

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2010

At a budget work session of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting 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; Ranny L. Akers; Frank R. Conner; and Dean K. Pratt. Staff members present included: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator; Robert Hiss, Assistant County Administrator; Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., County Attorney; Diane Newby, Finance Director; and Gena Hanks, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Sheffey called the meeting to order and explained the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a budget work session.

2. Work Session:

a. Review of Draft Revenues and Expenditures

Mr. Huber reviewed in detail the revenues (including state and federal) and expenditures spreadsheets; described reductions and some limited increases in departments and agencies; cutbacks and adjustments to the Capital Improvements Plant (CIP) (including an itemization of those items to be funded under the CIP); and described instances where withdrawal from reserves is recommended.

b. Comp Board Funding Changes

Ms. Newby reviewed in detail an updated spreadsheet detailing FY 11 state budget estimates showing a total reduction of approximately \$200,000.

c. Report on Sheriff's Vehicles & Request for New Pumper at Fairlawn Fire Department

Mr. Huber described the Sheriff's Department vehicle replacement schedule, as well as explained that the e current budget allows for the purchasing of two vehicles in FY 11.

Mr. Huber also described a request from the Fairlawn Fire Department for the purchase of a new pumper at a cost of \$500,000.

Mr. Sheffey provided details from a meeting with Randy Miles, Chief of the Fairlawn Fire Department, followed by discussion of a variety of options related to the purchase of a new pumper. By consensus, the Board recommended the current process for replacing fire vehicles be revised by the Fire Protection Committee to include the

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development of specifics truck standards for all County funded equipment. Staff was directed to provide the Board's recommendation to the Fire Protection Committee, with an update to be provided back to the Board at the May meeting.

d. Voluntary Retirement Program Update

Mr. Hiss advised the program had been shared with some of the eligible employees, with the general feedback indicating a lack of interest, unless the sick leave payout for the second option is increased to 50% and unless the county would consider purchasing years of service for employees. Board members expressed concern over the lack of savings in the short term and the potential for costing more in the long run.

e. Review of Promotional Expenses

Mr. Hiss provided an update indicating approximately \$771.00 had been spent on special event advertisements in 2009. He also noted a savings resulting from the quarterly county newsletter being printed in black and white, rather than in color. By consensus, the Board concurred with continuing these efforts as described by Mr. Hiss.

f. Funding Requests by Town of Pulaski

Mr. Huber presented a request from the Town of Pulaski for the county to sponsor the July 4th baseball game at Calfee Park for \$500, as well as sponsorship of the Pulaski Fest on October 2, 2010. Board members directed county staff to determine the amount of revenue generated by the county for the July 4th baseball game, as well as the October Pulaski Fest event. Mr. Hiss offered to contact the Virginia Tourism Commission to determine if statistical models can be of assistance, as well as determine the specific amount being requested by Town for the PulaskiFest event. Staff was directed to place consideration to the request on the May Board meeting agenda.

g. Funding Request from the YMCA

Mr. Huber provided a request from the YMCA for funding and indicated staff had no recommendation at this time. The Board requested County Attorney Tom McCarthy to provide an opinion as to the county's legal ability to provide funding, as requested by the Y, and provide an update at the May Board meeting.

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3. Additional Budget Questions, Directions for Staff or Request for Additional Information

There were no additional items requested by the Board at this time.

4. Other Matters

Mr. Sheffey expressed appreciation to staff for sending a letter to the Governor and legislators regarding CSA funding.

Mr. Sheffey referenced the VACO newsletter related to HB 281, which if passed, would control the localities rights to regulate the euthanizing of a certain breed of dogs. Supervisor Akers expressed concern over state mandates being passed down to localities, without funding support, and suggested the Board oppose any state mandates where funding from the state is not provided.

On a motion by Mr. Akers, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board directed staff to draft a letter to legislators opposing the amendment to HB 281.

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

Mr. Akers offered a motion to repeal the four-cent increase in real estate taxes which was passed at the March 29, 2010 Board meeting. Mr. McCarthy determined Mr. Akers motion to be out of order due to Mr. Akers previous vote in opposition to the real estate tax increase at the March 29, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Conner expressed concern over Mr. Akers show of lack of Board support by offering a vote to repeal the four-cent tax increase.

Mr. Huber advised he was meeting with the various county departments to describe the budget situation and encourage departments to reduce spending.

5. Closed Session– 2.2-3711.A.3.5

Chairman Sheffey advised a closed meeting is requested pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.3.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss personnel, legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry matters.

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On a motion by Mr. Bopp, 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:

- Shae Dawn

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.

- Project Windy

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 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.

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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.

6. Adjournment to Regular Meeting of April 26, 2010

On a motion by Mr. Akers, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned its special meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be at its regular meeting scheduled for Monday, May 24, 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