

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2010

At a regular meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, March 22, 2010 beginning with a Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building located in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Charles Bopp, Vice-Chairman; Dean K. Pratt; Ranny L. Akers; and Frank R. Conner. Staff members present included: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator; Shawn Utt, Community Development Director; Robert Hiss, Assistant County Administrator; and Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., County Attorney. Joining the regular session at 7:00 p.m. were Diane Newby, Finance Director; and Gena Hanks, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

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

Chairman 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 personnel, legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry matters.

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

- Appointments

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:

- Former REMSI Station
- Norfolk Southern Railroad Trestle
- Heron's Landing

Prospective Industry – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)5 discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, or the expansion of an existing business and industry, where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

- Energy Company
- Existing Industry Support

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Legal Matters – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)7 consultation with legal counsels and briefing by staff for discussion of specific legal matters and matters subject to probable litigation regarding:

- None

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

Voting no: none.

Return to Regular Session

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Bopp 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. Akers, seconded by Mr. Pratt 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.

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

Voting no: none.

2. Invocation

County Attorney Tom McCarthy provided the invocation for the Board meeting.

3. Recognitions - Featured Employees

The Board of Supervisors recognized Latisha Gallimore and Nicole Hager from the Social Services Department as the Featured Employees to serve during the month of April. Job summaries for both employees were read aloud by Mr. Sheffey. Board members presented both employees with gift certificates to Fatz Café in appreciation of their service.

4. Additions to Agenda

Mr. Huber advised of an additional agenda item to be considered under "Appointments", specifically an appointment to the New River Community College (NRCC) Board.

5. Public Hearings:

a. Budget Amendment

Ms. Newby explained the purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments on budget adjustments for the current fiscal year. Ms. Newby described the changes, noting the State Code requires a public hearing for amounts totaling over 1% of the original budget. Ms. Newby also clarified that the adjustments are for the current fiscal year and not the upcoming fiscal year.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing.

Mr. Richard Labrie expressed concern that the public may not have a proper perspective as it relates to the use of "line item" details. Ms. Newby described how the budget adjustments related to the expenditure portion of the current budget.

There being no further comments, the hearing was closed.

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On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board approved the following budget adjustments as advertised:

Public Hearing Notice - County Budget Amendment

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2010 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski on an amendment to the 2009-10 fiscal year budgets as follows:

GENERAL FUND:

REVENUES:

Revenue from Federal Government:

Rural Development Grants \$ 3,610,644.00

Other Financing Sources:

Proceeds from Indebtedness 7,505,136.00

TOTAL REVENUES \$ 11,115,780.00

EXPENDITURES:

Transfer to PSA \$ 3,610,644.00

Transfer to School Debt Fund 7,505,136.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 11,115,780.00

SCHOOL FUND:

REVENUES:

Revenue from the Commonwealth:

EETT Competitive Grant \$ 1,679,965.00

TOTAL REVENUES \$ 1,679,965.00

EXPENDITURES:

Purchase of Services \$ 1,679,965.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 1,679,965.00

SCHOOL DEBT FUND:

REVENUES:

Other Sources:

Transfer from General Fund \$ 7,505,136.00

TOTAL REVENUES \$ 7,505,136.00

EXPENDITURES:

Riverlawn Debt Service \$ 7,505,136.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 7,505,136.00

PSA FUND:

REVENUES:

Revenue from Local Sources:

Transfer from General Fund \$ 3,610,644.00

TOTAL REVENUES \$ 3,610,644.00

EXPENDITURES:

Highland Park Sewer Project \$ 2,557,600.00

Orchard Hills/Rolling Hills Sewer Project 1,053,044.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 3,610,644.00

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$ 23,911,525.00

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made available by the County upon request. Please contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705 as soon as possible prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.

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

Voting no: none.

b. Real Estate Tax Rate Increase

Mr. Huber advised a public hearing had been scheduled, pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, for the purpose of hearing public comments from citizens of Pulaski County who wish to appear and be heard regarding a maximum six-cent increase in the real estate tax rate for the year 2010. Mr. Huber explained an increase of up to \$0.06 per \$100 of assessed value would raise the real estate tax rate from \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed value to \$0.56 per \$100 of assessed value. He advised the proposed budget continued to be reviewed by the departments, but that the real estate tax rate must be set in order to allow for the processing of the land book, mailing of tax tickets and payment by June 5, 2010.

Mr. Huber also advised the recommended four-cent increase in the tax rate would restore only one-third of the projected total shortfall in the School budget.

Mr. Sheffey confirmed the proposed budget, even with the recommended tax rate increase, did not allow for an increase in salary for county employees. He noted the last increase in salaries for county employees was approximately three years ago.

Mr. Sheffey opened the public hearing.

Ms. Angela Clevinger, Vice President of the Pulaski County Education Association, spoke in favor of a six cent increase in the tax rate. Ms. Clevinger requested the Board consider what is best for the children of the community, noting it was essential for educators and other advocates to speak on behalf of the children. She acknowledged that the state was responsible for placing the burden on the local School Board for seeing that adequate funds were provided for education.

Mr. Andy McCready spoke as a local businessman and indicated he represented local industries in the county and expressed concern over the outflow of funds in the county. He specifically expressed concern over the funding for the Governor's School which provides for early college credits for a select number of students, further noting the taxpayers are subsidizing college education. Mr. McCready also indicated it was the School Board and Board of Supervisors'

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responsibility to provide sound management of the county's fiscal assets. He provided details related to the closure of the various elementary schools in the county over the past few years due to age and deterioration, noting specific case where the closed schools were renovated for other uses. Mr. McCready expressed concern that many industries had instituted pay cuts and small businesses were closing as a result of the recession. He indicated Pulaski County citizens cannot withstand an additional tax increase, as a result of last year's reassessment. Mr. Sheffey thanked Mr. McCready for his comments and inquired if he had posed his comments and questions to the School Board. Mr. McCready expressed concern that the School Board was not inclined to offer responses to his question and concerns.

Mr. E. W. Harless expressed concern that the proposed increase in the real estate tax rate would not be designated for school funding, that too much money is spent on the facilities currently housing the administrative offices of the School Board, that the School Board should cut its expenses, as is being done by county agencies and offices, and that the School Board meeting times are not convenient for the public to attend. Mr. Harless indicated while he was in support of school teachers, he would prefer to have money spent on retaining quality teachers, rather than money towards facilities. He also advised he was not in favor of a real estate tax rate increase

Ms. Francis Viars advised she had traveled throughout the state and acknowledged that the school systems are in trouble financially throughout the State of Virginia. She presented a petition with signatures of citizens in opposition to the consolidation of the Pulaski and Dublin middle schools. Ms. Viars encouraged the Board to take all actions necessary to support the school system and its teachers.

Ms. Laura Walters spoke in opposition to the proposed real estate tax rate increase. Ms. Walters suggested if a tax rate is needed in Pulaski County that the Board of Supervisors look to increasing the personal property or meals tax as a more equitable means of raising revenues. Ms. Walters also referenced the approximately 10% unemployment rate in Pulaski County and encouraged the Board to focus efforts on creating jobs in the county.

Mr. Claude Newman questioned the Board on the purchasing of the former TMD and Maple Shade buildings. Mr. Huber provided an explanation including the need for the county to provide the least expensive means of providing housing for the community service agencies. He also advised the TMD facility was being purchased for the purpose of creating jobs, with a long term potential for use as an indoor wellness center. Mr. Newman questioned the county attorney

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as to the legality of the county purchasing real estate. Mr. McCarthy advised the county had made all purchases of properties through the proper legal means. Mr. Newman expressed concern that citizens were losing their homes and that the Board should be lowering taxes.

Mr. John Viars expressed support for the comments made previously in the meeting by Mr. McCready. He requested all citizens in attendance at the meeting who were in opposition to the tax increase to stand.

Mr. Lincoln Whitaker advised he was in favor of an increase in the real estate tax rate only if the revenues generated from such a tax increase were directed to the school system.

Mr. Mike Barbour advised he was a homeowner in the county, as well as a business owner. Mr. Barbour advised he was in favor of the proposed real estate tax rate increase as a means of raising revenue for the school system. He advised the Board had no greater obligation than that of insuring that a quality education for Pulaski County students is provided. He suggested there was a perception in surrounding localities that Pulaski County did not have a quality education system, due to some Pulaski County residents sending students to other localities for education. He indicated raising taxes as a means of supporting education in Pulaski County would send a message that Pulaski County is committed to providing quality education to its students.

Mr. Maurice Long suggested Pulaski County residents would have to sell their properties to continue to live in Pulaski County. He cited the high quality of education provided in Pulaski County, but encouraged the Board to also consider reducing the amount of funding to the school system, as is being done for other offices and agencies receiving county funding. He indicated the county needs to make sacrifices as is being done by him and others who are on fixed incomes.

Ms. Angela Clevinger suggested a citizen with a home valued at \$200,000 should be able to afford the additional \$6.75 a month in additional taxes.

Mr. Fritz Streff suggesting Pulaski County citizens with real estate could afford to pay the \$1.00 per day in additional taxes. He advised that with the increase the school system still had to make cuts in the FY 11 budget. He also referenced the Governor's School is subsidized by New River Community College and that the dual enrollment courses provides for improved quality of education. He

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requested the Board consider using the county's surplus funds for emergencies and not operating costs. Mr. Streff also requested the Board take actions necessary to maintain the core programs in the school system, including an increase in the real estate tax rate.

Mr. Bill Benson referenced a letter sent to the Board, a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting, and requested the Board consider a tax increase that would allow the school systems to maintain existing programs. He referenced the additional costs to the taxpayer of such an increase would be going to the quality education for the students.

Ms. Shannon Turner, President of the Pulaski County Education Association, referenced the various cuts that would have to be made by the school system if an increase in the real estate tax rate is not approved. She cited the many needs of special needs children, including the use of Para professionals in the classroom, and indicated many would lose their jobs if an increase in the tax rate was not approved. Ms. Turner suggested if the Board of Supervisors does not approve such an increase that the quality of education in the county would decline.

Mr. E. W. Harless advised he would be in support of the proposed tax increase, only if the Board could guarantee that all funds raised from such an increase would go to the school system.

Mr. Andy McCready advised he agreed that paying an additional \$6 per month due to an increase in real estate taxes was a token amount; however, citizens were unable to bear the additional expense due to the recent reassessment, and the increases in utility bills, Medicare and drug costs. Mr. McCready expressed concern over the high salaries of non-teaching positions.

Ms. Shannon Turner responded to Mr. Harless's comments advising the additional revenue raised from a real estate tax increase would go to the school system and thus to providing quality educators.

Mr. Sherrill Van Dyke provided a list of questions to the Board, a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting. He expressed concern that the proposed budget does not appear to have an ample amount of funding reductions and that students are not receiving quality education due to being unable to read and write upon leaving the school system, students leaving the Pulaski County school system are ill prepared for college and drop out of college within the first two years, questioned how the additional revenues would be distributed, where additional revenues are going that were raised from the recent

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reassessment, and what the plans are for the buildings bought recently the county and IDA. Mr. Huber responded that all additional revenues from a real estate tax rate increase would go to the school system. Mr. Huber advised the purchase of the TMD facility was to provide for additional jobs in the county. He advised funding for an indoor wellness center would be generated through private funding sources.

Mr. Ken Mitchell suggested the Board needed to have vision for the future of the county. He encouraged the Board to focus on providing for quality education as a means of attracting new industries to the county and thereby providing the jobs needed in the county. Mr. Mitchell advised he was in support of the proposed six cent increase in the real estate tax rate as a means of raising additional funds for the school system.

Ms. Colleen Oakley expressed concern that raising the real estate tax rate would place a burden on existing finances. Ms. Oakley expressed concern over the purchase of the Maple Shade facility suggesting the Board should focus efforts on helping senior citizens and reducing costs to the citizens. Ms. Oakley advised she was not in favor of a tax increase.

Ms. Jean Anderson spoke in opposition to the tax rate increase. Ms. Anderson advised she was in favor of providing quality education and for providing additional economic development in the county. She indicated if the real estate tax rate is increased, the county needed to focus on providing additional jobs in the county that would attract new and existing residents.

Mr. Maurice Long advised he was in favor of quality education, but expressed concern that teachers are not allowed to discipline students in a manner as has been done in the past.

Ms. Laura Walters voiced her concerns over the misconception that Pulaski County schools did not provide as quality school system as other localities. She advised Pulaski County schools provided quality education and diverse programs.

Mr. Bill Benson advised educators address many diverse issues in the classroom. He also agreed that more discipline is needed in the schools, but stated discipline starts in the home.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

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Mr. Sheffey advised an additional budget work session would be held on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the real estate tax rate would be set.

By consensus, the Board called for a five-minute recess.

c. Secondary Six Year Road Plan

Mr. David Clarke, VDOT Resident Engineer, provided detailed information, as well as history, related to secondary road funding. He advised that funding for road improvements is generated from the fuels tax. He advised secondary roads are considered to be any roads that are not interstate or primary roads. Mr. Clarke advised the funding for Pulaski County was the lowest in the history of VDOT funding, with Pulaski County expected to receive \$90,000. Mr. Clarke reviewed the proposed six-year road plan listing by project.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing.

Ms. Elaine Martin requested VDOT provide a chip and seal treatment on Hogan's Place due to continuous flooding in the basement of her home. Ms. Martin explained she and her family had endured many years of their basement flooding due to poor maintenance of ditches. She advised the recent winter weather had further deteriorated the road.

Mr. Jerry Martin inquired as to the comparison between tar and gravel and continued maintenance.

Mr. Sheffey submitted a request for Mr. Bill Roop for including the public portion of Depot Road on the six-year plan.

Mr. Hiss submitted a request on behalf of Mr. Rodney Cecil of Montgomery Hollow Road for including Montgomery County Hollow Road on the six-year plan.

Mr. Sheffey advised that funds that are set aside for rural additions are very limited.

There being no further comments, the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Akers, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board approved the secondary six year road plan, as well as placing Depot Road and Montgomery Hollow Road on the waiting list.

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

Voting no: none.

Mr. Clarke explained the waiting list is an informal list maintained by county staff and when requests for state maintenance of a private road are received, the county and VDOT work together in reviewing roads on current six-year plan and waiting list.

d. Community Development Block Grant Hearing

Shawn Utt provided specific details related to the details regarding the project housing which will include the following activities: rehabilitation, substantial reconstructions, and water and sewer utility improvements, noting efforts are in cooperation with a volunteer group of the Baskerville community in Dublin, Virginia, to review the scope of the proposed project.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing. There were no citizen comments and the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF AN
APPLICATION FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT
FUNDS THROUGH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the County of Pulaski has identified the Baskerville Neighborhood as a priority area for housing rehabilitation based on the neighborhood's deteriorating housing and infrastructure conditions; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD) to assist in implementing the Baskerville Neighborhood project with said project benefitting 37 existing, habitable and occupied units with 81 persons of which 28 households (76%) are estimated to be low and moderate income (LMI) households with 60 LMI residents based on returned surveys and applications.

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WHEREAS, one hundred percent (100%) direct benefit will result from the implementation of the rehabilitation component of the program for 11 LMI owner-occupied units with 23 persons; substantial reconstruction of 6 LMI owner-occupied units with 18 persons; and the rehabilitation of 1 investor-owned units with 2 persons to standard housing units.

WHEREAS, the County of Pulaski has committed \$3,000 for legal, advertising and training services related to implementing the DHCD grant; and

WHEREAS, the County of Pulaski has committed \$6,000 in in-kind services to provide a Spring Break Neighborhood Cleaning in partnership with SERCAP's Alternative Spring Break Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Pulaski has committed \$14,100 for project costs including legal fees as well as recordation costs; and

WHEREAS, the County has committed to waive building permit fees for rehabilitating and substantially reconstructing 18 houses for low and moderate income beneficiaries, valued at \$4,100; and

WHEREAS, the County has committed \$11,600 in in-kind services from the Building Official's Department for inspection costs; and

WHEREAS, the County has committed \$7,500 for the demolition of a vacant, blighted structure within the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the New River Valley HOME Consortium has committed \$207,345 in HOME funds for the project; and

WHEREAS, Community Housing Partners has applied for \$180,000 in State HOME funds for the project; and

WHEREAS, the County has secured a commitment from Community Housing Partners, its non-profit partner on the project, to provide \$38,350 from its Weatherization Assistance Program funding allocations during the term of the project to help fund housing rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, both the New River Valley HOME Consortium and Community Housing Partners have committed to work with households in the Baskerville project area to provide credit

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counseling, assist with securing home mortgages as needed, and to conduct home maintenance classes; and

WHEREAS, the County of Pulaski has properly advertised and conducted public hearings on Monday, January 25, 2010 and Monday, March 22, 2010 which addresses the CDBG program and the CDBG project application, thereby meeting citizen participation requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Pulaski, Virginia that:

1. The County of Pulaski wishes to apply for \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) of Virginia Community Development Block Grant funds for the Baskerville Neighborhood Rehabilitation project and hereby commits a total of \$46,300 in County investment and has secured \$453,095 in additional non-CDBG funds for a total project cost of \$1,499,395 for the purpose of undertaking a housing rehabilitation program.
2. The County hereby authorizes the County Administrator, the County's chief administrative official, to execute and file all appropriate documents necessary for submission of the County of Pulaski's 2010 Community Development Block Grant application on or before March 31, 2010 and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

This Resolution is effective upon adoption and is hereby adopted this 22nd day of March, 2010 by the duly recorded vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Pulaski.

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

Voting no: none.

e. Family Subdivision standards

Mr. Sheffey advised the Planning Commission had tabled the matter; however, comments would be received from the public on this matter if anyone wished to speak. There were no citizen comments.

6. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments at this time.

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7. Highway Matters:

Mr. David Clarke, VDOT Resident Engineer, met with the Board and discussed the following matters:

a. Follow-up from Previous Board meeting

1. Review of Highway Matters Section of Key Activity Timetable (KAT)

Mr. Clarke reported no changes to the timetable.

Mr. Clarke advised VDOT continued to work through pothole repairs and damages to roads as a result of recent snow and flooding. Mr. Sheffey advised VDOT's 800 number had been placed on the county's web site for the public to use in reporting potholes.

b. Request for Guardrail/Signage

Mr. Sheffey presented a request from Ms. Barbara Akers for appropriate signage and/or guardrail in the area on Route 100 between Heritage Church and Highland Road. Mr. Clarke agreed to review the matter and provide an update to the Board.

c. Revenue Sharing

Mr. Huber explained the Revenue Sharing Program allows for 50% funding of road improvements, with a 50% local match. Mr. Huber suggested consideration to including the improvements to the Roundhouse Road and Route 11 intersection, consideration to funding through a "taxing district" as is done in Wythe County. Mr. Sheffey inquired if mowing costs could be included as a part of the program. Mr. Clarke advised the project does not include "maintenance" items. Mr. Akers inquired if the Rural Rustic Program was active. Mr. Clarke advised the program is a "design program" and not a "funding project".

Mr. Sheffey requested county staff provide recommendations for possible Revenue Sharing projects, including cost for improvements to the Roundhouse Road and Route 11 intersection.

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d. Citizen Concerns

Mr. Fritz Streff expressed interest in improvements to the Route 11 and New River Community College intersection, noting the possibility of a joint venture between the County and NRCC. Mr. Streff advised he would have a representative of NRCC contact County staff.

e. Board of Supervisors Concerns

Mr. Akers advised of improvements needed to Route 686 in Hiwassee due to extensive flooding. Mr. Clarke agreed to review the matter and provide an update to the Board.

Mr. Bopp requested striping on Cox Hollow Road. Mr. Clarke agreed to review the matter and provide an update to the Board.

Mr. Sheffey advised of debris on Falling Branch Road and a fallen tree across the creek. Mr. Clarke agreed to review the matter and provide an update to the Board.

Mr. Huber advised the assistance of the Extension Office staff was being sought in addressing the need for spraying Kudzu over the next few months.

8. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Melinda Worrell presented an updated monthly report, a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting.

9. Reports from the County Administrator & Staff:

a. Appointments:

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board approved the following appointments:

1. Building Appeals Committee

The Board requested staff extend an invitation for John Goodall to fill the vacancy, with Mike Tilley as an alternate, with action to be taken at the April 26th Board meeting for an official appointment.

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2. Pulaski Encouraging Progress

The Board appointed Kay Kline of the Southwest Times and Richard Alvarez of Radford University the Pulaski Encouraging Progress Steering Committee for a term ending March 31, 2012.

3. Clean Community Council

The Board appointed Rhonda Hudson and June Harless to the Council for terms ending March 31, 2013.

4. Telecommunications Committee

The Board appointed John Ayers for a term ending January 31, 2014 and Danny Vaughan as an ex-officio member.

5. NRV Network Wireless Authority

The Board appointed Tim Barnes for a four-year term effective April 8, 2010.

6. Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority

The Board reappointed Peter Huber and Ron Coake, as alternate, for terms ending June 30, 2014.

7. Joint Services Board

The Board appointed Joe Sheffey and Dean Pratt to the Joint Services Board.

8. New River Community College

The Board appointed Tom McCarthy for a four-year term ending June 30, 2014, filling a vacancy created by the ending of the term of Jeanne Whitman.

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

Voting no: none.

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b. Key Activity Timetable

The Board reviewed the Key Activity Timetable in detail. Mr. Sheffey inquired as to the status of the replacement of the Health Dept. roof. Mr. Hiss advised work was proceeding on the roof, as well as interior work due to damage from leaks, with work expected to be completed by late April or early May. Staff was requested to adjust the Target Date on the KAT to reflect May 2010 and amend wording to add "interior renovations".

Mr. Sheffey inquired as to the status of the FY 09 audit. Ms. Newby provided an update. Staff was requested to change the Target Date to April 2010.

Mr. Sheffey inquired as to status of the upgrading of the eternal flame. Mr. Hiss advised the Target Date for this project would need to be May 2010 due to difficulty in finding companies skilled in repairs to eternal flames.

c. Revisions and updates to **Volume 1** of the **Pulaski County Comprehensive Plan** of Pulaski County.

Mr. Utt reported that the Board held a public hearing on the update of the plan at its October meeting but that action was delayed at that time to allow VDOT review. He advised the Planning Commission had received and reviewed VDOT's comments in March and recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors.

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board approved revisions and updates, a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting.

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

Voting no: none.

Staff was directed to arrange for publication of the plan on County's web site.

10. Items of Consent

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board approved the following items of consent:

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a. Approval of Minutes of February 15 & 22, 2010 and March 1 & 8, 2010 Board meetings

The Board approved the minutes of the February 15 & 22, 2010 and March 1 & 8, 2010 Board meetings.

b. Accounts Payable

The Board approved accounts payable for checks numbered 2013200 through 2013687, subject to audit.

c. Interoffice Transfers & Appropriations

The Board approved interoffice transfer #9 totaling \$51,178.72 and appropriations as follows:

General Fund #16

Account Number	Account Title	Amount Increase (Decrease)
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
3-100-041010-0100	Insurance Recoveries	\$ 3,677.87
3-100-018030-1300	Refunds from E-Rate	2,819.88
3-100-041999-0000	Transfer from Reserves	10,165.70
3-100-016500-0200	Copy/Printing Charges	100.00
	TOTAL	\$ 16,763.45
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>		
4-100-092110-5850	Expenditure Refunds	\$ 3,677.87
4-100-073100-8101	Library Machinery & Equipment	2,819.88
4-100-071370-6014	Claytor Lake Festival Operating Supplies Carryover	10,165.70
4-100-013200-6001	Registrar Office Supplies	100.00
	TOTAL	\$ 16,763.45

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General Fund #17

Account Number	Account Title	Amount Increase (Decrease)
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
3-100-033020-3000	USDA Rural Development Funds	\$3,610,644.00
3-100-041040-0110	VA Snap Funds Debt Proceeds	7,505,136.00
	TOTAL	\$11,115,780.00
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>		
4-100-093000-9213	Transfer to PSA Fund	\$ 3,610,644.00
4-100-093000-9210	Transfer to School Debt Fund	7,505,136.00
	TOTAL	\$11,115,780.00

General Fund #18

Account Number	Account Title	Amount Increase (Decrease)
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
	TOTAL	\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ -
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>		
4-100-091400-9301	Contingency Funds	\$ (40,000.00)
4-100-043200-6007	General Properties Repairs & Maint. Supplies	5,000.00
4-100-093000-9206	Transfer to Capital Improvements Fund	35,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ -

CIP Fund #4

Account Number	Account Title	Amount Increase (Decrease)
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
3-302-033010-2060	VDOT Grant Newbern Trail Extension	\$ (53,000.00)
	TOTAL	\$ (53,000.00)

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<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>		
4-302-071110-8250	Newbern Trail Extension	\$ (53,000.00)
4-302-043200-8252	Courthouse Upgrade HVAC Control System	20,000.00
4-302-043200-8246-001	Courthouse Cold Compressor	(2,000.00)
4-302-043200-8105-001	Cooling Tower Replacement	(8,000.00)
4-302-043200-8246-003	Courthouse Replace Coil Units	(10,000.00)
	TOTAL	\$ (53,000.00)

CIP Fund #5

Account Number	Account Title	Amount Increase (Decrease)
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
3-302-041050-1000	Transfer from General Fund	\$ 35,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 35,000.00
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>		
4-302-051100-8150-005	Health Department Repairs	\$ 30,000.00
4-302-071350-8135	Loving Field Improvements	5,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 35,000.00

School Debt Fund #1

Account Number	Account Title	Amount Increase (Decrease)
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
3-405-041050-1000	Transfer from General Fund	\$7,505,136.00
	TOTAL	\$7,505,136.00
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>		
3-405-095100-9205	Riverlawn Elementary School Debt	\$7,505,136.00
	TOTAL	\$7,505,136.00

School Fund

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Account Number	Account Title	Amount Increase (Decrease)
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
3-205-033020-3200	EETT Competitive Grant	\$ (1,679,965.00)
	TOTAL	\$ (1,679,965.00)
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>		
4-205-68100-3850-904-900-993	Purchase Services – RU	\$ 353,681.00
4-205-68100-3850-903-900-993	Purchase Services – NRCC	204,468.00
4-205-68100-6050-902-100-993	Tech Hardware Radford City Schools	445,817.00
4-205-068100-3850-901-100-993	Purchase Services – Pulaski Co.	675,999.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,679,965.00

d. Ratification and/or Approval of Contracts, Change Orders & Agreements, Etc.

1. Fire Alarm Monitoring Contract

The Board ratified the contract for fire alarm services at the Commonwealth Attorney offices.

2. Mental Health Association of the NRV – Agreement

As reported in the Board packet, the Mental Health Association of the NRV (MHANRV) is looking to set-up an office in the Town of Pulaski and has approached the County regarding the possible use of space in the "Old School Board Office" building adjacent to the Library. Staff explained this space will be used to conduct counseling and other therapy sessions by volunteer counselors and students of local graduate training programs. They are asking for an initial one-year term. This is collaborative effort with Radford University's Psychology Doctoral program and will be a positive partnership with Safe Haven in the same building.

The Board approved the proposed agreement, a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting.

e. Personnel Changes

The Board reviewed recent personnel changes as prepared by Norma Spence, Administrative Assistant.

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f. Endorsement of Page Johnson to the Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring

As reported in the Board packet, Commissioner of Revenue Trina Rupe is requesting Board members write Governor McDonnell to recommend and support Page Johnson to the Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring.

The Board approved sending a letter to Governor McDonnell endorsing Page Johnson to the Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring.

g. CDBG Funding to Assist in Pulaski Adult Day Care Service

As reported in the Board packet, Board members were provided a summary requesting consideration to the use of CDBG funding to assist in the establishment of the Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center, should the Board choose to support it through submission of a planning grant. The local match required for planning grants generally can be met through in-kind services

The Board approved submittal of planning grant to assist in funding of an adult day care service.

h. Capital Improvements Program

Staff reported the Planning Commission had reviewed the proposed Capital Improvements listing for FY 11 and recommended approval. The Board confirmed the items on the Capital Improvements Plan were eligible for funding as resources are available as and as reviewed by the Planning Commission for conformity with the Comprehensive Plan.

i. NRV Network Wireless Authority Grant Application

As reported in the Board packet, County had previously partnered with Giles County in providing the local match for a federal grant to replace existing leased connections between schools with fiber optic lines serving various county facilities as well interconnecting the region. This application was turned down in second round of considerations. The region has a second chance at receiving federal assistance if a private company served in the lead role and if the scope of the project is expanded to connect the New River Valley with a larger network of open access lines. Citizens Internet Service is willing to take the lead and would likely own the lines once they were installed

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in exchange for perpetual use by schools, hospitals and local governments for the cost of maintenance.

The Board authorized continuing to commit \$600,000 in County funding toward this effort, pending approval of the federal funding request.

j. Airport Grant Sponsorship

As reported in the Board packet, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Virginia Department of Aviation require that a local government serve as a "sponsor" for any funds they provide to the New River Valley Airport in order to guarantee full implementation of each stipulation contained in the grant requirements. Pulaski County has served in this capacity in past applications and it was anticipated that the County would continue to do so as the community in which the airport is located. Board members were provided with a cover letter from the FAA offering a grant of \$4,738,885 to pay for 95% of the cost of repaving the airport runway.

The Board approved the grant offer and the required four-year sponsorship of the project based on the economic impact of the project and of the airport on the County, with the remaining 5% match to be paid for through a 3% grant from the Virginia Department of Aviation and the division of the remaining 2% among the member jurisdictions.

k. Emergency Declaration

The Board approved the following emergency declaration:

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Management of Pulaski County does hereby find:

1. That due to flash flood conditions Pulaski County is faced with dangerous conditions;
2. That due to the high water, a condition of extreme peril to life and property necessitated the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that an emergency does exist throughout the County of Pulaski, VA; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Management Organization of Pulaski County were

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those prescribed by State Law and the Ordinances, Resolutions, and approved plans of Pulaski County in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

I. Resolution of Appreciation – Allegheny Brokerage Company

The Board approved the following resolution of appreciation for Allegheny Brokerage Company:

Whereas, Allegheny Brokerage Company, Inc., began operation in March 2000 as the first locally owned customs brokerage and freight forwarding service; and

Whereas, the Company, founded by entrepreneur James Loux, located its headquarters in Pulaski County at the New River Valley International Airport, and assisted officials in acquiring the U.S. Customs Office, the Foreign Trade Zone and the Port of Entry for this region; and

Whereas, the Company's staff has grown to a 10-member resource team, which works with agents and offices in 80 cities worldwide, serving more than 200 customers; and

Whereas, the Company's portfolio has expanded to include two additional businesses, Allegheny Logistics Services, Inc., and Allegheny Ocean Transport, Inc.; and

Whereas, the Company's philosophy is to provide exceptional service and advice that connects small to medium-sized businesses in Southwest Virginia to world markets; and

Whereas, eight years ago, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership selected Allegheny Brokerage as a partner in the Virginia Leaders in Export Trade Program, and since then, Mr. Loux and his staff have provided guidance to countless businesses; and

Whereas the month of March represents a milestone for the Company and its staff as they celebrate the 10th Anniversary of its founding, now be it therefore

Resolved, that the Members of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors recognize the accomplishments of Allegheny Brokerage Company, Inc., and wish Mr. James Loux, President, and members of the staff continued success in the future.

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11. Citizen Comments

Mr. E. W. Harless expressed concern that the current practice of arranging for wrecker service appears to no longer be on a rotation basis. Mr. Harless requested the Board assist in encouraging the Sheriff's Department and State Police to rotate the use of wrecker services to allow for wrecker services to receive an equal number of calls. Mr. Sheffey requested county staff contact the local office of state police to determine the current policy and provide and update at the March 29th budget work session.

12. Other Matters from Supervisors

There were no other matters presented by the Board.

13. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned to reconvene at a budget work session to be held on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, April 26, 2010 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.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator