

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and Dublin and Pulaski Town Councils held on Tuesday, September 29, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Dublin Town Hall, in the Town of Dublin, Virginia, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Dr. Bruce L. Fariss; Charles E. Cook; and Frank R. Conner. Supervisor Jerry White was absent. Staff members present included County Attorney Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., and County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan.

Dublin Mayor Walter B. Keister called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Attending from the Dublin Town Council were: Walter B. Keister, Mayor; Samuel F. Gregory, Jr.; Benny P. Skeens; and Dr. David C. Stanley. Attending from the Pulaski Town Council were John A. Johnston, Mayor; Bettye H. Steger, Vice-Mayor; Gerald E. Bolen; W. Edgar Hale; Lane R. Penn; James M. Neblett; Charles W. Stewart, Jr.; and Joseph L. Weddle. In attendance from the press were Dee Ann Lindsey of the Southwest Times, and a reporter from the Roanoke Times.

1. Status Report on Animal Control

Captain Mike Alderman of the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department presented an update on the status of animal control. Animal control responsibilities were assumed by the Sheriff's Department in 1996, at which time, an additional animal control officer was funded by the county. In addition, the county provided a salary supplemental to Captain Alderman for supervision of the the animal control duties. Captain Alderman noted that the additional employment and supervision had resulted in an increased number of dogs and cats handled by the county animal shelter. He indicated that 61% of the animal control calls originate within the Town of Pulaski, 5% within the Town of Dublin, and the remainder in the unincorporated areas of the county. Captain Alderman noted a need for an expansion of the county animal shelter, or other animal shelter resources, since the number of animals handled usually exceeds the design capacity of the current animal shelter. Dr. Stanley noted that lack of funding from the county Humane Society had reduced the number of sponsored placements of animals with county citizens, rather than euthanasia of the animals. All animals placed are required to be spayed or neutered.

2. Regional Emergency Medical Services, Inc. Presentation

Mr. David Smith, Executive Director of the Regional Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (REMSI), reported on the status of emergency medical services provision. He noted that a substantial increase in advance life support for county citizens has been made through the provision of timely ambulance response, the presence of advanced life support trained personnel on ambulances responding, and the provision of defibrillators on all first response ambulances. He also noted that emergency medical response for heart related problems could be further improved by training in cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). He indicated that CPR training was most effective in areas with high-density population where training programs are introduced and sustained over a long period of years.

Mr. Smith also advised the elected officials of the need for planning to upgrade and/or replace rescue stations, particularly in the towns of Dublin and Pulaski.

At the request of Supervisor Conner, Mr. Smith commented on the need to monitor multiple ambulance response to minor incidents. Mr. Smith indicated that training at the dispatcher level regarding emergency medical service response might help avoid an over response of vehicles and personnel.

3. Other Matters

Councilman Skeens expressed concern regarding feedback to elected officials on the programs and accomplishments of the Pulaski/Dublin/Pulaski County (PDPC) Recreation Commission. It was recommended by Mayor Keister and accepted, by consensus of all attending, that one elected official and a staff member from each town and the county meet to study the recreation program and prepare a report to the councils and Board of Supervisors at the next joint meeting.

Mayor Johnston invited the next meeting to be held on Thursday, January 29, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at a location to be announced and hosted by the Town of Pulaski. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, October 27, 1997 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, Virginia.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman
Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk
Pulaski County Board of Supervisors