

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2005

A joint meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Pulaski County School Board was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the School Board Offices, Board Meeting Room, Washington Avenue, 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. School Board members present included Paul Phillips, Chairman, John Wenrick, Jeff Bain, Beth Nelson and Pam Chitwood. Staff members present included: Tom McCarthy, County Attorney; Peter Huber, County Administrator; Dr. Donald Stowers, School Superintendent; Nancy M. Burchett, Assistant County Administrator; Jean Cox; Jim Sandidge; and Ron Nichols, school board staff. Also present was Jack Martin of the Southwest Times.

1. Introduction & Convening of Meeting

Following a light dinner, Chairman Sheffey and Chairman Phillips called the joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and School Board to order. Chairman Phillips noted the positive issues reflected on the agenda for this meeting and Chairman Sheffey noted the importance of the joint meetings between the county and the school board.

2. Voting Rights Announcement

County Attorney, Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., reviewed a press release from the Pulaski County Electoral Board regarding the Justice Department's recent approval to release the county from the 1965 Federal Voting Rights Act provisions. It was noted that Pulaski County is one of the first jurisdictions in western Virginia to be released from the Voting Rights Act.

Chairman Sheffey commended the County Attorney, the Electoral Board members and the Registrar for their work on getting this accomplished.

3. Joint Services Oversight

a. Operations and County Fleet

County Administrator, Peter Huber and School Superintendent, Donald Stowers, reviewed a narrative description and an organizational chart describing the operations and county fleet joint services. It was noted that this aspect of joint services between the county and the school system had been implemented a number of months ago.

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On the motion of Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board of Supervisors endorsed the joint services concept for the operations and county fleet maintenance areas of the county and the school system with the Team Leader being designated as Ron Nichols, per staff recommendation and subject to concurrence of the Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors.

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

The School Board also unanimously endorsed the concept for the joint services between the county and the school system for the operations and county fleet maintenance areas as recommended by staff.

b. Information Technology

The Boards reviewed with staff a narrative description and an organizational chart describing the information technology area of joint services. It was noted that both information technology staffs have already began working together on a number of issues and projects. Future benefits noted for a joint information technology department included standardization of equipment purchases, economic development, network mapping, improved efficiency and the potential expansion of School Board telephone system to include the county's administrative staff. In addition, joint interconnection of facilities via fiber optic lines could save over \$100,000 in existing connectivity costs.

Supervisor Conner inquired about the number of county citizens that have a personal computer and internet access in their homes.

Staff reported that about 50% of the students in the county do not have internet access.

The Boards then discussed possible future information technology collaborative efforts with the towns of Pulaski, Dublin and possibly the City of Radford.

On the motion of Ranny Akers, seconded by Dean Pratt, the Board of Supervisors endorsed the joint services concept for the Information Technology Departments of the county and the school system with the Team Leader being designated as Dr. Jim Sandidge per staff recommendation.

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

The School Board also unanimously endorsed the joint services concept for the Information Technology Departments of the county and the school system per staff recommendation.

c. Fiscal Services

The Board of Supervisors and the School Board were presented with an organizational chart and a narrative on the joint services of a fiscal services department. Potential benefits discussed of a joint fiscal services department included grater employee specialization, a double checking and consistency in accounting transactions, all of which will result in improved accuracy and efficiency.

Future potential benefit of the joint fiscal services department discussed included the area of personnel and benefits.

On the motion of Mr. Akers, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board of Supervisors endorsed the concept for a joint fiscal services department of the county and the school system with the Team Leader being designated as Nancy M. Burchett per staff recommendation.

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

The School Board also unanimously endorsed the concept of a joint fiscal services department for the county and the school system per staff recommendation.

4. Other Matters – Board of Supervisors Consent Items

a. Transfer of Shell Building Property to IDA

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the transfer of the Shell Building property to the Pulaski County Industrial Development Authority to allow the IDA to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with Findlay Industries for the upfit and utilization of the building.

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

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b. Cable Franchise Agreement

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board of Supervisors denied the request for transferring the existing cable franchise agreement from Adelphia to Comcast until negotiations can be held with Adelphia and county staff on possible concessions by Adelphia.

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

c. Building Tour and Facility Planning

The Boards then jointly toured the School Board offices located on Washington Avenue (formerly Community National Bank Building) and there was general concurrence that the building and the renovation work being done resulted in an acceptable facility for the School Board staff with the potential addition of space for 14 special education staff and finding adequate parking in the vicinity of the building.

5. Closed Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Conner 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:

- ◆ Building Space Needs
- ◆ Purchase of Fairlawn Property

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

Voting no: none.

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Return to Regular Session

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

Closed Meeting

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

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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:

◆ Negotiations with Radford University Future School Property

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

Voting no: none.

Return to Regular Session

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, that the Board return to regular session.

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

Voting no: none.

6. Scheduling of Next Meeting

The Board of Supervisors and the School Board agreed to set the next joint meeting for April 5, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. with the location of the meeting to be determined at a later date.

7. Adjournment

On the motion of Mr. Akers, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned until their next regular meeting date of October 24, 2005 at 6:15 p.m. at the County Administration Building, Pulaski, Virginia, at which time the Board will conduct the annual employee evaluation of the county administrator following by the regular meeting agenda items at 7 p.m.

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

Voting no: none.

The School Board also passed a similar motion of adjournment.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator