

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2011

At a regular meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, July 25, 2011 beginning with a Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. in a meeting room located at the Pulaski County High School in Dublin Virginia, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Charles Bopp, Vice-Chairman; Ranny Akers; Frank R. Conner; and Dean Pratt. Staff members present included: Peter Huber, County Administrator; Robert Hiss, Assistant County Administrator; Shawn Utt, Community Development Director; and Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., County Attorney. Gena Hanks, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, and Diane Newby, Finance Director, joined the regular session at 7:00 p.m.

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 session 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. Akers, seconded by Mr. Conner 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
- Cost of Living

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

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.

- Economic Development Prospects:
 - Project Czechmate
 - Project Coin
 - Project AMF
 - Project Inv

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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. Akers, seconded by Mr. Conner 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. Akers 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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2. Invocation

The invocation was provided by Reverend Vickie Viars of the Blessed are the Brethren Outreach Ministries.

3. Presentations and Recognitions

a. Featured Employees

The Board recognized Peggy Cooper of Community Corrections and Ronnie Nichols of the School Board as the featured employees for the month of August. Job summaries for both employees were read aloud by Supervisor Sheffey. Board members presented Ms. Cooper and Mr. Nichols with a gift certificate to Fatz Café.

b. NACO 2011 Achievement Awards

Mr. Sheffey read the achievement award by NACo which had been presented to Pulaski County for its involvement in the New River Valley Joint Budget Process program.

Mr. Sheffey thanked county and school staff for arranging for setup of the location of the Board meeting at Pulaski County High School.

4. Additions to Agenda

Mr. Huber reported the following additions to the agenda:

- Requested speed limit reduction from 55 to 35 mph on Wilderness Rd. from State Park Road to Newbern Road
- Thaxton Road (Jake Buford Rd) dead-end signage
- Thaxton Road speed limit

5. Public Hearings

- #### a. Petition by O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc. for Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a sign setback variance located at 4692 Harvest Place (Private Road), east off of Cleburne Blvd., (Rt. 100), zoned Commercial (CM1), tax map no. 056-003-000C-0009, Draper District.

Mr. Utt advised the Planning Commission had tabled action on this matter to allow O'Reilly to apply for a variance to the sign regulations with the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

- b. Petition by County of Pulaski to amend the following section (s) of the Pulaski County Zoning Ordinance - Article 25: Wind Energy Facility Ordinance, revisions;

Mr. Utt advised this hearing was a carryover from the June Board of Supervisors meeting. He indicated that in the months since the adoption of the Wind Energy Ordinance, staff has been working with numerous stakeholders to discuss ramifications to the Ordinance and realistic implementation challenges that may be experienced. With those discussions in mind, staff combined revisions to the Ordinance and presented them to the Planning Commission in May. With comments provided by the Commission, staff is proposing the revisions to the Ordinance. Mr. Utt advised the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Mr. Sheffey opened the public hearing.

Ms. Debbie Mohay spoke and referenced material distributed at the June 27, 2011 Board and inquired as to the Board's conclusions following receipt of that information, specifically as it relates to the downside of wind power. Ms. Mohay also inquired as to the membership of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Sheffey explained the process for appointing individuals to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Huber advised the purpose of the hearing was to amend the section of the Zoning Ordinance related to wind energy.

Mr. Bill Walke expressed concern over the potential desecrating of land due to the height of windmills, as well as the health risks.

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board approved the following amendments to the ordinance:

25-1 Definitions

Public Road: ~~is a full passage right-of-way.~~ A road that is maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation and is open for public use.

Telecommunication Advisory Committee (TAC): an advisory committee to the Planning Commission.

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Wind Energy Facility: ~~an electric generating facility whose main purpose is to supply~~ **generate** electricity, consisting of one or more Wind Turbines and other accessory structures and buildings, including substations, meteorological towers, electrical infrastructure, transmission lines and other appurtenant structures and facilities.

Wind Study: a **proprietary** document that demonstrates the feasibility of a Wind Energy Facility, and is specific to the surrounding impacts and wind data from a given site. ~~Wind studies are to be completed per industry standards and shall include relevant environmental data.~~

25-4. PERMIT APPLICATION

- A. The Permit application shall demonstrate that the proposed Wind Energy Facility will comply with this Ordinance and the applicable provisions of the VUSBC and VAC. The Application shall be in a form (**i.e., Zoning Application**) provided by Pulaski County, and any additional VUSBC Building permit application form.
- B. The application shall contain the following:
 - III. Written evidence **of agreement** between the ~~property~~ owner **of the property** on which the Wind Turbine(s) will be located and the Applicant, Facility Owner or Operator demonstrating that the Applicant, Facility Owner, or Operator has permission of the property owner to apply for a Permit and operate a Wind Energy Facility. **A copy of the fully signed and executed memorandum of lease use or lease agreement between a property owner and the Applicant, Facility Owner, or Operator as recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's office will fulfill this requirement.**
 - IV. A site plan showing the approximate location of each Wind Turbine, property lines, setback lines, access road, substation(s), underground and above ground electrical cabling, ancillary equipment, and buildings, including permanent meteorological towers and associated transmission lines. ~~The site plan shall include a signed statement from the landowner allowing such use on said property.~~ All site plans shall be stamped **prepared** by a registered **professional engineer, architect, landscape architect, or land surveyor licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia** ~~prior to approval~~ and shall meet all regulations found in Article 18 of the Pulaski County Zoning Ordinance.
- E. The applicant shall provide ~~documentation of wind opportunity that demonstrates Wind Turbines are necessary at their proposed heights and are no higher in elevation than necessary.~~ **a narrative that explains why the proposed structure heights are critical to project feasibility.** ~~Wind opportunity shall be expressed in 20-foot elevation increments.~~
- G. Each request for a special use permit shall be reviewed by the Pulaski County Telecommunication Advisory Committee (TAC) for technical merit prior to consideration by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

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25-5. DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

D. Warnings/Security

- iii. Wind Turbines **of other than monopole design and/or those with equipment outside the support tower structure** shall be enclosed by security fencing not less than six (6) feet in height and shall also be equipped with an appropriate anti-climbing device. ~~provided, however, that~~ The Board of Supervisors may waive such requirements, as it deems appropriate. **Wind Turbines using the monopole design shall have a locking door.**

25-7. TEMPORARY METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS

- A. Temporary Meteorological Towers that comply with the permitted uses found in Table 2 3 may be utilized for 24 months as a permitted use. **At the request of the facility owner, the zoning administrator may approve an extension of the study period of up to 24 months, such that the total study period length does not exceed 48 months.** Any extension of the study period beyond **a total length of 24 48** months will require the issuance of a Special Use Permit. Temporary Meteorological Towers must be decommissioned within one (1) month following the ~~24 month~~ study period.
- B. **Temporary Meteorological Towers not permitted as outlined in Table 2 3 require a Special Use Permit prior to issuance of a building permit. The Special Use Permit shall be in effect for a 24 month study period. Any extension of the study period beyond 24 months will require the issuance of a subsequent Special Use Permit. Temporary Meteorological Towers must be decommissioned within one (1) month following the study period.**

25-8. INFORMATION REQUIRED

Each applicant requesting a special use permit under this ordinance shall submit a scaled plan and a scaled elevation view and other supporting drawings, calculations, and other documentation, signed and sealed by appropriate licensed professionals, showing the location and dimensions of all improvements, including information concerning topography, Wind Turbine/Met Tower height requirements, set-backs, drives, parking, fencing, landscaping and adjacent uses. The Planning Commission and/or Board of Supervisors may require additional information to assess compliance with this ordinance. Additionally, the applicant shall provide actual photographs of the site to include a simulated photographic images of the proposed Wind Turbine/Met Tower from all **select** perspectives ~~that contain structures~~. Photographs with simulated images shall include the foreground, the mid-ground, and the background of the site. ~~Each request for special use permit shall be reviewed by the Pulaski County Telecommunication Advisory Committee for review prior to Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors consideration of the request.~~

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25-9. USE OF PUBLIC ROADS

~~Any road damage to facilities (to include the road, shoulders, ditches, drainage pipes, and bridge or culvert structures, etc.) in the VDOT right-of-way caused by the Applicant or agent thereof shall be promptly repaired at the Applicant's expense and to the standard of the Virginia Department of Transportation.~~ **prior or better condition.**

Any damage to private property beyond the VDOT right-of-way line caused by the Applicant or his agent, while moving equipment or components for a Wind Energy Facility, shall be repaired at the Applicant's expense to prior or better condition in consultation with the affected property owner(s).

25-13. HEIGHT FEASIBILITY

~~In cases requiring a Special Use Permit for a Wind Energy Facility, the Facility shall not be permitted unless the applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Pulaski County Telecommunication Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors that the proposed heights of the Wind Energy Facility structures as proposed is necessary. are critical to overall project feasibility. This can be achieved with a Wind Study demonstrating site specific wind data to support the requested height. References to wind study data will likely be useful in making such a case. All Wind Energy Facility heights shall be limited to a height that has the least impact both visually and environmentally.~~

25-15. DECOMMISSIONING

~~Any Wind Energy Facility that has not operated or generated electricity for a period of 12 months shall be considered abandoned, and the owner of each such Wind Energy Facility shall remove same within 90 days of receipt of a decommission notice from Pulaski County. Decommissioning includes the removal of the Wind Turbine(s), all fencing, fence footers, underground cables and support buildings.~~

~~A bond shall be provided to the County to be retained until the Wind Energy Facility is removed. If no response is made by the owner within the 90 day period following notice, Pulaski County may cause the Wind Energy Facility to be removed. The cost of removal shall be assessed to the landowner and/or Wind Energy Facility owner as a lien equal to a tax lien. Such removal expense shall be levied after a public hearing in the same manner as a property maintenance violation. The amount of any such bond related to a wind energy facility will be determined on an application by application basis, prior to issuance of any associated Building Permits. The Zoning Administrator has the discretion to extend Small and Medium Wind Energy Facility use in extenuating circumstances.~~

Any Wind Energy Facility that has not generated electricity for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months shall be considered abandoned or inactive. For purposes of this section, this twelve (12) month period shall not include any delay resulting from Force Majeure events. Following receipt of a decommission notice from Pulaski County, such Wind Energy Facility Owner shall have twelve (12) months to

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complete decommissioning of the subject Wind Energy Facility.

Decommissioning shall include removal of Wind Turbines, buildings, cabling, electrical components, roads, and any other associated facilities down to thirty-six (36) inches below grade.

Disturbed earth shall be graded and re-seeded, unless the landowner requests in writing that the access roads and other land surface areas not be restored.

Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the owner of a Large Wind Energy Facility shall provide a cash bond or irrevocable letter of credit in favor of Pulaski County in an amount equal to the estimated removal cost of the Large Wind Energy Facility, less the salvage value of the equipment prior to construction. If the Large Wind Energy Facility Owner elects to use a letter of credit, it shall be issued by a federally-chartered bank with a branch office in Virginia. The bond or letter of credit shall remain in full force and effect until any necessary site restoration is completed to restore the facility site to a condition comparable to that which existed prior to the issuance of the building permit.

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

Voting no: none.

6. Citizen Comments

Mr. Sheffey explained the Citizen Comment time was an opportunity for citizens to speak on any matter, including items which may not be listed on the agenda. He also advised that due to the large crowd in attendance at the meeting, as well as the anticipated number of individuals expecting to speak, each person would be allowed only one opportunity to speak.

Mr. Sheffey advised there were several individuals who had registered in advance to speak at the meeting regarding the New River Valley Livability Initiative. He further advised the purpose of the discussions was to obtain information about the initiative and not debate the issue.

a. New River Valley Livability Initiative

Mr. Kevin Byrd, Executive Director of the New River Valley Planning District Commission, described in detail a slide presentation entitled "New River Valley Livability Initiative Overview", with said copy of the presentation filed with the records of this meeting. Mr. Byrd advised the purpose of the initiative is to assist localities in planning for their future. Mr. Sheffey inquired if there was any connection between the Initiative and the Agenda 21. Mr. Byrd advised his research of the Initiative showed no mention of Agenda 21. Mr. Sheffey confirmed it was his

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understanding from studying the Initiative that there was no connection between the Initiative and Agenda 21.

b. Presentations

Ms. Catherine Turner advised that the scheduled presenter, Dr. Martin Mangino, was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Turner advised she would be making the presentation on Dr. Mangino's behalf. She also advised Dr. Mangino would be available to attend a future meeting, should the Board of Supervisors desire. Ms. Turner described in detail a written report by Dr. Mangino entitled "Global Warming, Causation, and Public Policy", a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting.

Following Ms. Turner's presentation on Dr. Mangino's behalf, Ms. Turner also spoke regarding the New River Valley Livability Initiative. Ms. Turner advised the term "Sustainable" development was first referenced in 1987. She described the ICLEI, an international association of local governments for sustainability and suggested the final plan was not optional. Ms. Turner also referenced agricultural policies, described the desecration of portions of the California and Nevada coast and farmland and the millions of dollars being spent on purchasing of land.

Ms. Turner referenced a statement she advised had been made by Mr. Byrd indicating the Board of Supervisors had voted in favor of the grant partnership. She advised there was no public record to substantiate the vote on the partnership agreement. Ms. Turner requested the record show that the May minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting did not reflect a Board vote on the partnership agreement. Ms. Turner also read the oaths of office for each Board member. Ms. Turner suggested that decisions would be made by elected officials behind closed doors, without the benefit of input from farmers associations, business and property owners.

Ms. Turner advised the May Board minutes had not been posted on the county's web site.

Ms. Genie Zunic advised she had requested time on the agenda; however, she deferred her comments to Ms. Debbie Mohay.

Ms. Mohay suggested that while the plan does not mention ICLEI, the ICLEI web site endorses Agenda 21, with a goal for implementation of grants using county monies. Ms. Mohay spoke

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regarding the poverty level in the county, zoning issues related to "infill", planning for future land use in the Snowville area, and public information needed about the comprehensive plan.

Ms. Mohay referenced the May Board of Supervisors meeting in which she delivered information regarding the Initiative. Ms. Mohay expressed concern over the lack of an affirmative answer to the question as to whether or not the Initiative had been thoroughly studied and researched by the Board. Ms. Mohay requested the Board pledge to find out as much information as possible on the Initiative.

Ms. Rebecca Scheckler expressed support for the Initiative, adding that she enjoyed being able to sell her products locally. Ms. Scheckler expressed her desire to see the Draper area become a part of the Initiative, noting she also prefers to spend her money locally. Ms. Scheckler advised she would like to see local communities cooperate to provide more clean water and transportation. She further advised of the need for internet services in the Draper area.

Mr. Frank Symanoskie urged the Board of Supervisors to opt out of the grant. Mr. Symanoskie read an excerpt from a letter from Congressman Morgan Griffith related to Agenda 21.

Reverend Mike Honaker advised he was representing the Ministerial Association, as well as in his capacity as the pastor of the River of Life Church. Rev. Honaker expressed appreciation to the Board for their efforts. He suggested sustainability is Agenda 21 related. He further requested the Board include farmers and part of the working class on the collaborations, expressed concern over the planning meetings being held during the work hours which he believes prevents the public from attending the meetings, referenced the Wythe County grant related to water lines and suggested a vote favoring the initiative would be the final action of the Board.

Mr. Richard Guthrie thanked the Board for support of the initiative, indicating the initiative would have a positive impact on Pulaski County. He advised the purpose of the planning groups is to find a middle ground between the two sides and expressed support of the initiative. He further commented that land use regulations are necessary because citizens want freedom to use their property as they wish, but generally do not want to grant the freedom to their neighbor's property.

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Ms. Debbie Ring suggested the initiative was a "communist plan" and indicated it was her opinion that most of the Board's constituents were opposed to the initiative.

Mr. Rick DiSalvo referenced how proper planning prevented a massive threat in 2010 to the water supply for residents with Public Service Authority water service. He advised planning provides efficient engineering and is a well spent focus on spending of tax dollars. Mr. DiSalvo urged the Board's support of the New River Valley Livability Initiative.

Mr. Andy McCready indicated his plans to study the report provided by Kevin Byrd. Mr. McCready suggested that while Mr. Byrd's presentation suggested no local money is being used for the Initiative, the Board of Supervisors do have costs involved as a result of its membership in the New River Valley Planning District Commission, specifically related to staff attendance at meetings and salaries of staff for preparation of reports. Mr. McCready indicated it was his desire to see monies diverted for economic development purposes.

Ms. Genie Zunic questioned the need for a regional planning district commission if each of the New River Valley localities has its own planning commission.

Ms. Mickie Weikel questioned the Board of Supervisors authorizing the county administrator's approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding without more information. Ms. Weikel expressed concern over the potential for being unable to maintain a garden and the potential loss of her home, should the initiative be approved.

Mr. John Whitmore expressed support for sustainability. He advised the plan is not "UN specific" and suggested the only way to successfully plan is to receive additional information and input.

Ms. Mary Rhoads expressed support for the livability initiative and sees it as an opportunity for citizen input. Ms. Rhoads indicated now is the time to start planning for improvements in all areas, but in particular recreation and transportation.

Mr. Chris Shelburne advised he had studied history and had family members who had served in World War II and Vietnam. Mr. Shelburne questioned why his family served in the military to fight socialism and communism when a plan is being developed to adopt

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socialism and communism.

Mr. Dean Taylor expressed concern over "outside experts" providing input to Pulaski County. Mr. Taylor questioned Board members as to their vote on the Memorandum of Understanding. Supervisors Akers, Sheffey, Bopp and Pratt advised they had voted in favor of the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Conner indicated he was uncertain of his voting status without referring back to the minutes of the meeting where the vote took place. Mr. Taylor expressed concern over Federal government involvement in local government.

Mr. Alan Davis referenced the recent tornado events and FEMA's denial of Pulaski County's request for financial assistance. Mr. Davis expressed concern over the Federal government's involvement in local government operations. Mr. David requested the Board opt out of the livability initiative.

Mr. Sherrill Van Dyke referenced Board approval of the Memorandum of Understanding at its May meeting and requested the Board to rescind that vote. Mr. Van Dyke suggested the initiative was a socialism program. He also indicated the agreement had been signed by the county administrator in August 2010. Mr. Van Dyke suggested the Board was violating an individual's rights granted by the State Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Ms. Suzanne Walke advised she learned of Agenda 21 while spending considerable time researching windmills. Ms. Walke requested the Board thoroughly research the initiative and vote not to participate in the initiative.

Mr. Fritz Streff expressed support of the initiative and encouraged citizens in attendance to get involved in learning more about the program. Mr. Streff referenced "clowns" as providing inaccurate information. Mr. Streff advised Pulaski County needs help in developing plans to take advantage of the opportunities already existing in the county. He advised the federal grant is designed to allow for Pulaski County to provide input into the planning process for the initiative. He encouraged the Board to move forward with the initiative.

Ms. Catherine Turner requested an additional opportunity to speak. Mr. Sheffey advised Ms. Turner she had been provided ample time to provide comments and would not be allowed an additional opportunity to speak.

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Mr. Dennis Trail expressed concern over the comments by Mr. Streff and questioned Mr. Sheffey for not calling Mr. Streff on his reference to "clowns". Mr. Trail advised he was not influenced by outside sources. Mr. Trail suggested the initiative uses the same phases and terminology as Agenda 21.

Mr. Sheffey apologized to all in attendance for not intervening during Mr. Streff's statement, specifically for the use of the term "clown" used by Mr. Streff.

Ms. Lee Spiegel advised he valued the opinions of her neighbors and appreciates the opportunity to provide input through speaking at the Board meeting. She encouraged everyone in attendance to learn more about the initiative. Ms. Spiegel thanked the Board and requested they move forward with the initiative.

Mr. Maurice Long questioned the signing of the grant by the county administrator and if the signature was done so by the authorization of the Board. Mr. Huber confirmed the grant was signed by authorization of the Board. Mr. Long requested the Board take into consideration the citizens input before moving forward. Mr. Long also suggested the county received no outside help during the recent tornado event.

Ms. Anne Jameson expressed concern over community organizers. Ms. Jameson expressed concern over the potential for land and belongings to be taken from citizens as a result of the county's involvement in the initiative.

Mr. Joe Guthrie advised he had heard both advocates and opponents of the initiative at the meeting. He suggested the Board further research the livability initiative in an effort to make the New River Valley a livable community. He expressed concern that the planning process had not included the Farm Bureau and Chamber of Commerce, even though farms and economic development are key areas to be addressed by the plan.

Ms. Jeanette Stevens advised she had owned a business in the county for over 25 years, which had been profitable until the downturn in the economy. Ms. Stevens encouraged the Board to involve the "common" citizen in the livability initiative planning process.

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Mr. Gregory Aldridge suggested citizen concerns over Agenda 21 being a part of the initiative were justified. Ms. Aldridge referenced the "stages" of the livability initiative process, suggesting Pulaski County is in stage one of the process. He advised the plan is not "obligatory" in the beginning, but what about in the future.

Ms. Susan Sisk advised of her work with the Community Housing Partners and the contribution by the Community Housing Partners in the creation of the grant. Ms. Sisk expressed apologies to the Board for the threatening tone of some of the previous speakers. She indicated the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding was a requirement in order to participate in the grant process. Ms. Sisk advised she respected the difficult task before the Board of Supervisors. She also invited the public at large to attend the August 11th workshops being conducted by the New River Valley Planning District Commission to provide information and receive public input on the New River Valley Livability Initiative.

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 advised of no changes to the Key Activity Timetable.

Mr. Akers advised of a citizen request for "Watch for Children" signage on Booker Branch Road, as well as for VDOT to provide dust control on the road.

Mr. Conner expressed concern over the provision of "Watch for Children" signage, indicating the potential perception by citizens that children are allowed to play in the roads. He advised the issue relates to speeding along roads and this was an enforcement issue.

On a motion by Mr. Akers, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board approved "Watch for Children" signage on Booker Branch Road.

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

Voting no: none.

Mr. Bopp inquired regarding the status of the Thornspring Church Road speed study. Mr. Clarke advised the speed study continued to be under review by VDOT.

Mr. Bopp expressed concern over the continued invasion of Canadian Thistle.

Mr. Sheffey expressed concern over the excessive speed on Hazel Hollow/Falling Branch Road, noting rumble strips had been installed. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT could not replace the rumble strips due to a lack of funding by VDOT.

b. Revenue Sharing Agreements

As reported in the Board packet, VDOT has funded the remaining \$381,210 needed for the Route 11/New River Community College entrance road alignment and \$385,000 for improvements to the Route 11/Roundhouse Road intersection.

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board authorized signing the grant agreements for funding the remaining \$381,210 needed for the Route 11/NRCC entrance road realignment and \$385,000 for improvements to the Route 11/Roundhouse Road intersection.

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

Voting no: none.

Mr. Pratt and Mr. Akers noted their concern over having to take this action, recognizing action is needed due to lack of VDOT funding and the need to provide safe traveling for citizens traveling along the roads.

c. Citizen Comments

Ms. Linda Shelton expressed concern over the loss of access to the New River while work is ongoing on the Rt. 114 bridge. Ms. Shelton encouraged VDOT to expedite the work on the Rt. 114 bridge.

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Ms. Eddie Stevens advised of a break in the pavement, as well as cedar trees blocking sight distance, on Ruebush Rd. between Rt. 11 and Rt. 747 (old Rt. 11). Mr. Clarke agreed to have VDOT staff review the area.

d. Board of Supervisors Comments

Mr. Bopp requested dead end signage on Jake Buford Road. Mr. Clarke agreed to have VDOT staff review the request.

Mr. Conner expressed appreciation to VDOT for the installation of Hatcher Road signage.

Mr. Conner advised of weeds hanging over onto Hatcher Road. Mr. Clarke agreed to have VDOT staff review the matter.

Mr. Akers requested an informal speed study on Wilderness Road from State Park Road back to Newbern Road (from quarry/). Mr. Clarke agreed to have VDOT staff conduct an informal speed study.

Mr. Akers advised of tractors sitting on the side of the road when exiting off of I-81 to Exit 105. Mr. Clarke agreed to have VDOT staff review the matter.

Mr. Sheffey advised of a tractor sitting at the intersection of Rt. 11 and New River Road. Mr. Clarke agreed to have VDOT staff review the matter.

Mr. Huber requested consideration to the speed limits on Thaxton Road on behalf of a citizen unable to attend. Mr. Clarke agreed to have VDOT staff review the matter.

8. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Melinda Worrell provided the Board with a monthly update.

Mr. Sheffey inquired if the county is receiving more sales revenue from the Fairlawn community. Ms. Worrell advised a check was expected within the week, noting a small portion of the county is still being shared with the City of Radford.

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9. Reports from the County Administrator & Staff:

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board approved the following action related to the various appointments.

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

a. Appointments:

1. NRV Sustainable Communities Consortium Steering Committee

The Board took no action on this matter.

2. PEP Steering Committee

The Board appointed Mark Rowh to the PEP Steering Committee.

3. Social Services Board

The Board appointed Reverend Tim West to fill a vacancy with an unexpired term of February 28, 2013.

4. Tornado Finance Committee

The Board appointed the following individuals to the Tornado Finance Committee: Christopher Akers, Pulaski County Network/PC Administrator; Charles Bopp, Board of Supervisor Member; Burl Bowman, Dublin Lions Club; Sherry Boyd, Town of Pulaski Finance Director; David Clark, Pulaski Town Council; Joseph Goodman, Pulaski Town Council; Thomas Harris, Free to Talk Ministries; Dean Pratt, Board of Supervisor Member; Peter Huber, Pulaski County Administrator; Robert Hiss, Assistant Pulaski County Administrator; Ty Kirkner, Pulaski County Building Official; Diane Newby, Pulaski County Finance Director; and Jim Wallis, Pulaski County Department of Social Services.

5. Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority

The Board appointed County Engineer Jared Linkous, as alternate, to fill the position created due to the retirement of Ron Coake, with said term ending June 30, 2014.

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An unidentified person asked if the appointment to the Sustainability Committee would be made at the Board meeting. Mr. Sheffey advised no action would be taken at this meeting.

b. Key Activity Timetable

The Board reviewed the Key Activity Timetable in detail.

Mr. Conner inquired as to the status of the eternal flame repairs. Mr. Hiss reported after an exhaustive search, staff had not been able to find readily available quantity of the exact rock to match the stone courthouse; therefore, the mason being used has proposed a matching rock which is a cultured, manufactured stone with plans to present a report to the Courthouse Eternal Flame Committee. Mr. Hiss advised the anticipated total cost to be approximately \$6,000.

Mr. Pratt provided suggestions for locating stone to match the courthouse.

Mr. Hiss advised of a goal of having work completed by Veterans Day 2011.

The Board of Supervisors tabled action on this matter to allow the committee to meet and review alternatives, including the stone suggested by Mr. Pratt.

c. Tornado Recovery Status

Mr. Huber advised work is continuing, with the overall emphasis on major reconstruction and home replacements. He also advised the cost to rebuild a house was approximately \$30,000. Mr. Huber indicated application had been made for \$150,000 in state assistance.

Mr. Akers referenced a comment made earlier in the meeting under "Citizen Comments" in which the citizen stated the town/county citizens had "no outside help" during the recent tornado events. Mr. Akers indicated there had been an outpouring of help from all over Virginia and the United States, without any requests for compensation for said work.

d. Procedures for Special Called Meetings

Mr. Huber cited the state law for calling special Board meetings, noting the language was being presented to the Board for the purpose of bringing the Board up to date on the law.

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10. Items of Consent

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board approved the following items of consent, except for item "g – Eternal Flame Update" since this matter was reported earlier in the meeting and action tabled by the Board:

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

a. Approval of Minutes of June 27 & July 9, 2011

The Board approved the June 27 and July 9, 2011 minutes.

b. Accounts Payable

The Board approved accounts payable for checks numbered 2021364 through 2021737, subject to audit.

c. Interoffice Transfers & Appropriations

The Board approved interoffice transfer number 1 totaling \$45,542.09 and appropriations as follows:

Account Number	Account Title	Amount Increase (Decrease)
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
100-016030-1100	Seized Assets Sheriff	\$ 249.28
	TOTAL	\$ 249.28
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>		
100-031200-6017	Supplies/Equipment Seized Assets Sheriff	\$ 249.28
	TOTAL	\$ 249.28

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Account Number	Account Title	Amount Increase (Decrease)
REVENUES:		
100-024040-0900	Library Grants	\$ 500.00
100-016150-0500	Library Donations	1,763.97
	TOTAL	\$ 2,263.97
EXPENDITURES:		
100-073100-6014	Library Other Operating Supplies	\$ 500.00
100-073100-6012	Library Books	1,363.97
100-073100-6025	Library Youth/Adult Programs	400.00
	TOTAL	\$ 2,263.97

Account Number	Account Title	Amount Increase (Decrease)
REVENUES:		
3-205-16120-0500	Transportation Students	\$ 121,661.80
3-205-18030-0300	Refund/Overpayment	163,914.27
	TOTAL	\$ 285,576.07
EXPENDITURES:		
4-205-063200-6008-900	Vehicle and Powered Equipment Fuel	\$ 200,000.00
4-205-064200-6014-900	Other Operating Supplies	85,576.07
	TOTAL	\$ 285,576.07

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

1. Housing Counseling Agreement

The Board ratified an agreement where the state has agreed to pay for the HOME Consortium's housing staff's work for the tornado relief.

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2. Acceptance of Community Corrections Funds

The Board accepted funds in the amount of \$795,416.

3. Victim Witness Grant

The Board accepted grant funds in the amount of \$122,813.

4. Virginia Disaster Assistance Donation Program

The Board ratified applications submitted to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management on behalf of various eligible tornado victims.

5. Virginia's First Collaborative Communities Application

The Board endorsed an application of Virginia's First for grant assistance.

6. Tornado Housing Grant Application

The Board approved submittal of a tornado housing grant application.

7. Agreement between Pulaski Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Town of Pulaski & County of Pulaski

The Board approved the agreement between the Pulaski Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Town of Pulaski and County of Pulaski.

e. Personnel Changes

The Board reviewed recent personnel changes as provided by Norma Spence.

f. Update on \$129,599 Loan

Mr. Huber reported a recommendation having been made to the PSA Board that they pay off the current balance due of \$206,632 which consists of a June 30, 2011 principal-only balance of \$129,599 on the 5% interest loan and a balance of \$77,033 on the interest free loan.

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The Board approved waiving the five percent interest if all amounts owed were paid by the PSA.

g. Eternal Flame Update

This matter was reported earlier in the meeting and action tabled by the Board.

11. Citizen Comments

Mr. James McClannahan explained his interpretation of the comments made by the citizen who had stated the town/county communities received no outside help following the tornado events, noting it was his interpretation that the statement was intended to reference "FEMA" as the "outside help" and most likely not individuals/business/etc. throughout Virginia and the U.S. Mr. Akers reaffirmed his interpretation that the statement by the citizen was indeed intended to reference outside help as that of folks from other communities, etc. and not FEMA.

12. Other Matters from Supervisors

Mr. Pratt advised Draper citizens have inquired as to the timeframe for having debris removed from the playground in Draper to allow for use of the playground. Mr. Huber advised staff would erect signage indicating free mulch.

Mr. Sheffey thanked county staff for efforts towards making the recent employee/volunteer picnic a success, noting he had received positive comments regarding the overall event.

Mr. Sheffey advised it was Board practice to hold the county administrator's evaluation in August. The Board directed staff to work towards establishing a suitable date, time and location for a meeting to conduct the county Administrator's annual evaluation.

Mr. Akers advised of the potential for three Board members to attend the VACo meeting in Richmond on August 12, 2011.

Mr. Huber advised of the potential for three or more Board members to attend the Town Hall meeting scheduled by the School Board for Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at the School Board Offices.

Mr. Akers thanked everybody for attending the Board meeting and noted it was an opportunity for citizens to provide feedback to the Board.

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13. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Akers and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned its regular meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2011 beginning with a Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. and regular session at 7:00 p.m. with said meeting being held in the Board Room of the County Administration Building 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.

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

Voting no: None.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator