

At a regular meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, August 28, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pulaski County Administration Building Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 143 Third Street, N. W. in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following members were present: Jerry D. White, Chairman; Joseph L. Sheffey, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Bruce L. Fariss; Ira S. "Pete" Crawford; and Mason A. Vaughan, Sr. Also present were County Attorney Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr.; Management Services Director Nancy M. Burchett; Executive Secretary Gena T. Hanks; and County Administrator Joseph N. Morgan.

1. Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., County Attorney.

2. Additions to Agenda

Additional agenda items were discussed at the appropriate times on the agenda.

3. Highway Matters:

Mr. Dan Brugh, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Resident Engineer, appeared before the Board of Supervisors and introduced Mr. Jim Gibbons, State Secondary Road Engineer for VDOT. Mr. Gibbons spoke briefly to the Board regarding VDOT's current efforts to re-examine standards to possibly allow building more roads. Mr. Gibbons expressed appreciation to County Administrator Joseph Morgan for serving on the VDOT Subdivision Street Advisory Committee, and assistance given in revising the state subdivision street regulations.

a. Follow-up from Previous Board meetings:

1. Formal speed study on Route 610, Case Knife Road, for first mile beyond Pulaski Town limits

Mr. Brugh reported the speed study on Route 610 had not been completed. He advised the results should be ready by the next regular Board meeting. Chairman White requested staff contact the citizen who had been inquiring about the study and advise of the present status of the speed study. Mr. Brugh also advised he would send a letter regarding the results of the study to the County Administrator's Office as soon as the results are received.

2. Intersection study, intersection of Routes 628, Hazel Hollow Road, and 798, Falling Branch Road

Mr. Brugh advised he did not believe a formal speed study would help in this area. However, he reported VDOT had installed additional signage in this area which he felt would reduce the speed problem.

3. Request for formal speed study on Route 643, Thornspring Road, at Cougar Express for possible lowering of speed limit to 45 mph

Mr. Brugh reported Route 643, Thornspring Road, would be posted shortly for 40 miles per hour.

4. Review of plans currently proposed for Route 738, Robinson Tract Road, to possibly alter plan to reduce cost of improvements on Route 738

Mr. Brugh reviewed with the Board of Supervisors alternative plans to reduce the costs of improving Route 738. Plans called for correcting curves, widening narrow portions, and paving of Route 738. He advised the alternative plan would be acceptable for the amount of traffic on Route 738.

Chairman White inquired about the status of Buford Hollow Road and Cox's Hollow Road. Staff reported Buford Hollow Road was number 16 on the six year plan and Cox Hollow Road is on the supplemental listing. Chairman White requested, if at all possible, the funds saved on Route 738 be applied to Buford Hollow Road and Cox's Hollow Road. The Board agreed to consider these two roads when updating the six year plan.

5. Review of possible straightening of curves on Route 693, Julia Simpkins Road, and cost of extending Route 781, Scott Road, to Route 693, up Mack's Mountain, rather than straightening Route 693

Mr. Brugh reported straightening of curves on Route 693 was the most economical option. He advised about \$300,000 would be saved if existing curves were straightened rather than a new location. The Board agreed to leave this on the supplemental listing.

6. Locust Street right-of-way

Mr. Morgan reported the right of way on Locust Street was not available by donation. The Board of Supervisors deferred this matter until executive session.

7. Route 629, Highland Road, restoration of Neck Creek Bridge to standard conditions or to seek an alternative placement of any new bridge construction

Mr. Brugh advised he was awaiting the review from the Historic Resources Commission. Staff advised Delegate Baker had asked Historic Resources for a favorable review to avoid negative impact on adjacent property.

8. Request for speed limit reduction for all roads in New River, including New River Road, Route 624, Manns Drive, Route 642, Church Street, Route 676, and Falling Branch Road, Route 798

Mr. Brugh reported speed limit reductions for all roads in the New River community was not feasible. He suggested posting curves. The Board agreed for VDOT to proceed in posting curve signs in the New River area.

9. Request for guardrail installation Church Street, Route 676

Mr. Brugh advised VDOT plans to extend the guardrails on Church Street an additional 30 to 40 feet.

10. Request for Advance Warning signs at Intersection of Route 11 (east bound) and Route 624, New River Road

Mr. Brugh advised these signs will be placed by VDOT shortly.

- b. Scheduling of Six Year Plan update hearing

Chairman White advised the six year plan hearing will be held at the September 25, 1995, regular meeting.

- c. Request for placement of Dallas Freeman Road, Route 778, on the rural addition listing

Staff reported there was some question regarding the correct ending of Route 778. VDOT was requested to confirm the correct ending of state maintenance for Route 778.

- d. Dublin Area railroad crossing closing

Mr. E. W. Harless and Mr. Harley Cox of Norfolk Southern Railroad addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding the closing of this crossing. Mr. Harless advised this crossing was the most dangerous in Pulaski County and there had been several incidents lately which had been near misses by the railroad. Further, the Board was advised that the railroad crossing would be closed on September 16, 1995. The Board expressed concerns regarding how residents would be able to get in and out without the crossing, length of time to provide new crossing, and would Norfolk Southern be willing to donate additional ten feet of property in order to provide the necessary forty foot right of way for a rural addition.

Mr. Harless reported the residents had agreed to accept a road parallel to railroad tracks. Mr. Cox indicated Norfolk Southern agreed to assist in the building of the alternative road.

On the motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, the Board of Supervisors requested Norfolk Southern Railroad donate the necessary land for a rural addition road in this area to serve the citizens, and requested staff add this to the rural addition listing for viewing in the fall.

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

Voting no: none.

The Board also invited Norfolk Southern to make a request at the six year plan hearing on September 25 to address crossing improvements on Route 617, Ruebush Road, and future closing of Route 633, Cemetery Road.

- e. Request for posting of speed limit of 25 miles per hour on Route 656, Channel Road

Mr. Brugh agreed to review this request once the present hardtopping of the road had been completed by VDOT.

- f. Request for renaming Route 656, Channel Road, to Old Hurst Road

A petition was presented from most of the residents of Route 656 requesting a name change.

On the motion of Mr. Sheffey, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved renaming Route 656 to Old Hurst Road.

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

Voting no: none.

- g. Request for reduction of speed limit on Brookmont Road from 55 mph to 35 mph

The Board requested staff get more information regarding the easement road section which this request concerns. Staff was also requested to ask individual making this request to obtain a petition from the majority of the residents along the road in support of the request.

- h. Town of Dublin Paving Request

The Board agreed to consider this request in September with the updating of the six year highway plan.

- i. Citizen Concerns Re: Tar and Gravel Placement on Route 649, Thaxton Road

This request was relayed to Mr. Brugh. The citizens are requesting asphalt rather than tar and gravel pavement. Mr. Brugh explained asphalt is four times more expensive.

- j. Request for speed limit reduction in advance of Hazel Hollow Road, Route 626, and Falling Branch Road, Route 798

This item is a duplicate of No. A.2 under highway matters.

- k. Request for Resurfacing of Route 663, Owens Road

This request was also referred to VDOT. The citizens also requested asphalt rather than tar and gravel. Mr. Brugh advised the cost of tar and gravel is one-fourth of the cost for asphalt.

- l. Request for Paving of Road between Lowes and UPS in Dublin

The Board added this request to the rural addition viewing listing.

- m. Other Matters - Volvo Expansion Road Improvements

Mr. Brugh reported a portion of the costs for road improvements on Route 681 could be funded through industrial access funds. The additional costs will need to be considered with the Six Year Plan. Mr. Brugh also reported he did not have an estimate of the costs on this project at this time; however, he would have these figures at the September road update hearing.

The Board expressed concerns about these costs possibly being funded with secondary improvement funds. Dr. Fariss requested staff provide him with a copy of the agreement with Volvo and the county regarding these improvements. Chairman White requested he be provided with a copy of the traffic counts on Route 681.

#### 4. Citizen Comments

Mr. E. W. Harless, Jr. addressed the Board of Supervisors again regarding the railroad crossing at Dublin. He invited the Board of Supervisors to look at this crossing. He also advised he would request Norfolk Southern Railway to donate the necessary land for a rural addition.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the monthly trial balance report and Certificates of Deposit, as reported by Treasurer Rose Marie Tickle. The Board accepted the reports as presented.

6. Presentation of War Memorial Commemorative Print & Preview of July 4 Ceremony Video

Mr. Bill Manning of Post 1184, VFW, appeared before the Board of Supervisors and presented to Chairman White a Commemorative Print of the war memorial. Mr. Manning expressed appreciation to the Board of Supervisors, County Administrator Joseph Morgan, and staff for efforts in the completion of the war memorial. Mr. Manning also advised the prints of the War Memorial would be sold by the VFW for \$5.00 each with the proceeds from the sale of the prints to be used for the maintenance costs of the memorial and for the purchase of flags.

At this time, Mr. Jess Shelton played a ten minute video for the Board of Supervisors of the July 4 War Memorial Dedication. Mr. Shelton introduced his assistant Sherry Aust and expressed appreciation to the Board for allowing him to video this event for the county.

7. Emergency Medical Services Study

Mr. Stan Crigger, Emergency Services Coordinator, reviewed with the Board of Supervisors the recent Emergency Medical Services Study completed by Fitch and Associates. Mr. Crigger reported meetings had been held with both rescue squads regarding the report and its recommendations. Mr. Crigger requested the Board proceed with the recommendations of the report.

The Board asked several questions regarding ownership, identity, and hospital participation. Dr. Fariss requested the hospitals be requested to provide funding for paid personnel up front.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Vaughan and carried, the Board of Supervisors accepted the Emergency Medical Services Study prepared by Fitch.

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

Voting no: none.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Sheffey and carried, the Board of Supervisors accepted the recommendations of the Emergency Medical Services Council Subcommittee on Rescue Planning dated August 16, 1995, and filed with the records of this meeting; authorized the nine member Transition Committee described in the report to seek funding from Pulaski Community Hospital and Radford Community Hospital in the startup and transition; and utilize the membership of the Transition Committee as the permanent board of the emergency medical services organization, if the transition is successful.

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

Voting no: none.

8. Reports from the County Administrator & Staff:

a. Appointments

The Board deferred action on this matter until executive session.

b. Courthouse Dedication

The Board reviewed the program for the courthouse dedication ceremony planned for September 2, 1995.

9. Items of Consent:

a. Minutes of July 24, 1995

The Board approved the minutes of July 24, 1995, as presented.

b. Accounts Payable

The Board approved accounts payable on checks numbered 7585 through 7851.

c. Transfers and Appropriations:

1. General Fund Transfers

The Board approved interoffice transfers as presented and filed with the records of this meeting and the Director of Management Services.

2. General & School Fund Appropriations

The Board approved the following General Fund appropriations:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND RESOLUTION #1

REVENUES

020 305102 Transfer from General Fund \$ (4,897.00)

TOTAL \$ (4,897.00)

EXPENDITURES

020 7110-7074-04 Recreation - Randolph Rec. Park  
Master Plan \$ 4,897.00  
001 9303-9111 Transfer to Capital Imp. Fund 4,897.00

TOTAL \$ 9,794.00

GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #2

EXPENDITURES (carryover appropriations from FY 95)

8305 507001 Extension Office - Machinery & Equipment:  
Computer - 486DX66 \$ 1,649.00  
Printer 454.00  
Computer Upgrade 150.00

TOTAL \$ 2,253.00

GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #3

EXPENDITURES

(Carry over appropriations from FY 95.)

3208-7001 Dublin Fire Department - Machinery & Equipment \$ 8,000.00  
3210-7001 Hiwassee Fire Department - Machinery & Equipment 1,937.00  
3211-7001 Newbern Fire Department - Machinery & Equipment 1,886.00  
3212-7001 Snowville Fire Department - Machinery & Equipment 1,056.00

3213-7001	Twin Community Fire Department - Machinery & Equip.	1,808.00
2102-5203	County Court - Telecommunications	2,428.00
2102-5401	County Court - Office Supplies	737.00
2102-5503-01	County Court - Travel	420.00
2102-7001	County Court - Machinery & Equipment	2,832.00
5360-5405	Youth Council - Laundry/Janitorial Supplies	400.00
5360-5501	Youth Council - Mileage	130.00
5360-5413	Youth Council - Other Operating Supplies	470.00
5361-5413	Bright Stars Grant - Other Operating Supplies	389.00
5361-6013	Bright Stars Grant - Educational Inst.	200.00

TOTAL \$ 22,693.00

GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #4

REVENUE

1615-01 Library Fines, Fees, Etc. \$ 275.85

TOTAL \$ 275.85

EXPENDITURES

7301-5411 Library - Books & Subscriptions \$ 275.85

TOTAL \$ 275.85

GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #5

EXPENDITURES

(Carry over from 94-95.)

7110-5804 Recreation - Other Misc. \$ 14,928.00

TOTAL \$ 14,928.00

GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #21 - (FY 94-95)

REVENUE

003 305102	Transfer from General Fund to VPA Fund	\$ 118,011.00
020 305102	Transfer from General Fund to Cap. Imp. Fund	439,047.00
008 305102	Transfer from General Fund to Comp. Serv. Fund	10,559.00

TOTAL \$(567,617.00)

EXPENDITURES

001 9303-9104	Transfer to VPA Fund	\$ 118,011.00
9303-9111	Transfer to Cap. Imp. Fund	439,047.00
9303-9113	Transfer to Comp. Serv. Fund	10,559.00

TOTAL \$ 567,617.00

d. Contracts and Change Orders

There were no contracts or changes orders presented to the Board.

e. Ratification:

1. Budget Amendment Request for Va. Delinquency Prevention & Youth Development Act Grant Programs

The Board of Supervisors ratified a budget amendment request with the Virginia Delinquency Prevention and Youth Development Act Grant Programs. A copy of the budget amendment shall be filed with the Office of County Administrator.

2. NRCC Parking Facilities Environmental Impact Report

On the motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Vaughan and carried, the Board of Supervisors ratified the NRCC Parking Facilities Environmental Impact Report. A copy of said report shall be filed with the Office of the County Administrator.

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

Voting no: none.

Abstaining: Mr. Sheffey.

3. Emergency Home Repair Program Grant Agreement

The Board of Supervisors ratified the Emergency Home Repair Program Grant Agreement. A copy of said agreement is filed with the records of this meeting.

4. NRV Airport Corporate Center Certificate of Substantial Completion - Contracts II & III

The Board of Supervisors ratified the certificate of substantial completion for the New River Valley Airport Corporate Center. A copy of said certificate is filed with the records of this meeting.

5. War Memorial Change Order #3 - \$6,524 Deduction

The Board of Supervisors approved change order number 3 on the War Memorial for a deduction in the contract in the amount of \$6,524.

6. New River Valley Airport Corporate Center Contract I - \$32,841

The Board ratified Change Order #2 for the New River Valley Airport Corporate Center Contract I in the amount of \$32,841 with Prillaman and Pace.

f. New River Valley Disability Services Board

The Board confirmed membership of James C. Wallis, Social Services Director, to the New River Valley Disability Services Board, as the county's representative to the New River Valley Disability Services Board.

g. Pepper's Ferry Authority User Agreement Amendments

The Board of Supervisors requested staff to place this matter on the September agenda and that recommendations on adoption of the amendments be requested from the county engineer, county attorney, and the PSA Board of Directors.

h. Personnel Changes

The Board reviewed recent personnel changes as presented by Management Services Director Nancy Burchett.

i. Economic Development Administration Grant Application

The Board of Supervisors adopted the following resolution to be submitted as part of a \$3.8 million Economic Development Administration grant application for the development of utilities and

a competitiveness center facilities at the New River Valley Industrial park:

WHEREAS, The County of Pulaski owns 650 acres at New River Valley Industrial Site; and

WHEREAS, construction at this site of the New River Valley Industrial Competitiveness Center will make it a vehicle for economic development and job creation in the region; and

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Development Corporation is eligible to seek assistance from the US Economic Development Administration for development of this site; and

WHEREAS, a site plan is being completed for construction of the New River Valley Industrial Competitiveness Center, designed to serve as home for regional agencies and as an incubator for businesses and industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Pulaski that it desires to be a co-applicant with the New River Valley Development Corporation in seeking funds from the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) in the amount of \$3,980,624, or 75% of the Phase I development costs which total \$5,307,499; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Pulaski shall commit \$326,875, or 25%, as a match for the EDA grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pending approval of the EDA grant, the County of Pulaski will give the New River Valley Development Corporation 9 acres in the New River Industrial Park on which to build the New River Valley Industrial Competitiveness Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the (Assistant Administrator of the County of Pulaski) be hereby authorized to execute and all pre-application and application documents on behalf of the County of Pulaski and to furnish such information as may be necessary in anticipation of executing a grant agreement.

ADOPTED this 28th day of August, 1995.

- j. Report on Clean-up, Pursuant to the Litter Control Ordinance, Ordinance Requiring Removal, Repair, etc., of Other Structures, and Virginia Building Maintenance Code, at the owners' expense, on the following properties - Pulaski County tax map parcel #71-1-164, owned by Kathleen Johnston, located on Route 640, Brookmont Road, in the Robinson District

The Board reviewed a updated report from the Director of Code Enforcement, Charles Goins, regarding the above matter. Staff reported no further action is needed by the Board at this time due to the good faith effort to improve the property.

- k. Pay Adjustments

The Board approved pay adjustments for several county employees effective September 1, 1995 totalling \$19,958, a detailed explanation of which is filed with the records of this meeting.

- l. Resolution Proclaiming September 11-16 Industry Appreciation Week

The Board approved the following resolution proclaiming September 11-16, 1995, as Industrial Appreciation Week:

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
SEPTEMBER 11-16  
AS  
INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors recognizes the significant economic impact existing industries have on the Pulaski County economy and that of the New River Valley Region; and

WHEREAS, existing industry expansions have historically created the majority of new jobs in the New River Valley Region; and

WHEREAS, the importance of local industry in bringing to our community jobs, wages, salaries, taxes, community support, improved quality of life, etc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors recognizes the many contributions local industries make to our locality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors joins other localities in Virginia's New River Valley in designating the week of September 11-16 as industry appreciation week.

WITNESS our hand and seal this 28 day of August, 1995.

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

Voting no: none.

10. Citizen Comments

No other citizen comments were heard.

11. Other Matters from Supervisors

Supervisor Sheffey advised he had an inquiry from a Fairlawn resident about hunting on the old AT&T property. County Administrator Joseph Morgan advised this property was leased and he believed the lease included hunting rights. However, Mr. Morgan reported he would check to make sure.

Staff was requested to present a war memorial print framed and war memorial video to each supervisor and courthouses committee member and distribute with a letter of appreciation.

12. Executive Session - 2.1-344(A)

It was moved by Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Sheffey and carried, that the Board of Supervisors enter executive session in accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss personnel, legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry.

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

Voting no: none.

It was moved by Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried,

that the Board of Supervisors return to regular session of the meeting.

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

Voting no: none.

#### Certification of Conformance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Vaughan carried, that the Board of Supervisors adopt the following resolution certifying conformance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, Virginia, has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, Virginia, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors.

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

Voting no: none.

#### RE: Appointments

It was moved by Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried, that the following appointments be made:

##### 1. Agency on Aging

Staff was requested to invite Elaine Powell to serve on the Agency on Aging Board of Directors.

##### 2. PEP Steering Committee

The Board appointed Barry Matherly and Eric Miller to the PEP Steering Committee.

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

Voting no: none.

#### RE: Delinquent Tax Collection

The Board endorsed collection efforts of delinquent tax collection attorney Sam Campbell to review unusual circumstances on a case by case basis.

#### RE: Legal Action

It was moved by Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried, that

the Board authorize the Industrial Development Authority to enter into a sales agreement and obtain a site on the south side of Claytor lake for public lake access.

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

Voting no: none.

13. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried, that the Board of Supervisors adjourn. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W. in the Town of Pulaski.

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

Voting no: none.

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Jerry D. White, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk