

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, September 21, 1992, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fairlawn Volunteer Fire Department, the following members were present: Jerry D. White, Chairman; Joseph L. Sheffey, Vice-Chairman; Ira S. "Pete" Crawford; Bruce L. Fariss; and Joseph L. Sheffey. Also present were members of the Courthouses Committee: Alan Groseclose, Chairman; Maynard H. Sayers, Commissioner of Revenue; Colonel Dallas Cox; and Joseph N. Morgan, County Administrator. Architect Thomas A. Douthat, Jr., County Attorney Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., and Southwest Times Reporter Dee Ann Lindsey also attended.

1. Meeting with Courthouses Committee

Mr. Groseclose and Architect Douthat explained the recommendations from the committee regarding completion of the courthouse facilities improvements.

RE: Brick Courthouse Building Renovation and Expansion Plans

It was moved by Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Sheffey and carried, that the floor plans and elevations, including the decorative colored block exterior layers and arched glass windows at entrances, be approved for preparation of working drawings and bid documents. A copy of the floor plan and elevations is filed with the records of this meeting.

Voting yes: Mr. Crawford, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. White, Mr. Sheffey.  
Voting no: Dr. Fariss.

RE: Old Courthouse Dedication Ceremony

It was moved by Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Sheffey and carried, that one dedication ceremony be scheduled for the old courthouse building, following its completion, to include the formal starting of the courthouse clock tower clock and hourly bell tolling, with a tentative date for the ceremony to be Tuesday, December 29.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. White, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Crawford.  
Voting no: none.

RE: Owens Building Demolition

It was moved by Mr. Sheffey, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried, that the Board approve proceeding to develop plans and obtain necessary approvals for demolition of the small former residence known as the Owens Building which is now occupied by offices at 33 Third St., in the Town of Pulaski, with the lot created by the demolition to be included as a staging area for the brick courthouse renovation and for eventual use as additional parking.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. White, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Crawford.  
Voting no: none.

RE: Courthouses Exhibits Plan

It was moved by Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried, that the Courthouses Committee be authorized to work with the ad hoc citizens courthouses committee exhibits sub-committee, which is chaired by Mrs. Elrica Graham, to implement an overall plan for exhibits in the courthouses buildings, including the following seven major components, utilizing up to \$20,000 for the initial priority items of the exhibits master plan:

1. A New River room on the first floor of the historic courthouse that will allow displays focussing on history of the county prior to its 1839 charter and the harnessing of the New River into Claytor Lake;
2. A "Stepping Stones In Time" on the stairwells between the first and attic

floors of the historic courthouse featuring rare plant fossils and other important geological specimens from the county;

3. A display focussing on the history of the county since 1839;
4. Exhibits throughout the second floor offices of the Commissioner of Revenue featuring maps of both the county's geology and man made development;
5. Portraits in the Circuit Court Room of all Circuit Court Judges and Supreme Court Justices;
6. Portraits and/or photographs in the offices of the elected Clerk of the Circuit Court, Commissioner of Revenue and Treasurer featuring the citizens elected to those offices since 1839; and
7. A brick relief sculpture on the wall of the General District Court Room as a memorial to Pulaski County Military Veterans.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. White, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Crawford.  
Voting no: none.

RE: Temporary Court Facilities

It was moved by Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, that the county administrator be authorized to lease and make appropriate renovations to the former HUB Furniture building on Main Street in the Town of Pulaski as an interim court and office facility during the brick courthouse renovation and expansion, to accommodate all courtrooms, judges chambers, clerks offices, the general registrar's office and related court support offices.

Voting yes: Mr. Crawford, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. White, Mr. Sheffey.  
Voting no: Dr. Fariss.

RE: Courthouses Facilities Financial Status

A report of revenues and expenditures, both planned and actual to date, was presented to the supervisors. It was noted that the old courthouse renovation will exceed planned costs by approximately \$200,000 and the proposed improvements to the brick courthouse will also exceed planned expenditures by an estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Supervisor Fariss recommended that plaques be installed in the completed buildings recognizing the Board of Supervisors at the time of the building completion and the members of the courthouses committee. Supervisor Fariss also expressed a preference that appropriate lists of office holders throughout the history of the county be displayed in the offices of constitutional officers, courtrooms, and similar appropriate spaces.

Colonel Cox encouraged completion of the third floor attic area of the old courthouse by the current construction contractor now.

The meeting was recessed to move to the main floor of the fire station for an informational meeting with county citizens.

## 2. Informal Meeting with County Citizens

Vice-Chairman Sheffey presided over the meeting since Chairman White was required to leave the meeting due to a family member death.

The following citizen concerns were voiced:

A resident of Riverbend Subdivision requested a waterline extension.

Supervisor Sheffey advised the Public Service Authority was reviewing the cost and feasibility of such an extension. The resident also requested sewer service feasibility be studied. Mr. Sheffey requested the Public Service Authority be advised.

Mr. Bob Pritchett inquired regarding speed control measures on an alley off of Dudley Ferry Road due to a danger presented to children and residents. Supervisor Sheffey indicated the county attorney was researching the ability to enforce the speed limits or reckless driving on such alleyways.

Mr. Bob Pritchett requested flashing crossing lights in the vicinity of the Riverlawn School for school crosswalk traffic. Supervisor Sheffey indicated the formal crosswalk should be restored by the Highway Department following completion of the Oxford Avenue drainage improvements.

Mr. Bob Pritchett requested trimming of brush blocking speed limit signs at Pepper's Ferry Loop. Supervisor Sheffey indicated the work had been requested from the Highway Department.

Mr. Carl Adams of the New River community advised of drainage problems created by the contractor for the sewerline extension which are yet to be repaired. Supervisor Sheffey requested staff investigate and take appropriate action.

Mr. James Brown of the New River community complemented the cleaning up of unlawful dump sites during the sewerline construction, but reported that the dumping is continuing and suggested fencing to discourage dumping.

Ms. Marcelle Jay expressed the following concerns:

1. The need for signing the intersection of Gate 10 Road, Rt. 623, and Belspring Road, Rt. 600, due to heavy truck traffic approaching the intersection upon leaving the Radford Army Ammunition Plant;
2. The hazardous low shoulder on the S curve along Rt. 610, Belspring Road, in the vicinity of the intersection of the Gate 10 Road, Rt. 623;
3. Littering and other inappropriate trash dumping at the mobile home park in the vicinity of Rt. 600, Belspring Road, and Gate 10 Road, Rt. 623;
4. She also expressed thanks for the installation of the private road sign on Crab Apple Lane.

Mr. Fred Boyd expressed concerns about dogs running at large and the effectiveness of the Dog Control Ordinance.

Ms. Marcelle Jay suggested a charge per household for emergency medical services funding.

Ms. Bethany Taylor reported drainage problems due to sewerline construction in the New River community in the vicinity of Mr. Carl Adams residence.

Mr. Winston Snead, Pulaski County Sewerage Authority Chairman, requested a letter from the Board of Supervisors authorizing disposal of excess property at the former lagoon sewage treatment site along the New River.

Mr. Winston Snead also questioned unsightly signs or billboards along Rt. 114, Pepper's Ferry Boulevard, and Rt. 11, Lee Highway. Supervisor Sheffey requested the Planning Commission review the need for adding sign control language to the county Zoning Ordinance.

A New River resident reported the need for playground repairs at the former New River School, including monkey bar straightening. He also questioned cost of sewer hookups in the New River community. Mr. Sheffey suggested referring the playground maintenance to the School Board, particularly Cloyd District representative Carolyn Brown.

Supervisor Sheffey advised that it was not possible now to extend the sewer line up Stigger Hill due to the lack of funding from the federal government.

Mr. David Trigg of Carter Street reported finding a small caliber pistol at the former William Gresham School now occupied by the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy. Supervisor Sheffey requested the Academy be advised of the incident and requested to adopt a policy to prevent such instances reoccurring.

Mr. Sam Patterson requested county maintenance of the common area known as Fairlawn Park. He indicated that Riverlawn Recreation Department would construct the park facility if the county would mow the site and create adequate parking. Supervisor Sheffey suggested this matter be considered with the proposed Fairlawn beautification plans.

Mr. Steve Cox inquired of the status of use of the Hiwassee School property as a rescue facility and noted the need for better lawn maintenance along the former school building. The county administrator indicated plans were underway to address both problems.

### 3. Informational Presentation

Following the general citizen comments, the Vice-Chairman called for an informational presentation.

#### a. New River Sewer Service

Assistant County Administrator Huber explained procedures for hookup to the new sewer system. He encouraged comments during the one year warranty following construction to correct errors in construction. He advised hookup fees following the initial construction would be \$200 per residence, but would increase to the current rate following completion of the construction period. He indicated the homeowner must bear the expense for extension of the line from the residence to his property border. He indicated an average monthly bill for sewer service is estimated to be \$20.

Mr. Eddie Simmers inquired of the need for a building permit. Mr. Huber advised that such permit was required by state law and that the fee associated with it is necessary to cover inspection services.

Supervisor Sheffey and Mr. Huber offered to meet with residents of the Stigger Hill area to determine if income limits had been adequately surveyed. The Stigger Hill area is not planned for service due to lack of federal funding eligibility for these families.

Mr. Carl Adams requested to know whether old septic tanks must be filled in when taken out of service. Supervisor Sheffey suggested the county staff inform the residents of this matter.

Supervisor Sheffey suggested the Public Service Authority send notice to New River residents when the sewer service is available and hookups can be installed.

#### b. Oxford Avenue Drainage Improvements

Supervisor Sheffey advised that the improvements had been completed and requested any citizen comments regarding the adequacy of improvements. A

citizen noted that grates on a six foot culvert have been removed and children are entering the culvert to play. Supervisor Sheffey requested the Virginia Department of Transportation be notified of the need to firmly affix the culvert grates.

c. Fairlawn Beautification

The county administrator reported on plans for Fairlawn beautification including erection of welcome signs similar to the arches in front of the historic courthouse with matters of interest on neighborhood events to be displayed beneath the arches. He also indicated plans for mowing of the median strips and shoulders along Rt. 11, Lee Highway, and Rt. 114, Pepper's Ferry Boulevard. He indicated plans for maintenance of the Fairlawn Park would be included in the beautification plans, which are scheduled for implementation in the spring of 1993.

4. Scheduling of Meeting with Legislators and Extension Advisory Council (October 29, breakfast, suggested)

An invitation was extended for a breakfast meeting on Thursday, October 29 with members of the state legislature.

5. Scheduling Meeting with School Population Committee (October 13 or 15)

Supervisor White indicated neither October 13 nor 15 were suitable dates for him and suggested October 20 and 22 be explored as possible dates.

6. Other Matters

Ms. Elrica Graham invited citizens in attendance to the September 29 meeting of the courthouse exhibits sub-committee.

Mr. Steve Cox requested improvements to the one lane bridge at Max Creek on Rt. 693, Julia Simpkins Road.

Several citizens inquired about the status of unsightly junkyards and automobile parts storage on the property of Mr. Jim Turner, along Rt. 11, Lee Highway, and along Rt. 798, Falling Branch Road, in the New River community in the Stigger Hill community.

Mr. Ed Campbell of the Pulaski County Lifesaving Crew presented information on the crew's services and requested more funding. Mr. Campbell asked to be placed on the Board of Supervisors agenda for September 28, 1992, for additional funding of the proposed crash response truck and Hurst equipment.

Mr. Lee Simpkins requested a light duty crash truck be funded for the Snowville and Hiwassee areas.

Ms. Judy Barr commended both citizens in attendance and the supervisors for holding this informational meeting.

7. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried, that the meeting be adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 1992, in the Board Room of Pulaski Community Hospital in the Town of Pulaski.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Crawford.

Voting no: none.

Not present: Mr. White.

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Jerry D. White, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk