

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

At a regular meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, September 23, 2013 beginning with a Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street in the Town of Pulaski, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Charles Bopp, Vice-Chairman; Andy McCready; Ranny O'Dell; and Dean Pratt. Staff members present included: Peter Huber, County Administrator; Robert Hiss, Assistant County Administrator; and Shawn Utt, Community Development Director. Gena Hanks, Clerk to the Board, 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. Bopp, seconded by Mr. O'Dell 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
- County Administrator Evaluation
- Recreation Department
- Community Development Director

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:

- Furniture and Office Equipment

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 Big Guns
- Maple Shade
- Dalton Building

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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:

- Partial Month Rentals

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

Return to Regular Session

On a motion by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board returned to regular session.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

Certification of Conformance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Mr. McCready 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. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp,
Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

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2. Welcome, Pledge and Invocation

a. Welcome

Mr. Sheffey welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Sheffey described the annual "Battle of the Bridge" event between the football teams of Pulaski County High School (Cougars) and Radford High School (Bobcats) and the agreement for the Chairman/Mayor of the losing team to wear the jersey of the winning team at the next Board/Council meeting. Mr. Sheffey noted Mayor Brown would be wearing the Cougar jersey at the next Council meeting. Mr. Sheffey thanked the players and coaches of both teams and expressed appreciation to Coach Jones for sharing the team trophy.

Mr. Sheffey shared the recent passing of former County Treasurer and lifelong resident Margaret Farris, as well as former Emergency Management Coordinator Stan Crigger. Mr. Sheffey also described other aspects of Mrs. Farris and Mr. Crigger's history in the Town/County and called for a moment of silence.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Sheffey called on Supervisor Bopp to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

c. Invocation

The invocation was led by Melissa McNair-King of First Presbyterian Church.

3. Recognitions

a. Featured Employee

Board members recognized Tom Phillips from the Commonwealth Attorney's office as the Featured Employee for the Month of October. Mr. Sheffey read a bio for Mr. Phillips. Mr. McCready presented a Fatz gift card to Mr. Phillips on behalf of the Board.

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4. Additions to Agenda

Mr. Huber advised of the addition of the following agenda items:

- Reports from County Administrator & Staff: Employee Recognition Policy; and
- Reports from County Administrator & Staff: Unsafe Structure Application to 6012 Castle Avenue (confirmation of eligibility).

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings scheduled.

6. Presentations and Citizen Comments

Mr. Sheffey explained that this "Citizen Comments" allowed for comments only on those items currently on the agenda. There were no citizen comments.

7. Highway Matters:

a. Follow-up from Previous Board Meeting

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

Mr. Clarke reported the following updates regarding highway matter requests from previous Board meetings: completion of brush cutting along slope of Rt. 99; ongoing pothole patching on road to landfill; work on Dallas Freeman Road; patching of roads in Corporate Center; shoulder wedging on Rt. 11; waiting on permit for ditching on Rt. 693, as well as Gum Log Road; pothole patching on Rt. 114; bridge approaches on Rt. 617; grading and work on Rock Creek Road.

Mr. McCready requested an update on VDOT's review of the I-81 bridge over Peak Creek. Mr. Clarke responded that he had not been provided an update; however, Mr. Clarke advised he would share any updates with the County Administrator once received.

2. Wilderness Road Truck Prohibition Update

Mr. Clarke advised that VDOT had not taken any action at this time, but was waiting on the County to make a decision related to weight limits, etc. Mr. Clarke reminded the Board that a public hearing would be required, along with a determination as to what type of vehicle to prohibit, as well as provision of an alternate route.

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Mr. O'Dell described a potential route via Rt. 611. Mr. Pratt advised his understanding of the concern by Newbern citizens was the large truck traffic (heavy trucks) using Wilderness Road. Mr. Pratt suggested consideration to axle limits.

Mr. Clarke offered to have VDOT Traffic Engineering to provide details on similar past requests and will provide an update at a future meeting.

b. Request for Flashing School Sign on Viscoe Road

Mr. Sheffey described a citizen request for a flashing school sign on Viscoe Road near the Riverlawn Elementary School.

Mr. Clarke advised VDOT would prepare the permit for the sign, allowing a formal request from the School Board administration, since the School Board would be responsible for installing the sign.

Mr. Sheffey also suggested consideration to a sign indicating the speed limit.

Staff was requested to send a letter to the School Superintendent requesting signage.

c. Citizen Comments

Mr. Carl Lambert described his construction business operating in the Newbern area and expressed concern over any restrictions of trucks on Wilderness Road. Mr. Lambert requested he be notified of any Board meetings where the truck traffic restriction would be considered for Wilderness Road.

Mr. Sheffey and Mr. O'Dell clarified the road being considered for restrictions was Newbern Road and not Wilderness Road.

d. Board of Supervisors Comments

Mr. McCready described areas on Whitt Southern Lane and King Harman Lane where trees have grown to a height causing trees to overhang on road and drag top of larger vehicles. Mr. Clarke offered to have VDOT staff review the matter.

Mr. McCready requested cutting back of S curves on Miller Lane (coming off of Newbern Road), as well as trimming of brush. Mr. Clarke and Deputy Radcliffe were requested to coordinate work, with possible use of inmates.

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Mr. O'Dell described citizen concerns related to Irish Mountain Road needing gravel. Mr. Clarke offered to have VDOT staff to review the matter.

Mr. Bopp expressed appreciation to VDOT for the trimming of trees along road banks.

Mr. Pratt described safety concerns expressed by a school bus driver related to the intersection of Newbern Road and Cougar Trail Road, along with a request for consideration to a stop light at the same intersection. Mr. Pratt shared that the concerns stemmed from the heavy traffic that occurs when Volvo and Pulaski County High School students are leaving the facilities at the same time. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT would need to conduct a study to determine the need for a traffic light.

Mr. Pratt also described concerns over vehicles turning right on to Newbern Road, off of Cougar Trail Road, and making "U" turns on Newbern Road back towards Newbern. Mr. Clarke advised the issue described by Mr. Pratt was more of a policing matter, rather than the need for "No U Turn" signage; however, Mr. Clarke offered to have VDOT staff review the matter for any potential solutions that could be provided by VDOT.

Mr. Dean inquired regarding the status of "Watch for Children" and "No Outlet" signage on Southern Drive. Mr. Clarke advised the signage had been installed.

Mr. Dean advised of a falling tree on private property on Honaker Road (just past golf course heading towards Wythe County). Mr. Clarke advised VDOT staff would review the matter.

Mr. Sheffey described ongoing citizen concerns related to the intersection of Rt. 11 and Ruebush Road, primarily from the Highland Road entrance to Ruebush Road, and requests for some type of signal or signs, or possible lowering of speed limit. Mr. Sheffey expressed concern that with the continued growth of business in the area, traffic would continue to increase. Mr. Clarke advised the area would likely not qualify for a signal and the area had existing turn lanes. Mr. Huber suggested consideration to rumble strips. Mr. Clarke advised that rumble strips are typically not feasible in residential areas due to the sound from vehicles driving over the strips. Mr. Sheffey advised the restriping of Rt. 11 at the Farm Bureau facility had helped in the area. Mr. Clarke offered to have VDOT staff to review options for the Rt. 11/Ruebush Road intersection.

Mr. Sheffey advised of a large pothole on Rt. 11 just as vehicles exit the parking lot of the Kroger shopping center in Fairlawn heading towards Radford. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT staff would review the matter.

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Mr. Sheffey advised ditch work had been done on Church Street in New River and some ditch work on Manns Drive; however, additional work continued to be needed on Manns Drive, with issues occurring mostly during major rain events. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT staff would review the matter.

Mr. Sheffey inquired as to the timeframe for mowing in the Cloyd District, particularly on Hazel Hollow Road. Mr. Clarke advised VDOT staff would begin mowing in the Cloyd District within the next two weeks.

8. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Melinda Worrell provided the monthly report.

Mr. Sheffey inquired if there had been an increase in meals tax revenues due to the reopening of Radford University. Ms. Worrell advised there was an increase in meals tax revenues with the reopening of the fall classes.

Mr. Huber distributed and described a sales tax chart. Mr. McCready suggested trimming the timeframe on the chart back to ten years.

9. Reports from the County Administrator & Staff:

On a motion by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. McCready and carried, the Board approved the following action on appointments as noted.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.
Voting no: None.

a. Appointments:

1. Social Services

The Board appointed Joe Blankenship for a term ending March 30, 2017 noting Rev. Blankenship is replacing Rev. Randy Winn who has relocated to another area.

2. Industrial Development Authority

The Board appointed Lynn White for a term ending September 22, 2017.

3. New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (NRVMPO)

The Board confirmed the following appointments to the NRVMPO boards: Ranny O'Dell and Jared Linkous – Technical Advisory Board; and Andy McCready and Danny Wilson – Policy Board.

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4. Town of Pulaski Museum

Current appointee (Joe Sheffey) is to remain on the Town of Pulaski Museum Board for at least six weeks, with review of the matter to take place at the November Board of Supervisors meeting.

b. Four-Year Goals

Board members discussed with staff the following changes to the goals listing: modifying date on 1.7.4 (Corporate Center Site Development Pepperell Way) and 1.7.5 (Corporate Center Site Development – Stepp Place) to 2/1/2014.

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board approved removal of item 1.8.2 (Use of TMD for industrial uses) on the Four-Year Goals listing.

Voting yes: Mr. McCreedy, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp,
Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

Board members continued discussions of the following changes to the goals listing: extend dates on 2.1.1 through 2.1.4 (various schools) to 12/1/2013; and changing of dates of 2.1.5 (find and install energy savings products with ability to utilize multiple energy sources) and 2.1.6 (complete the installation of generator connections to schools) to 4/1/2014.

On a motion by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. McCreedy and carried, the Board approved removal of item 2.3.2 (Reuse of old Riverlawn school) from the Four-Year Goals listing.

Board members continued discussions of the following changes to the goals listing; moving of date on 9.2.1 (merge existing Sheriff's office, Town of Pulaski police, etc.) to 1/1/2014 to allow for more time.

Mr. McCreedy advised that on item 5.1.3 (Relocate Roundhouse Rd/Rt. 11 Intersection), the County's match of those funds was 100% paid for by New River Community College.

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c. Updated Legislative Listing

Mr. Sheffey explained the process for the annual submittal of the legislative listing to the General Assembly. Mr. Huber described the draft listing, noting the listing should be sent to the legislators no later than the end of October.

Mr. McCready reminded the Board of the need to add the modification of sentencing guidelines for inmates to allow for a "day for a day" (a day worked for a day off sentence).

Mr. Sheffey and Mr. Hiss spoke to the legislative day being hosted by Pulaski County and the Chamber of Commerce and suggested this event as an opportunity for legislators to meet with elected officials to discuss legislative issues.

Staff was directed to revise the legislative letter to include the "day for a day" policy and provide a final legislative listing for the Board to review at its October 28th Board meeting.

Ms. Debbie Mohay inquired as to the method used for adding legislative items to the list. Mr. Sheffey described previous action by the Board at its August meeting to review and update the legislative listing. Mr. Sheffey also explained the method for creating the monthly agenda and the policy for citizen comments.

d. Applicability of Unsafe Structures Ordinance

Mr. Huber provided an update on the property on Brookmont Road, owned by Ann Marie Dodgion (who has passed way), noting the Board had postponed action to allow for the family to respond to the County as to any plans for cleaning up of the property. Mr. Huber advised no response had been provided by the property owners to the County. By consensus, the Board approved staff sending a final letter to the property owners, as well as making a personal visit to the property to discuss the matter. Staff was directed to place the matter on the October 28th Board agenda for final action.

Mr. Huber shared recent pictures of the Edward Gravely property at 6012 Castle Avenue in Dublin and described numerous complaints from neighbors regarding the condition of the property. Mr. Huber also provided a timeline for the sending of letters to the property owner and also shared findings by Social Services as to the competency of the property owner in taking care of matters related to the property.

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On a motion by Mr. McCready, seconded by Mr. O'Dell and carried, the Board approved proceeding with applying the Unsafe Structure Ordinance to the property.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp,
Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

e. Maple Shade Parking Lot Paving

Mr. Linkous provided an update on the options for paving the Maple Shade parking lot and requested the Board approve funding a total cost of \$410,553 to allow for paving of the parking lot, as well as making stormwater improvements. Mr. Linkous also described the ability to "piggyback" on to the Town's annual contract for paving.

Board members discussed the type of paving available, the timeline for improvements to the parking lot and the potential for delaying the paving to April 2014, and the Town's plans to improve the existing sidewalks in the Town.

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board approved funding of \$410,553 to allow for paving of the Maple Shade parking lot, as well as making stormwater improvements as described by the County Engineer.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.
Voting no: None.

10. Items of Consent

Mr. O'Dell requested separate discussions and voting on item "f - Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) Proposal to Locate Pier at Allisionia" on the agenda and Mr. McCready requested the same for item "h - Newbern Volunteer Fire Dept. Structural Repairs" on the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. McCready, seconded by Mr. O'Dell and carried, the Board approved the following items of consent, except for items "f " and "h", which will be reviewed and voted on as a separate item, if appropriate.

a. Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2013 meetings

The Board approved the minutes of the August 26, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting.

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b. Accounts Payable

The Board approved accounts payable for checks numbered 2034587 through 2035155, subject to audit.

c. Interoffice Transfers and Budget Adjustments

The Board approved the interoffice transfers #3 totaling \$34,975.41 and budget adjustments as follows:

| GENERAL FUND #2014-03 | | |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Account Number | Account Title | Amount Increase (Decrease) |
| REVENUES: | | |
| 100-016010-0200 | Sheriff Fees | \$ 102.00 |
| 100-014010-2000 | Court Restitutions | 89.00 |
| 100-033010-2033 | DCJS Byrne Officer Communications Equipment Improvements | 30,997.00 |
| 100-033010-2039 | DCJS School Resource Officer Grant | 63,160.00 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 94,348.00 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | |
| 100-031200-6001 | Sheriff Office Supplies | \$ 102.00 |
| 100-031200-6011 | Sheriff Uniforms | 89.00 |
| 100-031200-8103 | Sheriff Communications Equipment | 34,441.00 |
| 100-031200-1139 | Sheriff Personnel | 90,904.00 |
| 100-091400-9301 | Contingency Funds | (31,188.00) |
| | TOTAL | \$ 94,348.00 |

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

1. DMV Grant Award

The Board approved grant for funding of speed and alcohol safety project proposals, a copy of said agreement filed with the records of this meeting.

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2. Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Grant Funding

The Board approved the original agreement and accepted revised grant amount of \$812,212, with a copy of said agreement filed with the records of this meeting.

3. Homeland Security Grant Application

The Board approved application for a grant to fund new mobile radios for all emergency vehicles, new portable radios, two new voter repeaters, and control radios for new dispatch center, with a copy of said application filed with the records of this meeting.

4. Wells Fargo Consulting Agreement

The Board approved a consulting agreement with Wells Fargo for the 2013-14 health plan year in an amount not to exceed \$35,400, with a copy of said agreement filed with the records of this meeting.

5. Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) for Construction of Storage Garages

The Board approved an agreement which will allow for DGIF to proceed with the construction of the proposed boat storage facility at the County garage. A copy of said agreement is filed with the records of this meeting.

6. Litter Prevention and Recycling Program Grant Award

The Board accepted a grant award in the amount of \$3,638 for the Litter Prevention and Recycling Program Grant, a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting.

e. Personnel Changes

The Board reviewed recent personnel changes.

f. Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) Proposal to Locate Pier at Allisonia

Mr. O'Dell requested information regarding the type of pier being proposed, the exact location of the pier, and the overall process for obtaining approval by the Board. Mr. Huber described the pier to be built, as well as the location of the proposed pier. Mr. Huber also advised that VDGIF is suggesting the Allisonia location rather than the New River access (boat ramp

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just upstream to the Sportsman) and requesting input from the Board due to the relicensing requirements.

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Mr. O'Dell and carried, the Board concurred with the DGIF proposal to locate the pier at Allisonia.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp,
Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

g. Boy Scouts Formation of Non-transporting Emergency Medical Services Agency

As reported in the Board packet, the Boy Scouts of America are planning to form a non-transporting EMS agency in order to be able to readily address medical emergencies within their facilities, with formal approval needed by the Board of Supervisors.

The Board approved plans to form a non-transporting EMS agency by the Boy Scouts of America only upon full coordination and concurrence by the REMSI Board of Directors.

h. Newbern Volunteer Fire Dept. Structural Repairs

Mr. McCready advised of plans to abstain from the vote on this item due to membership in the Newbern Volunteer Fire Department.

On a motion by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board approved an expenditure of \$16,528.47 for structural repairs to the Newbern Volunteer Fire Department.

Voting yes: Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

Abstaining: Mr. McCready.

i. Resolutions:

1. 2013 Appy League Champs

The Board approved the following resolution recognizing the Pulaski Mariners as the 2013 Appalachian League Champions:

Resolution of Commendation Honoring the Pulaski Mariners 2013 Appalachian League Champions

WHEREAS, Pulaski County has a long and proud legacy of minor league baseball in historic Calfee Park; and,

WHEREAS, the Pulaski Mariners are an important part of providing high quality, family-oriented outdoor sports in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Pulaski Mariners through hard work, skill, and determination finished the regular season with the Appalachian League's best record of 41-27, and won the Appalachian League's Eastern Division Championship for the first time since 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the Pulaski Mariner's continued their winning ways clinching the 2013 Appalachian League Championship with a thrilling come from behind win over the Greenville Astros by a 6-5 score ending a 22 year championship drought; and,

WHEREAS, the Mariner's not only distinguished themselves as a team but won individual honors by having four members, the most of any Appalachian League team, named to the All-Star team, in addition to having Edwin Diaz named "Pitcher of the Year" and Tyler Smith, shortstop, named "Player of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and appreciate all the work and discipline it requires to win such a title and we are proud to have this Championship team as part of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE be it **RESOLVED**, that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and its citizens, extends its heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the coaches, players and staff of the Pulaski Mariners for their tremendous season and for bringing the 2013 Appalachian League Championship to our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the text of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Supervisors, this 23rd day of September, 2013, in permanent testimony of its appreciation to the 2013 Pulaski Mariners.

Staff was directed to invite an appropriate representative of the Pulaski Mariners to October Board meeting for formal presentation by the Board at its October 28th meeting.

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2. Constitution Week

The Board approved the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, September 17, 2013 marks the two hundred twenty-sixth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention;

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week.

NOW, THEREFORE Joe Sheffey by virtue of the authority vested as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Pulaski in the State of Virginia do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as CONSTITUTION WEEK and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals that the Farmers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

j. Voting Credentials for VACo Annual Business Meeting

The Board approved designating Joe Sheffey as voting delegate at the VACo Annual Business meeting.

k. Adult Day Care Rural Development Loan application

As reported in the Board packet, when the County submitted the CDGB application for the Adult Day Care project, it was with the initial understanding that the County would borrow \$95,000 with this debt to be included as part of the monthly rent paid by the Adult Day Care non-profit, to offset a portion of the non-construction related expenses (furnishings, medical equipment, etc., further since the CDBG grant was awarded in August and DHCD is requiring the County to have all funds committed by mid-December to get under contract, the Adult Day Care is unable to fund-raise this amount in that short time period. Further, since the Adult Day Care will not receive all of these additional funds by mid December, staff recommended increasing the Rural Development Loan to a total of \$200,000.

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The Board approved increasing the Rural Development loan, noting the Adult Day Care is committed to pay the additional RD loan debt as part of its monthly lease.

The following vote is for the overall Items of Consent where separate Board action was taken:

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp,
Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

11. Citizen Comments

Dr. Bruce Fariss described a PowerPoint presentation related to the tax relief for tree farmers and the benefits, costs, etc. associated with forest land tax reduction. Dr. Fariss proposed Pulaski County treat forest farmers the same as farmers. The Board directed staff to poll other localities to determine the number of forest farms in each locality and how the reduction affects revenues in the locality and provide an update in the weekly update.

Ms. Debbie Mohay spoke regarding the low attendance by citizens at Board meetings, suggesting the reason for the low attendance was due to Board of Supervisors restricting citizen input.

Ms. Mohay expressed concern over the criteria and methods used for bid awards, specifically the recent award of the Maple Shade parking lot bid award.

Ms. Mohay recommended the Board seek an opinion from the County's attorney as to a potential illegal quorum of the Board of Supervisors at a recent event held at the Republican headquarters.

Ms. Mohay expressed concern over the charges by the County to Social Services for the space used by Social Services at the Maple Shade facility.

Mr. Carl Lambert requested clarification on the proposed fishing pier in Allisonia and expressed concern that Montgomery County was not contacted as to their wishes related to the New River Access. Mr. Sheffey advised the opportunity for citizens to speak to any items on the agenda was during the first "Citizen Comments" section.

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12. Other Matters from Supervisors

Mr. Sheffey advised the County Administrator's annual evaluation had been conducted as a part of the Closed Session. Mr. Sheffey spoke to Mr. Huber's dedication and service to the County and the overall outstanding job provided by Mr. Huber.

Mr. McCready also spoke to the accomplishments of Mr. Huber, including the recent economic development activities.

Mr. Sheffey described an inquiry at a recent Board meeting by Carl Lambert as it relates to Supervisor Dean Pratt serving as a member of both the PSA Board and Planning Commission. Mr. Sheffey read the Commonwealth Attorney's response to Mr. Lambert's inquiry noting no conflict of interest exists and citing section 15.2-2212 of the Code of Virginia authorizing dual membership.

Mr. Huber thanked the Board for the confidence placed in him and credited County staff for providing a team effort in all endeavors.

Mr. Huber read a statement publicly commending Mr. Akers and the recreation staff for their work.

Each Board member stated their support and appreciation for Mr. Akers' work and commending the County's recreation department.

Mr. Sheffey and Mr. McCready provided the following events where there is the potential for there to be three or more Board members: Alliance Annual meeting, September 30th, River Course, 5:30 p.m.; and Ribbon Cutting at Republican headquarters on September 24th, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. McCready responded to the question regarding the County's method for soliciting bids by noting the County follows all State guidelines in preparing and acceptance of bid documents. Mr. McCready advised information related to Board meetings is included in the local newspapers, on the County's web site, through email (if requested). Mr. McCready also advised information on County news is included in the quarterly newsletter.

Mr. Sheffey reminded Board members that the October Board meeting will mark the return to the fall/winter dress code for ties for Board members.

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13. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned its regular meeting. A joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and School Board is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2013 in the Information Technology Training Room at the Maple Shade Center with the next regular Board of Supervisors meeting being scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2013 beginning with a Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. with said meeting to be held in the County Administration Building.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator