

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2000

At an organizational meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, January 13, 2000 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 present included: Joseph L. Sheffey; Dr. Bruce L. Fariss; Charles E. Cook; W. Edgar Hale; and Frank R. Conner. Staff members present included: County Administrator, Joseph N. Morgan; County Attorney, Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr.; and Nancy M. Burchett, Management Services Director.

### 1. Invocation

The invocation was given by County Administrator, Joseph Morgan.

### 2. Organizational Items

County Administrator, Joseph Morgan, conducted the meeting prior to the election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman by the Board of Supervisors.

#### a. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Designation of Term of Office

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors elected Joseph L. Sheffey as Chairman for a four year term ending December 31, 2003.

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

At this time Chairman Sheffey assumed the chairmanship and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board of Supervisors elected Dr. Bruce L. Fariss as Vice Chairman for a four year term ending December 31, 2003.

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

#### b. Designation of Seating Arrangement in Board Room

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the designation of seating in the Board Room to remain the same as previous years, left to right facing dais: Ingles, Draper, Cloyd, Robinson, and Massie Districts.

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

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c. Establishment of Regular Meeting Date, Place and Time

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved continuing to meet on the fourth Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, Board Room, with the exception of the December 2000 meeting which was set for December 18, 2000.

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

d. Establishment of Alternate Date Due to Continuation for Hazardous Weather or Other Conditions

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the alternate date for meetings due to hazardous weather or other conditions to be the Monday following the regular meeting date at the same time and location.

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

e. Review of By-Laws

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the By-Laws of the Board of Supervisors as presented by staff with the word changing under Section 3 from "Executive Session" to "Closed Session". A copy of the By-Laws shall be filed with the Office of the County Administrator.

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

f. Acknowledgment of Receipt of Freedom of Information Act and Conflict of Interest Act

The Board of Supervisors noted receipt from staff of the current Freedom of Information Act and Conflict of Interest Act.

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3. Appointments:

a. Tie-Breaker

The Board did not act on the appointment of a tie-breaker member, therefore, no tie-breaker will be used and any tied vote will result in a failed motion.

b. Board Assignments

The Board deferred the Board assignments and appointments until the closed session portion of the meeting.

c. Staff Assignments

◆ Director of Emergency Services & Declaration of Emergency

County Administrator, Joseph Morgan, advised he had this evening, January 13, 2000, as the Director of Emergency Services for the county, declared a emergency due to a fire burning out of control in the Little Creek area of the county. He advised that state law requires the Board to act on his declaration of emergency officially within a five (5) day period. He also noted that the fire had now been contained.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried the Board of Supervisors declared an emergency due to several hundred acres in the county burning out of control in the Little Creek area of the county, and further, the Board appointed the County Administrator, Joseph Morgan, to serve as the Director of Emergency Services for Pulaski County with the Assistant County Administrator, Peter Huber, to serve as the Deputy Emergency Services Director.

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

d. Other Citizen Appointments Now Due

The Board deferred other citizen appointments until the closed meeting portion of the meeting.

e. Other Citizen Appointments Due in 2000

The Board reviewed other appointments due in 2000 and deferred action until the January 24, 2000 regular meeting.

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4. Facility Tour & Goal Setting

The Board of Supervisors set the goal setting session for Monday, February 7, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at New River Community College, Edwards Hall Board Room with the following staff to attend: Joseph Morgan, County Administrator; Peter Huber, Assistant County Administrator; Ronnie Coake, County Engineer; Nancy Burchett, Management Services Director; and Doug Mayberry, Fleet Maintenance & Operations Director.

The Board further directed staff to place on the agenda for the February 7, 2000 meeting the facility tour scheduling.

5. Resolution of Appreciation for Service of Supervisor Jerry D. White

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the following resolution of appreciation for retiring Supervisor Jerry D. White:

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION  
JERRY D. WHITE**

WHEREAS, Jerry D. White has served the citizens of Pulaski County as a member of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors from January 1, 1988 to December 31, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Jerry D. White served as Chairman of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors from January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Jerry D. White served as Vice-Chairman of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors from January 1, 1988 to December 31, 1991, as well as from January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Jerry D. White was three times elected by the voters of the Robinson Election District as their representative on the county's governing body; and

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, Jerry D. White has made an exceptional leadership contribution within the county, including:

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- Fostering economic development by acquiring and expanding three county industrial parks, extending strong support to existing business and industry, and as Vice-Chairman and Steering Committee member of Pulaski Encouraging Progress (PEP);
- Assuring the county's financial status returned to a stable basis by insisting that recurring revenues and expenditures be balanced during budgeting;
- Supporting the restoration of the Historic Old Courthouse following the tragic fire of 1989, as well as renovation, expansion and modernization of the court facilities;
- Encouraging sound planning through adoption of updates to the county Comprehensive Plan, adoption of county-wide zoning, and creation of a long term plan for school building improvement; and
- Insuring the interests of the Robinson District residents were well served with new road construction and water line extensions.

WHEREAS, Jerry D. White has provided regional leadership throughout the New River Valley, by:

- Serving as Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the New River Resource Authority during a period that saw the handling of a landfill shortage crisis turn into establishment of a long term, affordable regional solid waste disposal system, including the siting of a state of the art landfill that will serve the county for the next century; and
- Supporting the formation of the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority, that joined fifteen local governments to approach together those projects the member governments could not individually accomplish for the overall benefit of the economy of western Virginia.

WHEREAS, Jerry D. White has given countless hours in unselfish, caring service to the citizens of Pulaski County; and

WHEREAS, Jerry D. White has served with the best interest of the whole county at heart, projecting a competent and confident attitude that worked to achieve excellence; and

WHEREAS, the leadership provided by Jerry D. White has benefited not only present and past citizens of Pulaski County, but will enhance the quality of life of its future citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors does hereby commend and express its appreciation for the service of Jerry D. White to the county and its citizens; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors does extend to Jerry D. White its best wishes for health and happiness in the future years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the text of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Supervisors in permanent testimony of its appreciation to the service provided by Jerry D. White.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Hale and Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

6. Memorial Resolution V. E. "Jack" Vaughn

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted the following Memorial Resolution honoring V. E. "Jack Vaughn, former member of the Board of Supervisors:

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
V. E. "JACK" VAUGHN**

WHEREAS, V.E. "Jack" Vaughn served as a member of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors from January 1, 1984 until December 31, 1995; and

WHEREAS, V.E. "Jack" Vaughn was twice elected by the voters of the Draper Election District;

WHEREAS, V.E. "Jack" Vaughn provided deliberate, conservative leadership to the citizens of the Draper Election District, which he represented, and to the county as a whole, which he cherished; and

WHEREAS, V.E. "Jack" Vaughn was a strong supporter of the county's agriculture, with emphasis on its showplace, the New River Valley Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, V.E. "Jack" Vaughn was generous with his time and resources in furthering the progress of Pulaski County; and

WHEREAS, the contribution of V.E. "Jack" Vaughn to Pulaski County benefited not only past and current citizens of the county, but will assist our citizens of the future;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does extend to the family of V.E. "Jack" Vaughn its sympathy and condolences in his passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the text of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors in permanent testimony of its appreciation to the services provided by V.E. "Jack" Vaughn to the citizens of Pulaski County.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Hale and Mr. Conner.

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Voting no: none.

7. Other Matters

◆ Workforce Investment Act – Grant Recipient  
Authorization and Fiscal Agent

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, the Board of Supervisors authorized Pulaski County to serve as grant recipient for the Workforce Investment Act and fiscal agent with the fiscal agent possibly being delegated at a future date to another locality or agency.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Hale and Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

◆ Resolutions of Appreciation for former Pulaski County High School football players  
Shayne Graham and Caleb Hurd and the Virginia Tech Football Team

Chairman Sheffey suggested the Board consider passing resolutions of appreciation to former Pulaski County High School football players Shayne Graham and Caleb Hurd, as well as the Virginia Tech football team in recognition of their recent participation in the national college football championship game in New Orleans. He also requested staff to arrange for Mr. Graham, Mr. Hurd, Coach Beamer of Virginia Tech, Coach Hicks and Ken Dobson of Pulaski County High School to come to the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors in January for a formal presentation of the resolutions.

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Hale, that resolutions be adopted recognizing Shayne Graham, Caleb Hurd and the Virginia Tech football team.

Dr. Fariss made a substitute motion for the adoption of three (3) separate resolutions honoring Shayne Graham, Caleb Hurd and the Virginia Tech football program. The motion was seconded by Frank Conner and the following vote was recorded:

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Hale and Mr. Conner

Voting no: none.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board adopted the following resolution of appreciation for Shayne Graham:

**RESOLUTION  
IN RECOGNITION OF  
SHAYNE GRAHAM**

**WHEREAS**, Shayne Graham was a 1996 graduate of Pulaski County High School where he was a member of the Cougar Football Team; and

**WHEREAS**, Shayne Graham honored the Pulaski County Cougar football team by his many achievements which included being named All American in the USA Today Newspaper and the Parade magazine; and

**WHEREAS**, Shayne Graham established nine (9) school records for the Pulaski County Cougar Football team which lead to one State Championship and one Runner-up State Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, Shayne Graham continued his football career at Virginia Tech where he has become the all-time leading scorer in the BIG EAST Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, Shayne Graham lead the HOKIES to the SUGAR BOWL in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 4, 2000 to play Florida State University for the National Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, Shayne Graham has represented Pulaski County, Virginia Tech and the State of Virginia with commendable integrity and sportsmanship.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors recognizes the contributions of Shayne Graham and wishes him the best in continuing his career.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the text of this resolution be spread in the minutes of the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County in permanent testimony of its appreciation to the outstanding accomplishments of Shayne Graham.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000.

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

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On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted the following resolution honoring Caleb Hurd:

**RESOLUTION  
IN RECOGNITION OF  
CALEB HURD**

**WHEREAS**, Caleb Hurd was a 1996 graduate of Pulaski County High School where he was a member of the Cougar Football Team; and

**WHEREAS**, Caleb Hurd honored the Pulaski County Cougar football team by his many achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, Caleb Hurd assisted the Pulaski County Cougar Football team in winning one State Championship and one Runner-up State Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, Caleb Hurd continued his football career at Virginia Tech, which has gained National recognition as a top ranked football team; and

**WHEREAS**, Caleb Hurd contributed to leading the HOKIES to the SUGAR BOWL in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 4, 2000 to play Florida State University for the National Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, Caleb Hurd has represented Pulaski County, Virginia Tech and the State of Virginia with commendable integrity and sportsmanship.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors recognizes the contributions of Caleb Hurd and wishes him the best in continuing his career.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the text of this resolution be spread in the minutes of the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County in permanent testimony of its appreciation to the outstanding accomplishments of Caleb Hurd.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Hale and Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

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On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried the Board of Supervisors adopted the following resolution of appreciation for the Virginia Tech football program:

**RESOLUTION  
IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
VIRGINIA TECH FOOTBALL PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, The Virginia tech football program has received National recognition as a top ranked football team; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Tech football team has an 11-0-0 win record for the 1999 regular football season; and

**WHEREAS**, the bowl championship series selected Virginia Tech to play against Florida State in the SUGAR BOWL game in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 4, 2000 for the NCAA National Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Tech Football team represented the state of Virginia with commendable integrity and sportsmanship.

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors recognize the effort and success of the Virginia Tech Athletic Football program and extend best wishes for the year 2000 football season.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the text of this resolution be spread in the minutes of the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County in permanent testimony of its appreciation to the outstanding accomplishments of the Virginia Tech Football Program.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000.

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

Voting no: Dr. Fariss.

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Supervisor Fariss requested staff to review periodically and evaluate the economics of transferring Cloyd's Mountain landfill buried garbage to the new NRRRA landfill.

Supervisor Fariss also requested staff and the Board review as a part of the FY 01 budget deliberations the payment of a portion of sick leave accumulations to staff at retirement.

Chairman Sheffey then welcomed the new Robinson District Supervisor, Eddie Hale, to the meeting.

8. Closed Meeting – 2.1-344.A.1.3.5.7

It was moved by Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, that the Board of Supervisors enter closed session for discussion of the following:

Personnel - Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.1-344(A)1 discussion for consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of public officers, appointees or employees, regarding:

\*Board Assignments:

1. New River Valley Planning District Commission;
2. Board of Social Services;
3. Planning Commission;
4. PEP Steering Committee;
5. VACO Legislative Contact; and
6. Workforce Investment Board

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\*Other Citizen Appointments Now Due:

1. Clean Community Council;
2. New River Valley Development Corporation; and
3. Library Board

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

Voting no: none.

Return to Regular Session

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors returned to regular session.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Hale and Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

Certification of Conformance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Fariss 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 a closed 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 closed 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 closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in this motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Hale and Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions regarding the following:

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\*Board Assignments:

1. New River Valley Planning District Commission

The Board approved Chairman Sheffey continuing to represent the county on the New River Valley Planning District Commission with his term being the same as the term of office for the Board of Supervisors.

2. Board of Social Services

The Board appointed Chairman Sheffey to continue to serve as the Board of Supervisors' representative on the Board of Social Services until June 30, 2002.

3. Planning Commission

The Board appointed Supervisor Fariss to continue to serve on the Planning Commission with the term being concurrent with the board members term of office.

4. VACO Legislative Contact

The Board appointed Supervisor Hale to serve as the Virginia Association of Counties legislative contact for the Board of Supervisors.

5. Workforce Investment Board

The Board appointed Supervisor Cook to serve on the Workforce Investment Board with Tom Owens to serve as alternate.

\*Other Citizen Appointments:

Staff was requested to contact Dianne Marshall to determine if she would be willing to serve on the Pulaski County Library Board of Trustees.

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9. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Cook to adjourn to reconvene on Monday, January 24, 2000 at 7 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Board Room, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.

Voting yes: Dr. Fariss, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Hale and Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

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Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

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Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk