

At a special meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, March 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Training Room/Emergency Operations Center of the Information Technology Offices located in the Maple Shade Center, 89 Commerce Street, SW, in the Town of Pulaski, the following members were present: Joseph Sheffey, Chairman; Charles Bopp, Vice-Chairman; Andy McCready; Ranny O'Dell; and Dean Pratt.

Present from county staff were Peter Huber, County Administrator; Anthony Akers, Assistant County Administrator for Human Services; Karen Thompson, Assistant County Administrator for Management Services; Diane Newby, Finance Director; and Gena Hanks, Clerk to the Board.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mr. Sheffey called the meeting to order and welcomed Board members and County staff. Mr. Sheffey advised the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a budget work session.

Mr. Sheffey also confirmed the Board's intent to start each budget work session at 6:00 p.m. and end said meetings at 9:00 p.m.

2. Dublin Elementary Expansion and Air Conditioning

Mr. Huber shared the Estimate Summary for the expansion and air conditioning of the Dublin Elementary School, as provided by Spectrum Design at the March 2, 2015 joint Board of Supervisors/School Board meeting. Mr. Huber also described in detail a recommended amortization schedule to pay off the \$3.4 million in estimated debt over five years which included additional payments in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 using funds that would otherwise have been used to pay for Bob White debt service once that debt is paid off in FY 2017-18.

Board members discussed several alternatives for debt service payments.

Mr. Huber advised staff recommended proceeding with the advertising of the expansion and air conditioning of Dublin Elementary School.

On a motion by Dean Pratt, seconded by Andy McCready and carried, the Board of Supervisors concurred with advertising the expansion and air conditioning of Dublin Elementary School, with the understanding that the decision between two possible means of financing the construction portion of the project will need to be made during development of the FY 2015-16 budget.

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

Voting no: None.

3. Closed Session – 2.2-3711.A.3

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.3 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss land acquisition/disposition matters.

On a motion by Mr. McCready, seconded by Mr. O'Dell 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:

- Loving Field

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. Pratt 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. McCready, seconded by Mr. O'Dell 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.

Loving Field

On a motion by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. McCready and carried, the Board accepted the Town of Pulaski's offer of exchange of 1.5 acres of land for quit claim to any remaining title interests in the shared purchase by the County and Town of Pulaski of a 3.8 acre parcel from Mr. Robert Whitman in 1949.

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

Voting no: None.

Abstaining: Mr. Bopp.

Mr. Bopp left the meeting at this point for health reasons.

4. Noise Control Ordinance Scheduling of Hearing

Mr. Huber reported that County Attorney Tim Kirtner was currently working on revisions to the Noise Control Ordinance which would be provided to the Board at its March 9th budget work session. Mr. Huber requested the Board approve advertising of the ordinance for a public hearing at its March 23, 2015 Board meeting.

By consensus, the Board approved advertising for a public hearing to be held on March 23, 2015 to consider revisions to the Noise Control Ordinance, as well as including a copy of the proposed revised ordinance on the county's web site.

5. Meals at Board Meetings

Board members discussed information recently shared by county staff related to IRS rules and regulations pertaining to the provision of meals, with said meals being considered a taxable benefit. Staff was requested to contact the county's auditor, Deanna Cox of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, and request documentation supporting staff's understanding of the IRS rules and regulations related to the provision of meals at Board meetings.

6. Real Estate Rate Change Advertisement

Mr. Huber shared information related to tax calculations as presented to the Board at its February 23, 2015 Board meeting, specifically a recommended equalization of a \$0.05 adjustment to \$0.64. Mr. Huber also shared a chart of tax rates over the past 20 years.

Board members and staff discussed the need for the advertisement to include language which clearly describes the assessment decrease, the proposed rate necessary to offset decreased assessment, the effective rate revision, and the proposed total budget increase.

On a motion by Mr. McCready, seconded by Mr. O'Dell and carried, the Board approved advertising for a public hearing to consider an equalized real estate tax rate increase, with language in the notice to specifically describe assessment decrease, the proposed rate necessary to offset decreased assessment, the effective rate revision, and the proposed total budget increase.

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

Voting no: None.

Not present: Mr. Bopp.

7. Ice and Swiftwater Rescue Equipment

On a motion by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board approved appropriating \$19,000 out of contingency funds to purchase equipment to allow for ice and swiftwater rescues.

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

Voting no: None.

Not present: Mr. Bopp.

Mr. Huber shared that Pulaski County had responded to a request from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for providing assistance to Wise County in repairing broken water lines. In response to that request, the following county and PSA employees were sent to Wise County: Brad Wright, Pulaski County Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, and PSA employees including Lee Bentley, Wes Taylor, Matt Holbrook and Wayne Trail.

Board members expressed appreciation to all individuals involved in assisting Wise County and requested staff prepare letters of appreciation to said employees for Chairman Sheffey's signature.

8. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. McCready, seconded by Mr. O'Dell and carried, the Board adjourned its special meeting. The next meeting of the Board is to be held on Monday, March 9, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with said meeting to be held in the IT Training Room located at 89 Commerce Street, SW in the Town of Pulaski. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, March 23, 2015 beginning with a Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., with said meeting to be held at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Board Room, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.

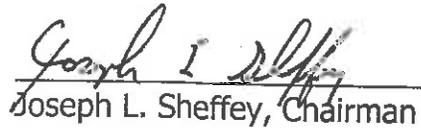
Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None

Not present: Mr. Bopp



Peter M. Huber, County Administrator


Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman