

11. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

12. Other Matters from Supervisors

Supervisor Akers advised he was pleased with the progress being made on the new Lowe's store in Fairlawn.

13. Closed Meeting

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

A closed meeting is requested pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss personnel, legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry matters.

Property Disposition or Acquisition – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)3 discussion for consideration of the disposition or acquisition of publicly held property regarding:

- IDA Land Purchase on Behalf of NRCC

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Personnel – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)1 discussion for consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of public officers, appointees or employees, regarding:

- Appointments

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.

- None

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:

- None

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

Voting no: none.

Return to Regular Session

It was moved by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Akers 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. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Hale 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.

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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.

Personnel Matters:

Appointments

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

1. NRV Community Services Board

Staff advised of the resignation of Ms. Sue Thompson/Hubble effective immediately. The Board directed staff to request a recommendation from Social Services Director Jim Wallis.

2. Joint Services Oversight Committee

The Board deferred appointments to this committee until the joint meeting with the School Board to be held on October 5, 2005.

3. Agency on Aging

The Board reappointed Elaine Powell as a member to the Agency on Aging and Peter Huber as an alternate for one additional year.

4. Building Appeals Committee

The Board reappointed Allen Audas and Ernest Draper for an additional four year term ending October 1, 2009.

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

14. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned its regular meeting. The Board will reconvene on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the School Board Office on Washington Avenue in the Town of Pulaski for the purpose of joint meeting with the Pulaski County School Board. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W. in the Town of Pulaski.

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

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator