

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2009

At a special budget session of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, Middle 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

Chairman Sheffey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. FY 08 Audit Presentation

Ms. Deanna Cox of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, presented the FY 08 audit. Ms. Cox reported that any minor concerns had been addressed verbally with departments and there were no written comments. She advised that while the overall economy presented localities with challenges and hurdles to overcome financially, Pulaski County was in good financial standing, compared to other localities.

Ms. Cox advised of changes to the GASB 45 audit standards, which increases direct communications with the governing body, including the auditing firm providing written communications to the governing body at the beginning of the audit process, in addition to a written statement at the end of the audit process.

Mr. Sheffey inquired of Ms. Cox as to any recommendation or preference of the auditors as to the frequency of reassessments. Ms. Cox advised the frequency of reassessments did not affect the auditing process, but was more of a decision by the governing body as it relates to the county's financial situation.

Ms. Cox advised of no audit findings for Pulaski County. She commended county staff in their assistance throughout the FY 08 audit process.

Mr. Huber referred to page seven of the audit noting the General Fund indicated a net increase in County and School Board assets.

Ms. Cox explained the OPEB liability and offered to research and provide additional information related to a potential "self funded" option.

Mr. Sheffey also commended county staff for their efforts in assisting with the auditing process.

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board accepted the FY 08 Pulaski County audit as presented.

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

3. Closed Session – 2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7

Mr. Sheffey advised a Closed Session would need to be held as follows:

A closed meeting is requested pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss personnel, legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry matters.

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:

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:

- Personnel Investigation

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

Return to Regular Session

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board returned to regular session.

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

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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. Pratt, Mr. Akers, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Conner,
Mr. Sheffey.

Voting no: none.

4. Budget Discussions:

a. Report on Library Use of Funds Earmarked for Dublin Roof Repair

As a follow-up to the Board's inquiry at its April 6 budget work session, Mr. Hiss reported a review by the building inspector indicated there was no immediate need for a new roof at the Pulaski County Library. He advised a new roof is likely to be needed in five to six years at a cost of approximately \$18,000 and that the Capital Improvements Plan listing would most likely need to be updated to reflect this change.

b. Other changes prior to April 27th Approval to Advertise

Mr. Huber presented a draft of the budget advertisement. Board members reviewed the advertisement and noted the public hearing will be scheduled for the Board's regular May meeting to be held on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Sheffey requested staff provide a final version of the budget advertisement at the Board of Supervisors regular April 27, 2009 meeting.

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5. Other Matters

Request from Town of Pulaski

Mr. Huber presented a request from Pulaski Town Manager, John Hawley, requesting the Board consider returning a percentage of the lodging tax resulting from the use of the Comfort Inn by the town's professional baseball team. Mr. Sheffey requested county staff poll other counties to determine what tax breaks are provided to towns with a professional baseball team or other professional sports club.

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board adjourned its special meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, April 27, 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