

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2011

At a budget work session of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 11, 2011 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; 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.

Mr. Huber provided an update on the 267 structures affected by the tornado as follows: 31 destroyed (off foundation, not feasible to repair); 25 major (significant destruction to structure); 52 minor (windows blown out, pieces of roof missing, short term repair); and 259 affected (minor roof and shingle repairs, siding, etc.)

Mr. Huber described the steps that would be taken to initiate the process for obtaining state and federal assistance, indicating the process could be lengthy.

Mr. Huber welcomes representatives from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM).

Mr. Bob Spieldenner of VDEM provided an update on the tornado disaster recovery efforts. Mr. Spieldenner explained the need for the Board to adopt a proclamation declaring an emergency. He advised the recovery efforts would likely be a long-term process. Mr. Spieldenner thanked the Board of Supervisors and staff for the great partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia, town and county governments.

Mr. Michael Senycz of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) described steps to be taken in working with the Commonwealth to provide funding for the cleanup.

Mr. Conner inquired as to the status of insurance on the former Draper Elementary School, specifically if damage to the school would be covered by insurance. Mr. Huber advised staff would review this matter and provide an update to the Board.

Mr. Sheffey inquired as to a timeframe related to the providing assistance to residents affected by the tornado. Mr. Senycz advised the process would require the Governor to declare a state emergency, followed by a request to the

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President for declaring a federal emergency.

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

Insert proclamation once received from Peter

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

Voting no: none.

2. Review of Proposed Revisions

Ms. Newby and Mr. Huber provided details on the adjustments to the expenditures and revenues, capital improvements funding and proposed cost of living increases for employees.

Mr. Sheffey indicated the PSA Board generally follows the same pay policies as the county. Mr. Huber advised the PSA Board would be advised of the same recommendations made to the Board of Supervisors regarding pay increases.

Mr. Huber and Mr. Hiss described the costs associated with implementing the compensation study, including the additional costs should the constitutional officers become a part of the county's pay plan and a part of the compensation study.

Mr. Akers expressed opposition to a cost of living increase for employees, noting a preference for implementing the compensation study only. Mr. Akers indicated it was his desire to meet the needs of the county's residents with the funds that would go towards a cost of living increase for county employees.

By consensus, the Board requested staff seek input from the constitutional officers as to their preference to joining the county's pay plan or remaining with the State Compensation Board pay plan. Mr. Huber advised an update would be provided to the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Dean and Mr. Conner advised they were in favor of providing county employees with a cost of living increase, as well as partial implementation of the compensation plan, subject to an updated report on costs associated with the compensation study implementation.

Mr. Sheffey inquired as to any other localities where constitutional officers are on the county's pay plan. Staff offered to contact the Institute of Government to request a polling of localities as to where constitutional officers are on the county's pay plan.

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Mr. Akers requested staff determine the Attorney General's stand on funding of non-profit organizations by local governments and provide an update at a future meeting.

Mr. Sheffey inquired as to the means of determining the cost estimate to address the hydrilla issue. Mr. Huber advised the figure was based on the cost of the grass carp. Mr. Huber explained the effects of placing grass carp in Claytor Lake.

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the board approved sending a letter to the School Board requesting a formal decision on the transferring of vacant school buildings to the county, in an effort to determine reuse of said buildings by the county.

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

3. Agency Comments

There were no departments or agencies present at the meeting.

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

The Board made no additional requests for information.

5. Other Matters – Letters to Patrick Collignon and Lester Hancock

Mr. Sheffey suggested consideration by the Board to sending a letter of appreciation to Patrick Collignon thanking him for his leadership in upgrading the Volvo plant, the successful negotiation of a five-year contract, the recall of former employees and the emphasis on bringing new processes into the plant. He also suggested a letter be sent to Lester Hancock for his leadership in the negotiation of a new employment contract.

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board approved sending of letters to Patrick Collignon of Volvo providing congratulations on his recent promotion, as well as the recent announcement of the recalling of 700 workers, and also sending a letter to Lester Hancock, UAW President, expressing appreciation to UAW employees for the ratification of the union contract and the efforts to work together by the two groups)

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

Mr. Bopp expressed appreciation for the recent grand opening by Phoenix.

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6. 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.

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:

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

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

Voting no: none.

Return to Regular Session

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, 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. 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

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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.

Appointment

The Board took action in Closed Session to appoint Margaret Spradlin to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Nina McNeil, with said term ending December 31, 2014.

7. Adjournment to April 18, 2011

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Pratt and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned its special meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be at a budget work session scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2011 beginning at 6:00 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