

At a joint meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Pulaski County School Board held on Monday, March 10, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, in the Town of Pulaski, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Jerry D. White, Vice-Chairman; Charles E. Cook, and Frank R. Conner. Absent: Dr. Bruce L. Fariss. School Board members present included Lewis Pratt, Chairman; Jeff Bain; Ray Saltz; and Beth Nelson. Absent: Ronald Chaffin. Also present included County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan; County Attorney, Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr.; School Superintendent, Dr. William Asbury; Assistant Superintendent, Phyllis Bishop; School Business Manager, Walter Shannon; and Management Services Director, Nancy M. Burchett.

1. Joint Meeting with School Board:

a. Presentation of FY 98 Revenue Projections

County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan, reviewed with the Board of Supervisors and the School Board FY 98 revenue projections. Estimated revenues for FY 98 projected an 11.60% increase above FY 97 projections. Staff also presented the Board of Supervisors and the School Board with pie and graph charts indicating the sources of revenue and percentage of the total revenues for each source.

b. Review of Current Debt Service Requirements

County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan, presented a report on the county's current debt status. Said report included the following information: total long term debt amount of \$10,299,875; debt per capita of \$137.12; pay off dates on debt year 2002, 2006 and 2014; current annual debt payments of \$1,991,555; cost to service \$1 million debt estimated to be approximately \$100,000 per year; and real estate tax levy for every \$1 million debt estimated to be approximately one cent or \$5 per year on a \$50,000 home.

c. Review of Health Insurance Procurement

Management Services Director, Nancy M. Burchett, reported she and Walt Shannon, Business Manager for the Pulaski County School Board, had recently completed an RFP for health care coverage for employees of the county and the School Board. Proposals for this service are due on March 24, 1997. Ms. Burchett also reported renewal rates had been received from the Local Choice Program and the county's renewal rates reflected an 8% decrease in the Key Advantage Plan with a 3% increase in the two HMO plans currently offered to employees. The School Board employees renewal rates reflected a 0% increase in the Key Advantage Plan and a 3% increase in the two HMO plans also.

The Board requested staff obtain the additional cost of early retirees remaining on the School Board health care insurance and inform the Board of Supervisors through a weekly update.

d. Overview of School Budget Process and Revenue Projections by School Board and Superintendent

School Board Chairman, Lewis Pratt, at this time, presented to the Board of Supervisors projected revenues from state, federal and local sources, and reviewed FY 98 expenditure needs. Chairman Pratt advised the students test scores were above the national average and the drop out rate was dropping in Pulaski County. He also advised the management of the School Board was well managed with the School Board playing an active role in the management. In addition, Chairman Pratt reported the School Board was continually looking for ways to improve and was open for any suggestions from the Board of Supervisors.

2. Other Matters:

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of

Supervisors appointed Mickey Hickman, Jerone Taylor, Hazel Taylor, Mark Buckland, and Tom Pullen to the Randolph Park Advisory Committee.

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

3. Joint Executive Session with School Board Re: Legal & Property Acquisition/Disposition:

RE: Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, to enter executive session in accordance with Section 2.1-344(A) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss legal and property acquisition/disposition.

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

RE: Return to Regular Session

It was moved Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Board return to regular session.

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

RE: Certification of Conformance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Cook 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 meeting of this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision 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 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 executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in this motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors.

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

RE: Legal & Property Acquisition/Disposition

The Board of Supervisors requested staff to seek presentations from financial advisor regarding options for Virginia Public School Authority, Literary Fund, lease purchasing and traditional general obligation bond financing alternatives.

The Board of Supervisors also requested the School Board provide a prioritization of building projects, worse case cost of demolition of any discontinued buildings, and recommendations on phasing in the final school building proposal.

4. Adjournment:

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned to reconvene on Tuesday, March 24, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W. in the Town of Pulaski.

Voting yes: Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. White, and Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

Absent: Dr. Fariss.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk