

At a joint meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Pulaski County School Board held on Monday, March 11, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 3rd Street, N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Jerry D. White, Vice-Chairman, Bruce L. Fariss; Charles E. Cook; and Frank R. Conner. School Board members present were: Lewis Pratt, Chairman; Beth Nelson, Vice-Chairman; Jeff Bain; Ronald Chaffin; and Ray Saltz.

Also attending were the following staff: Joseph N. Morgan, County Administrator; Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., County Attorney; Dr. William Asbury, School Superintendent; Walter Shannon, School Business Manager; Peter M. Huber, Assistant County Administrator; and Nancy M. Burchett, Director of Management Services.

1. Discussions with School Board RE: 1997 Budget

Chairman Sheffey called the meeting to order and requested the County Administrator to report on preliminary revenue estimates for FY 97.

Mr. Morgan reported an overall increase in local revenues for FY 97 is estimated to be 3.21%. He also advised the reassessment of property would begin this summer.

At this time Lewis Pratt, Chairman of the School Board addressed the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Pratt thanked the Board for allowing the School Board to meet with the Board of Supervisors and discuss the School Board's budget. Mr. Pratt then requested Dr. Asbury to address the Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Asbury presented to the Board of Supervisors school budget highlights pertaining to additional projected state revenues and major expenditure requirements for FY 97. Dr. Asbury noted a recent change in the composite index formula had resulted in a loss of state funds of approximately \$350,000 to \$360,000.

Other matters discussed with the School Board included student/teacher ratios; enrollment loss figures; capital school needs and public relations efforts needed for bond referendum approval by the citizens; and cost of textbooks.

The Board requested a copy of the "Facing Up" report and Supervisor Cook requested the Board be provided with a report on follow up regarding Pulaski County High School graduates.

The Board of Supervisors and the School Board also discussed the transfer of certain school property to the county. The School Board advised the following properties could be transferred to the county: former Gresham School in New River; site east of Mt. Pleasant Subdivision on Rt. 11, Lee Highway; and site adjacent to Bagging Plant Road, Rt. 1050, between PSA water tank and County Garage site. The School Board did request the Mt. Pleasant property not be transferred until long range school improvement plans have been finalized.

Dr. Fariss requested the County Attorney to review the deed on the property given to the School Board by the federal government to make sure said property could be transferred to the county.

2. Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant Application for Motion Control Water and Sewer Service Line Extension and for Water Improvements related to the Expansion of Volvo GM

Assistant County Administrator, Peter Huber, reported the county planned to submit a Community Development Block Grant application for two projects; one for water and sewer service line extensions to Motion

Control; and one for water extension related to the expansion of Volvo GM.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing on this matter at this time for public comments. No public comments were heard; therefore, the public hearing was closed.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors accepted staff recommendation to make application for Community Development Block grant funding for Motion Control water and sewer service line extension and for water improvements related to the expansion of Volvo GM.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White, Mr. Conner.
Voting no: none.

3. Other Matters

RE: Health Care Coverage

Staff discussed with the Board of Supervisors recent health care proposals received and if the Board wished staff to seek further health care proposals. The Board requested staff to prepare a summary of proposals received and a recommendation regarding health care coverage for FY 97 to be presented at the regular March, 1996 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The Board further instructed staff not to seek further health care coverage proposals at this time.

RE: Kennel Inspection Prior to Licensing

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that staff be authorized to suspend sale of kennel license until a recommendation of Animal Control Officer is received and to further deny any kennel licenses the Animal Control Officer does not recommend.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White, Mr. Conner.
Voting no: none.

4. Executive Session - 2.1-344(A)

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors entered executive session in accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended to discuss legal matters.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, and Mr. Conner.
Voting no: Mr. White.

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, that the Board of Supervisors return to regular session.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White, Mr. Conner.
Voting no: none.

Certification of Conformance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Conner and 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 session 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 requirement by Virginia law were discussed in 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. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White,
Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

5. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Board adjourned until March 12, 1996 at 4:00 p.m. at which time the Board will reconvene at the Rock Quarry site, Newbern, Virginia. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on March 25, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, Board Meeting Room, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White, Mr. Conner.
Voting no: none.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk