

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2008

At a special meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 14, 2008 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; Charles Bopp; and Dean K. Pratt. Staff members present included: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator; Robert Hiss, Assistant County Administrator; and Gordon Jones, Finance Director.

1. Welcome & Call To Order

Chairman Sheffey called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. Staff Recommendations

Mr. Huber presented the significant changes made to the proposed budget since the April 7 budget work session. He noted contingency was originally set at \$618,508, but the following adjustments are recommended:

- Health insurance – increasing the county's participation to the 90% plan.
- Financing of Riverlawn Elementary computers and technology over five years.
- Adding back half of the previously cut REMSI ambulance (\$45,000).
- Compensation study – recommend including Constitutional officers, fund the minimum raise amount (approximately \$25,000), but not the max/longevity increases.
- Employee assistance program for all employees, \$2,470.
- Reduce funding to the health department by \$30,000.
- Maintain the 15 year replacement schedule for school buses (added one bus back so school can purchase 5 new buses instead of only 4). Schools are getting more money from the State this year. Board recommended still only funding enough for four buses or level funding from last year
- Paying for intern assistance at about \$10,000 per year instead of free help.
- Revenues: added back in \$244,416; sources are from property tax collections, machinery and tools collections, combined communication taxes (911 fees), interest/investment and rental income, recovered costs through state agencies and Resource Authority.
- Cut requests to reflect level funding of regional human service organizations instead of using the formula using the amount of funding compared to number of clients using the services within Pulaski County. However, level funding is not recommended.
- State cuts to the county budget totaled \$436,365 based on original Comp Board budget. The revised budget, considering only the 2% pay increase, results in a \$333,833 cut to local funding.

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Recommend personal property tax increase of 14 cents per \$100. This would leave an adequate contingency of \$365,682. The personal property tax rate should be adjusted annually based on state funding. The county does not want to pass on the state cuts to agencies due to the cuts affecting services being offered to the citizens.

The Board asked staff to post budget revenues, recommended expenditures, issues, and recommendations on the County web site.

The Board inquired as to the status of the reassessment. Staff reported the field work and analysis by Wingate should be completed in November. The current assessment ratio is running at approximately 76% of the actual sales price of homes with reassessment realizing about a 25% increase in values. These changes will be primarily reflected in the 2009-2010 budget.

3. Other Matters

Mr. Huber shared information regarding a Relay for Life Hamburger/Hot Dog dinner fundraiser (\$5) at the Dublin Lions Club, April 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Sheffey asked about the status of the cell phone RFP. Staff reported the RFP's were initiated due to lack of customer and technical support on the current Blackberry's. Staff is currently testing the phones in various areas of the county.

Staff reported the Pulaski Town Council had requested to meet with the Board at its April 21, 2008 budget work session to discuss Maple Shade and Loving Field.

4. Closed Session– 2.2-3711.A.1

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.

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Mr. Pratt, and carried, the Board voted to enter into closed session for discussion of the following:

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:

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- Position of Finance Director

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

Voting no: none.

Return to Regular Session

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

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

Voting no: none.

Certification of Conformance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act

It was moved by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Akers, 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. Akers, Mr. Conner, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp,
Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: none.

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5. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Akers, and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned the special meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be a special meeting to be held on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building.

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

Voting no: none.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator