

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – May 3, 1999

At a regular reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, May 3, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pulaski County Administration Building, Board Room, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Dr. Bruce L. Fariss; Charles E. Cook; Jerry D. White; and Frank R. Conner. Staff members present included: County Administrator Joseph N. Morgan.

1. Agency/Department Presentations:

Chairman Sheffey called the meeting to order and welcomed those agencies making further presentations to explain their budget request.

a. School Board

School Superintendent David Cox presented a revised request of local funding for the schools for the upcoming fiscal year of \$582,621 additional dollars, which is \$321,372 more than in the proposed budget. Also present in support of the school for the request were School Board Members Jeff Bain, Beth Nelson, Rhea Saltz and Ron Chaffin. School Business Manager Walt Shannon and School Board Clerk Jean Cox also attended.

b. Library

Acting Library Director Rachel DeHaven requested \$28,494.30 in additional funding for interior painting of the main branch library and carpet replacement at that same branch.

c. Friends of Claytor Lake

Friends of Claytor Lake President Dean Jackson requested adequate funding to allow off-duty Sheriff's employees to supervise jail inmates on all practical days for the lake cleanup effort.

2. Additional Information

The county administrator presented additional information on the following:

a. Library Personnel Adjustment

An additional funding to the library of \$6,754 was recommended to allow the Dublin Branch Librarian to become a full-time position and for one additional library personnel to have increased compensation effective July 1 rather than February 5.

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b. Randolph Park Cost Estimate

The administrator presented a cost estimate totaling \$5,445,603, broken into four phases for trails and passive areas; roads, utilities, and basic gradings; playing fields; and swimming pool complex.

The Board requested the park design team make a presentation at the May 24 meeting to explain possible cost reduction. Supervisor Fariss requested the staff review the possibility of relocating a central library building at the park as a source of additional revenue for infrastructure costs. Supervisor Fariss also requested information on the cost of operating and providing security for the park.

c. Blacksburg Regional Chamber Invitation on Business Taxes

Staff was authorized to attend and observe a meeting sponsored by the Blacksburg Regional Chamber regarding replacement of the two primary taxes on business, the merchant's capital tax and the business occupations and professional licenses tax.

d. Unreduced Retirement At Age 50 With 30 Years Of Service

Additional information was presented on the costs of this benefit, which is projected at 4/10 of one percent of total payroll. Staff was requested to submit a listing of those current employees who could be eligible for this benefit in the next five years, if the benefit is adopted.

e. Chart N Pulaski County Expenditures 1999-2000

The county administrator presented a chart of overall expenditures in the proposed budget, copies of which are filed with the records of this meeting.

3. Approval of Budget Advertisement

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, that the following budget advertisement be approved for the proposed fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

**NOTICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 15.1, Section 162 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors has ordered the publication of the following budgetary synopsis for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000. It should be noted that the revenue and expenditure estimates contained herein are tentative and are calculated for financial planning purposes. Eventual adoption of the budget outlined below will not necessarily constitute an appropriation of the governing body.

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A public hearing will be held on the proposed budget at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 24, 1999, in the Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W. in the Town of Pulaski. Complete copies of the budget are available for public inspection at the Office of the County Administrator, 143 Third Street, N. W. in the Town of Pulaski. Telephone inquiries may be directed to (540) 980-7705.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made available by the county upon request. Please contact the county's ADA Compliance Officer at 540-980-7800 (TDD accessible) or 540-980-7705, seven days prior to the above hearing/meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.

REVENUE PROJECTIONS			
	Budget		Proposed
	FY 98-99		FY 99-00
GENERAL FUND:			
<u>Revenue from Local Sources</u>			
General Property Taxes:			
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 7,070,376		\$ 7,300,000
Public Service Corp. Property Taxes	\$ 600,000		\$ 550,000
Personal Property & Mobile Homes	\$ 3,100,000		\$ 3,000,000
Machinery & Tools	\$ 2,000,000		\$ 2,175,000
Merchant's Capital	\$ 250,000		\$ 275,000
Penalties/Interest/Redemptions	\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000
TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 13,270,376		\$ 13,550,000
<u>Other Local Taxes</u>			
Local Sales Tax	\$ 1,750,000		\$ 1,800,000
Consumer Utility Tax	\$ 830,000		\$ 950,000
Motor License Vehicle Tax	\$ 395,000		\$ 415,000
License & Bank Taxes	\$ 290,000		\$ 355,000
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 30,000		\$ 35,000
Revenue from Use of Money	\$ 150,000		\$ 150,000
Revenue from Use of Property	\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000
Charges for Services	\$ 135,000		\$ 135,000
Recovered Costs/Misc.	\$ 253,527		\$ 187,697
Meals Tax	\$ 500,000		\$ 550,000
TOTAL OTHER LOCAL SOURCES	\$ 4,373,527		\$ 4,617,697
<u>Revenue from Commonwealth</u>			
Non-Categorical Aid	\$ 353,000		\$ 355,000
Shared Expenses	\$ 3,047,752		\$ 2,311,257
Other Categorical Aid	\$ 274,354		\$ 247,989
TOTAL REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH	\$ 3,675,106		\$ 2,914,246
TOTAL REVENUE FROM FEDERAL GOV'T.	\$ 9,383		\$ 9,727

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<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	\$ 21,328,392	\$ 21,091,670
<b>REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES</b>		
SCHOOL FUND:		
Charges for Services & Other Local Revenues	\$ 1,269,000	\$ 1,873,000
Revenue from Commonwealth	\$ 17,551,058	\$ 19,252,028
Revenue from Federal Government	\$ 1,837,294	\$ 1,410,641
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL FUND REVENUE</b>	\$ 20,657,352	\$ 22,535,669
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES &amp; AT RISK YOUTH FUNDS</b>	\$ 3,579,620	\$ 3,498,645
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND REVENUE</b>	\$ 33,230	\$ 33,230
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE FUND CHARGES</b>	\$ 894,072	\$ 925,753
<b>TOTAL REVENUE ALL FUNDS(excluding transfers)</b>	\$ 46,492,666	\$ 48,084,967

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY		
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		
Legislative	\$ 88,841	\$ 85,722
General and Financial Administration	\$ 1,280,167	\$ 1,337,464
Judicial Administration	\$ 426,878	\$ 431,713
Law Enforcement & Public Safety	\$ 3,314,092	\$ 2,703,640
Fire & Rescue	\$ 366,475	\$ 363,537
Corrections & Detention	\$ 597,560	\$ 454,673
Inspection & Other Public Safety	\$ 326,390	\$ 339,823
Public Works and General Properties	\$ 794,511	\$ 812,314
Health and Human Services	\$ 468,096	\$ 476,058
Higher Education	\$ 15,886	\$ 14,651
Parks, Recreation and Cultural	\$ 612,689	\$ 690,266
Community Development	\$ 228,466	\$ 250,551
Transfer to School Fund	\$ 8,708,290	\$ 8,969,539
Transfer to Social Services and At Risk Youth	\$ 833,966	\$ 850,906
Transfer to Capital Outlay Fund	\$ 3,202,580	\$ 2,853,276
Transfer to Internal Service Fund	\$ -	\$ 50,000
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	\$ 21,264,887	\$ 20,684,133
<b>SCHOOL FUND</b>	\$ 20,657,352	\$ 22,535,669
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES &amp; AT RISK YOUTH FUNDS</b>	\$ 3,579,620	\$ 3,498,645
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	\$ 894,072	\$ 925,753
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND</b>	\$ 33,230	\$ 33,230
<b>Total Expenditures All Funds(excluding transfers)</b>	\$ 46,429,161	\$ 47,677,430

Property tax rates are proposed for FY 1998-99 as follows:

- Tangible Personal Property - \$1.50 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation
- Machinery and Tool - \$1.50 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation

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Merchant's Capital	- \$4.80 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation			
Real Estate & Mobile Homes	- \$0.62 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation			
<b>NO TAX RATE INCREASES ARE PROPOSED</b>				

Voting yes: Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Cook, Mr. Conner, Mr. White, Dr. Fariss

Voting no: none.

4. Other Matters

a. Harry DeHaven Park Ribbon Cutting

The Board set Monday, May 10, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. at the park for a ribbon cutting, which will follow an inspection by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for reimbursement of \$75,000 to the county for dock and piers installed at the park.

b. Proclamation for National Historic Preservation Week

It was moved by Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. White and carried, that the following proclamation be adopted:

**PROCLAMATION FOR  
NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK**

**Whereas**, the richness of Virginia's history is unparalleled across this vast nation; and

**Whereas**, historic buildings and places connect us with that history, providing unique character to Virginia's communities that enhances quality of life, economic development, education, and tourism; and

**Whereas**, historic preservation, because it helps instill a sense of community, is relevant for Pulaski County citizens of all ages, all walks of life, and all ethnic backgrounds; and

**Whereas**, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals who preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that shape us as Pulaski County residents and Virginians; and

**Whereas**, "Protecting the Irreplaceable" is the theme for National Historic Preservation Week 1999, cosponsored by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the National Trust for Historic Preservation;

**Now, therefore be it resolved**, that the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, Virginia do hereby proclaim May 9-15 as Preservation Week, and call upon the people of Pulaski to join their fellow citizens across the Commonwealth in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

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

5. Executive Session – 2.1-344(A)

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters.

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

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

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

Certification of Conformance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act

It was moved by Mr. Cook, 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 meeting of this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

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

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6. Adjournment

It was moved by Dr. Fariss, seconded by White and carried, that the meeting be adjourned. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, May 24, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W. in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.

Voting yes: Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Cook, Mr. Conner, Mr. White, Dr. Fariss

Voting no: none.

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Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

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Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk