

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2009

At a special called meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, December 9, at 3:00 p.m. at the former TMD Friction facility located in the Pulaski County Corporate Center, Dublin, Virginia, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Dean K. Pratt, Vice-Chairman; Ranny Akers; Charles Bopp; and Frank Conner. Staff members present included: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator; Thomas J. McCarthy, County Attorney; Robert Hiss, Assistant County Administrator; Shawn Utt, Community Development Director; Anthony Akers, Community Activities Director; and Gena T. Hanks, Clerk.

Others present included: Jim Davis, Sheriff; Jerry White, TMD Friction; David Pynn, TMD Friction; Paula Akers, TMD Friction; Jerry Collins, Pastor; Kenny Blevins; E. W. Harless; and Melinda Williams, Reporter, The Southwest Times.

### 1. Call to Order & Invocation

Chairman Sheffey called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and called on Pastor Collins to provide the invocation.

### 2. Tour of TMD Friction Facility

Chairman Sheffey explained the purpose of the meeting was to provide Board members and others present with an extensive tour of the former TMD Friction facility and property for the possible purchase of the TMD building for use as an indoor recreation facility, or remarketing for manufacturing purposes.

Mr. David Pynn described events leading to the closing of the TMD business in Pulaski County, including TMD declaring bankruptcy, resulting in the consolidation of the Pulaski County facility with the facility in Mexico. He advised approximately 160 individual jobs were lost in Pulaski County as a result of the consolidation.

Board members and others in attendance participated in a tour of the TMD facility which was hosted by Mr. Pynn and Ms. Akers.

Following the tour, Mr. Sheffey opened the floor for comments by those in attendance.

Anthony Akers thanked Board members for scheduling the opportunity to tour the former TMD facility for consideration as a potential recreation facility. He advised the first priority in the use of the facility would be to providing services to the senior citizens in the county.

Mr. Kenny Blevins spoke in favor of the proposal, noting the numerous potential uses including indoor soccer events and various tournaments. He indicated the tourism generated to the county through such events would be a boost to the county financially.

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Mr. E. W. Harless spoke in favor of the proposed use of the facility, subject to funding being available by the county for such a purchase and careful review and consideration to a reasonable purchase price for the building.

Pastor Collins spoke in favor of the proposed use of the facility, suggesting such an indoor recreation facility would enhance the quality of life and overall well being of all county residents. He also indicated a recreation facility in the former TMD facility would likely serve as a tool for bringing business into the industrial park, assuming the facility could be obtained at a reasonable price. Pastor Collins suggested consideration to seeking private donors, with the possibility of areas of a recreation center being named after certain corporate sponsors.

Mr. Harless suggested soliciting for corporate sponsorships, indicating there was the potential for a large investment by a local citizen of Pulaski County.

Jerry White inquired as to whether a cost analysis had been conducted on conversion and renovations costs of the former TMD facility.

Anthony Akers responded that the county had two architectural firms to review the facility and both had provided rough estimates ranging from \$20/sq. ft. to renovate office space and \$50-\$60/sq. ft. to renovate the manufacturing space.

Mr. Sheffey expressed appreciation to the TMD representatives for providing the facility tour.

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

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

A closed meeting is requested pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.3 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss personnel, legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry matters.

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board of Supervisors entered a 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:

- TMD Facility

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

Voting no: none.

Return to Regular Session

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Mr. Pratt 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. Conner, 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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3. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Akers, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board adjourned its special meeting to reconvene at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, December 21, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a Closed Session and 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting 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.

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Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

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Peter M. Huber, County Administrator