

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2009

At a special budget session of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, March 9, 2009 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; Dean K. Pratt, Vice-Chairman; Ranny L. Akers; Charles Bopp; and Frank R. Conner. Staff members present included: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator; Robert Hiss, Assistant County Administrator; Diane Newby, Finance Director; and Gena T. Hanks, Clerk.

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Sheffey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Discussions were held briefly regarding the proposed closing of rest stops along I-81 in Virginia.

2. Review of Budget Options

Mr. Huber presented a spreadsheet entitled "Budget Summary" which he referenced has having also been presented at the March 2, 2009 Joint Board of Supervisors/School Board meeting. He reviewed in detail each item listed on the budget summary, a copy of which can be found with the records for this meeting and filed in the County Administrator's Office. Mr. Huber also presented a "Revenue Options" spreadsheet, "Expenditure Summary", and "Revenue Summary", copies of which also can be found with the records for this meeting.

Discussions were held regarding the payment of rent for the current School Board offices and the time frame for completion of the renovations at the Maple Shade facility. Mr. Pratt indicated it was his understanding that the county purchased the Maple Shade facility to meet the long term space needs for the county. Mr. Huber advised the delay at the Maple Shade facility was due in part to the need to find adequate space for MTM, which currently occupies space at the Maple Shade facility.

Mr. Huber advised of a "brainstorming" session held by the Leadership Team to specifically review potential cost saving measures. Mr. Huber presented a listing of those potential cost savings entitled "Budget Related Initiatives", a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting.

Discussions were held regarding health insurance for county employees, salary adjustments for employees and constitutional officers, as well as proposed funding cuts by the state.

Mr. Huber recommended the county consider paying the rent on the current School Board offices, rather than moving the offices to another location. He also discussed additional proposed joint services including janitorial services, buildings and grounds and grounds maintenance.

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Mr. Akers recommended the Board review the Radford University transit service as a guide for transit services currently being operated in the county. Mr. Conner recommended the Board focus on providing more funding for the current transit services, due to it being a much needed benefit for county citizens.

3. Endorsement of Projects Submitted for Economic Stimulus Funding

Mr. Huber presented a listing of Pulaski County projects submitted for consideration by Governor Kaine in the application of federal stimulus program funding. He requested Board members review the list and provide staff with any particular items of emphasis. The Board directed staff to take the final list and send a letter to Governor Kaine advising of particular projects of specific interest to the Board.

Mr. Conner noted the inclusion of the renovation of the old jail in the listing of potential stimulus projects. Mr. Huber suggested the Board consider blocking up the windows and addressing issues related to heating and cooling and possibly using the facility for storage. Mr. Conner suggested the old jail be torn down, rather than renovated and used for storage. Mr. Huber advised that to either tear down the jail, or renovate, would be costly.

4. Revision of Board Packet Design

By consensus, the Board reviewed and approved a new format for board packets utilizing a three ring binder recently implemented by the PSA Board.

5. Closed Session – Property Acquisition/Disposition 2.2-3711(A)3

Mr. Sheffey called the meeting to order and advised a Closed Session would need to be held as follows:

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 property acquisition/disposition:

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, that the Board of Supervisors enter Closed Session for discussion of the following:

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:

- Sheriff's Office

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Return to Regular Session

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board returned 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

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted 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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6. Adjournment

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board adjourned its special meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, March 23, 2009 with a Closed Session to begin at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W., in the Town of Pulaski.

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

Voting no: none.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator