

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2000

At a regular meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, February 28, 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, Chairman; Dr. Bruce L. Fariss, Vice-Chairman; 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.; Assistant County Administrator, Peter Huber; Executive Secretary, Gena T. Hanks; and Management Services Director, Nancy M. Burchett.

1. Invocation

The invocation was given by Reverend David Hoover.

2. Additions to Agenda

The Board reviewed additions to the agenda and accepted them as presented.

2a. Special Recognition to Gena T. Hanks

Chairman Sheffey presented to Gena T. Hanks a plaque which had been awarded to Pulaski County by the Virginia Institute of Government for the county's exceptional participation in the Institute's technical assistance program. Mr. Sheffey expressed appreciation to Ms. Hanks for her diligence in sending information to the Virginia Institute of Government. Mr. Sheffey further pointed out that Pulaski County was one of the top five localities in submitting responses to the Virginia Institute of Government.

3. Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant

Assistant County Administrator, Peter Huber, advised the purpose of this public hearing was to receive public input on the future use of Community Development Block grant funds. He advised that two (2) public hearings are required, the first for citizen input, and the second for a specific project. He further reported that up to \$700,000 could be applied for with no local funds required.

Chairman Sheffey opened the public hearing on this matter.

No public comments were heard; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Board took no action on the above matter at this meeting.

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4. Highway Matters:

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Resident Engineer, Dan Brugh, met with the Board and discussed the following items:

a. Follow-up from Previous Board meeting

1. Signal Coordination Intersections of Rt. 11, Lee Highway, Rt. 600, Belspring Road, and Rt. 114, Peppers Ferry Boulevard

Mr. Brugh reported VDOT had received special equipment for the signal coordination at the above location and expected installation to occur within the next two or three weeks. He advised this equipment should help to solve the problem.

Chairman Sheffey requested that a flashing sign under the signal be installed alerting the traffic that a left-hand turn is not allowed.

2. Rt. 674 & 640 Brookmont Road, Speed Posting

Mr. Brugh advised VDOT officials had met with Sheriff Davis and the speed posting requested is only for Rt. 640. He further reported that this matter had been sent to the Salem District VDOT headquarters for review.

3. Fairlawn Pavement Maintenance

Mr. Brugh reported that pavement maintenance is on-going by VDOT crews.

b. Revenue Sharing Program

Mr. Brugh explained the Revenue Sharing Program to the Board of Supervisors. He advised a locality could receive additional funds for road improvements up to \$500,000 with a local match of 100%. He reported that other localities had used revenue sharing funds for paving roads.

The Board took no action at this time regarding the revenue sharing program.

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c. Big Valley Drive Speed Limit Posting Request

Mr. Brugh advised that VDOT had reviewed Big Valley Drive for speed limit posting and that it does not qualify for 25 mph, but will probably qualify for a 35 mph posting.

On the motion of Charles Cook, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board of Supervisors requested VDOT officials to perform a formal speed study on Big Valley Drive.

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

d. 2000 Spring Pre-allocation Hearing

Mr. Brugh advised that the pre-allocation hearing date had been changed from March 22, 2000 to sometime in the first two weeks of April 2000. He reported he would advise the Board of Supervisors of the exact date once it had been determined.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the draft comments for needed road projects and improvements in the New River Valley. Several Board members opposed the request for an additional bridge at Radford crossing the New River to the old AT&T property.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried the Board of Supervisors requested staff to endorse the "Draft Comments for the Commonwealth Transportation Board Pre-Allocation Hearing" with the exception of the endorsement of the additional bridge request from Radford to the old AT&T property.

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

e. Welcome Sign on VDOT I-81 Right of Way Denied

The Board reviewed a letter from Senator Madison Mayre advising that the state legislature had refused to allow the welcome sign on VDOT right of way. Staff advised that other possible sites for the county welcome sign would continue to be reviewed.

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f. Proposal for A Trail and Bikeway Joining the City of Radford with Pulaski County

The Board reviewed a proposal for a trail and bikeway joining with the City of Radford. The following citizens commented regarding this matter:

Mr. Fess Green encouraged the Board to connect to a biking trail from Heron's Landing at the New River Industrial Park side of the New River to the Radford City side of the New River.

Ms. Laurie Buehwald also requested the Board consider looking at the possibilities of a biking trail connection with the City of Radford.

The Board requested staff to conduct a feasibility study of this matter, including connecting to the Radford trails, with the County Attorney directed to conduct a liability study. A report by staff was requested within the next 120 days.

g. Rural Addition Status Report

Staff was requested to place this matter on the April agenda for an update by staff.

h. Maintaining Access to Madison Avenue, Rt. 715

Mr. Brugh advised that he would brief the Board of Supervisors on alternative routes to maintain access to Madison Avenue at either the March or April Board meeting.

i. Board of Supervisors Concerns

Supervisor Conner advised of broken pavement on Back Creek/Black Hollow Roads and patching needs, as well as, a pothole in front of Newbern School.

Supervisor Cook inquired regarding a news release from VDOT pertaining to the award of construction contracts and noted errors in the state road numbers.

Supervisor Sheffey requested guardrails on the west side of Rt. 600 near Rt. 600 and Gate 10 Road intersection.

Mr. Brugh advised that Rt. 100 over Cloyd's Mountain would be closed one weekend in March due to roadwork near Rt. 601.

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j. Citizen Concerns

Mr. Fess Green advised that about one mile of the biking trail was being planned at Herons Landing. He suggested this trail be connected to the Radford City bike trail.

Mr. Don Rainey also suggested a bike trail crossing the New River and suggested a public hearing during the 120 day study period.

Mr. Rainey suggested gutter clearing on Rt. 114. Mr. Brugh advised that VDOT crews would be renting a machine this year to clear the gutters.

Mr. Rainey further advised of excessive no parking signs where gutters exist on Rt. 114; suggested painting the curbs in this area; advised of standing water on Rt. 600 in the ditch line near the first state road on the right toward Belspring; and reported the lack of a culvert at that road entrance off Rt. 600.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rose Marie Tickle presented the monthly trial balance report, the report of certificates of deposits and the sales tax distribution monthly report. The Board accepted the reports as presented.

6. Citizens' Comments

Ms. Geralyn Yost presented a petition to the Board of Supervisors requesting additional information regarding the Commerce Park, and requested that additional question and answers sessions be held on this matter for the residents to become better informed regarding the Commerce Park. Ms. Yost also requested that the Industrial Development Authority withdraw its current application for the Commerce Park rezoning.

Chairman Sheffey advised that a public meeting regarding this matter had been scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2000 at the Competitiveness Center at 7:00.

Supervisor Cook suggested that the Commerce Park Participation Agreement be shared with interested citizens.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board of Supervisors requested staff to request the Industrial Development Authority to withdrawn the Commerce Park rezoning matter scheduled for the March 14, 2000

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Planning Commission agenda. The Board further directed staff to make available to citizens information regarding this matter at the March 14, 2000 Planning Commission meeting.

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

Voting no none.

Mr. Rainey advised that the Commerce Park area plan appears to be in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan. He suggested the Planning Commission review this.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors requested that the Planning Commission review the Comprehensive Plan as it relates to the Commerce Park area.

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

Voting no: none.

Mr. Pierre Laflamme addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding the participation committee meeting and the Virginia's First Authority schedule.

Mr. Frank Cobb presented information and a video regarding item 8k on the agenda. Mr. Cobb expressed his concerns regarding his property being singled out by county staff for property and building violations. He also advised of income loss due to property not be rented.

County Administrator, Joseph Morgan, reported the violations on Mr. Cobb's property had been documented by county staff. He further advised that other violations noted by Mr. Cobb will be reviewed by staff. Regarding Mr. Cobb's concern over last rent, he was advised he must present the details of any claim before it could be considered.

The Board requested Mr. Cobb to make a copy of the video for county records.

Mr. Don Rainey expressed concerns regarding rezoning requests not being consistent with the county comprehensive plan. He suggested that rezoning requests, not consistent with the comprehensive plan, be heard along with a comprehensive plan amendment at the same time a public hearing is held on the rezoning issue. He reported this would result in a more current comprehensive plan document.

Mr. Rainey also suggested that changes to the land use proposed by the Board of Supervisors, such as a major public facilities, include a public hearing

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prior to the Board taking action on such matters. He emphasized the need for the Board of Supervisors to take an extra step for public input on such projects.

7. Reports from the County Administrator & Staff:

a. Key Activity Timetable

The Board reviewed the Key Activity Timetable listing as prepared by staff.

b. County Administration Building Design Alternatives

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved preliminary sketches prepared by Architect Tom Douthat for the accessibility improvements planned for the front entrances to the Pulaski County Courthouse and the County Administration Building with the deletion of the right sidewalk to the entrance of the County Administration Building.

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

c. A rezoning request by **Henry J. Brabham** from Commercial (CM1) to Conditional Industrial (I1) for 27,424 sq. ft. of a 12.0703 acres parcel owned by **Brabham Enterprises** identified as tax map no. 057-001-0000-012A, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of State Park Rd. (Rt. 660) and Interstate 81 southbound lane, Ingles District.

Peter Huber, Assistant County Administrator, advised that the screening issue regarding the above matter can be done either as a conditional zoning proffer or as a site planning requirement.

Mr. Henry J. Brabham requested the Board approve the above rezoning request. He advised of the need for the county to have additional commercial zones. He suggested a light and heavy commercial zone. He further advised he did not want to screen the truck stop from I-81. In addition, he reported of not enough room for a fence or screening anyway.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale, to accept the Planning Commission recommendation for approval of the above rezoning request.

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Supervisor Cook made a substitute motion that the above matter be referred back to the Planning Commission for rehearing of the site plan to consider screening as a part of the fencing considerations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fariss and the following vote was recorded:

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

Voting no: Mr. Hale and Mr. Conner.

d. Appeal of William Clowdis Medical Clinic Site Plan

Assistant County Administrator, Peter Huber advised that an appeal of the William Clowdis Medical Clinic Site Plan had been filed by Darrell & Rebecca Bird, adjacent property owners.

At this time, Mrs. Rebecca Bird addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding this matter. Ms. Bird requested the buffer area be increased from forty-one feet to fifty feet in width and that the existing large trees in the buffer area be maintained until the new plantings mature. She advised that she understood previously that the buffer zone would be fifty feet and not forty-one feet. In addition, she understood that the large trees would be left undistributed in the buffer area, however, the site plan now indicates a large parking area for this part of the buffer area. She requested the Board to reinstate the fifty feet buffer zone and leave the trees undisturbed.

Dr. William Clowdis advised he had never offered a fifty foot buffer area. He reported his intention was to respect the buffer area already there which is forty-one feet. He further reported of plans to plant two (2) staggered rows of pine trees, six foot high, which should provide total screening from the Bird's property in a few years.

Supervisor Conner reported he also understood that the buffer zone would be left at fifty feet, as well as the woodlands and vegetation would be left.

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board of Supervisors denied the appeal of Darrell and Rebecca Bird regarding this matter.

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

Voting no: Mr. Conner.

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e. Local Revenue Estimates FY 01

The Board reviewed local revenue estimates for FY 01 as prepared by staff. Said estimates noted a 4.74% increase in revenues for FY 01 or a total of \$877,833 in additional local revenues.

The Board requested staff to review the costs, advantages and disadvantages of an annual property assessment and report on other localities similar to Pulaski that are assessing property annually.

The Board also requested staff to prepare a comparison of a Business Professional Occupational tax to the present Merchant's Capital tax.

f. Appointments:

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

g. Board Facilities Tour

The Board reviewed and accepted the schedule for the County Facilities Tour, as prepared by staff, and set for February 29, 2000 11:00 a.m.

8. Items of Consent:

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the following items of consent, unless otherwise noted:

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

a. Minutes of January 13 & 24 and February 7, 2000

The Board approved the minutes of January 13, 24 and February 7, 2000 with one correction to the voting record on the resolution commending Shane Graham, Caleb Hurd and the Virginia Tech football team at the January 13, 2000 meeting.

b. Accounts Payable

The Board approved the accounts payable listing as presented on check numbers 26718 through 27074.

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c. Appropriations and Transfers:

1. Interoffice Transfer #8 - \$44,189.34

The Board approved interoffice transfers #8 in the amount of \$44,189.34 as prepared by Management Services Director, Nancy Burchett.

2. General Fund Appropriations #13 - \$6,600.00;
#14 - \$5,302.97; #15 - \$2,000; #16 - \$300.00;
#17 - \$35,407.00

#13 – Revenues:

161505 Library Donations	\$ 4,500.00
161511 Carilion Grant Library	<u>2,100.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,600.00

Expenditures:

7301-5419 Library Moms, Pops & Tots Program	\$ 500.00
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7301-7178 Carilion Grant Library Equipment	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,600.00

#14 – Revenues:

161507 Library RIF	\$ 1,760.00
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Expenditures:

7301-5604 RIF Program Prior Balance	\$ 3,542.97
7301-5604 RIF Current Year	<u>1,760.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,302.97

#15 – Expenditures:

7301-5411 Carry Over Balance Books	\$ 2,000.00
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#16 – Revenues:

161505 – Library Donations	\$ 300.00
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Expenditures:

7301-5419 Library Mom, Pops, Tots Program	\$ 300.00
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#17 – Revenues:

189960 Office on Youth Donations	\$ 725.00
240430 Victims Assistance Grant	21,011.00
240448 Bryne Grant	<u>12,171.00</u>
Total	\$ 33,907.00

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Expenditures:	
3307-300908 Bryne Grant NRVPC	\$ 12,171.00
5322-5412 Office on Youth Educational Supp.	500.00
5322-6013 Office on Youth Instructional Supp.	225.00
5338-5606 Victims Assistance Grant	21,011.00
9104-5804 Erroneous Assessments Refunds	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 35,407.00

3. Capital Improvement Fund Appropriations #7 - \$27,488.00; and Budget Transfer #1 - \$0

#7 – Revenues:	
180315 Draper Vol. Fire Dept. Share of Tanker	\$ 12,817.00
510200 Transfer from General Fund	<u>14,671.00</u>
Total	\$ 27,488.00

Expenditures:	
3207-7005-11 Draper Vol. Fire Dept. Tanker	\$ 18,817.00
9101-3002 Debt Service Professional Services	1,507.00
9131-7144 Claytor Lake Sewer	<u>7,164.00</u>
Total	\$ 27,488.00

Budget Transfer #1	
3238-7180 REMSI Hiwassee Rescue Station	\$ -65,000.00
9303-9115 Transfer to REMSI Fund	<u>+65,000.00</u>
Total	-0-

4. School Fund Appropriation #13 - \$200,000

#13 Revenues:	
2404-82 School Community Health Services	\$ 200,000.00
Expenditures:	
6969-1131 Comm. Health Services Salaries	\$ 122,498.00
6969-2101 Comm. Health Services FICA	9,372.00
6969-3320 Comm. Health Services Contract Serv.	10,110.00
6969-5501 Comm. Health Services Mileage	500.00
6969-5504 Comm. Health Services Travel	3,520.00
6969-6004 Comm. Health Services Medical	39,000.00
6969-8201 Comm. Health Services Capital Equip.	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 200,000.00

d. Ratification:

1. Change Order

No change orders were presented for ratification at this meeting.

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2. Agreements, Grants, & Other

a. Agreement for Programming Services –Bill Thomas

The Board ratified the following agreement for data processing programming services with Billy G. Thomas:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Pulaski, Virginia, wishes to secure the part-time services of Billy G. Thomas as a data programmer; and

WHEREAS, Billy G. Thomas wishes to provide part-time data programming services to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County and Mr. Thomas wish to set forth their agreement for the provision of such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CONTRACT AGREEMENT, by and between the Board of Supervisors of the County of Pulaski, Virginia, above and hereinafter referred to as "the County" and Billy G. Thomas, above and hereinafter referred to as "Mr. Thomas."

W I T N E S S E T H :

For and in consideration of the mutual terms set forth and benefits to be conferred, the parties agree as follows, to-wit:

1. The County agrees to hire Mr. Thomas to provide part-time data programming services to the County, and Mr. Thomas agrees to his part-time employment for such services.

2. Employment shall begin August 11, 1999 and end August 10, 2000.

3. The County shall pay to Mr. Thomas Forty-five Dollars (\$45.00) per hour without any fringe benefits for programming services.

4. Mr. Thomas agrees to work a maximum of 16 hours per week, unless directed otherwise by the Data Processing Manager and the County Administrator.

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This Contract Agreement contains all of the agreement between the County and Mr. Thomas. Any changes to the terms of this Contract Agreement shall be in writing signed by both the County and Mr. Thomas.

WITNESS the following hands and seals of the parties hereto or their duly authorized representative this 2nd day of February, 2000.

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By: S/Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk

S/Billy G. Thomas

b. Cloyd's Mt. Leachate Pump Station

The Board ratified the award of the contract for the Cloyd's Mountain Leachate pump station to Structures and Utilities for the base bid of \$366,824.90.

e. Personnel Changes

The Board reviewed recent personnel changes as prepared by Management Services Director Nancy Burchett.

The Board also amended the Fair Labor Standards Act classification of employees to change the following two positions from exempt classification status to non-exempt classification status:

Data Processing Programmer; and
Data Processing Manager

f. Dust Control at Dublin Middle School Playing Fields

The Board authorized staff to arrange for paving of the rear entrance to the Dublin Middle School playing field in order to reduce the excess dust that has become a nuisance to adjacent residential property owners. Said cost estimated to be \$5,000 to \$7,000 for paving.

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g. Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids Program – Certification of Local Approval

The Board requested staff obtain additional information regarding what affect the requested certification would have on the county and report back to the Board as information is obtained.

h. Fine Arts Center Grant Application

The Board authorized staff to submit a grant application on behalf of the Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley to the Virginia Commission for the Arts Local Government Challenge grant program in the amount of \$7,000, subject to revisions in the local match being allowed.

i. Hiring of Felons and Misdemeanants Policy

The Board approved the following policy regarding the Hiring of Felons and Misdemeanants for county employment:

It shall be the policy of the County to employ individuals without a criminal record. However, for certain job positions, the hiring of persons previously convicted of a felony or misdemeanor offenses may be allowed upon approval by the County Administrator.

j. Board Goals

The Board of Supervisors approved the following goals for the term of office ending 2003:

**THE FIRST YEARS OF THE 21ST CENTURY –
A TIME FOR BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR PROGRESS
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GOALS –
2000-2003**

CONSTRUCTING BASIC FACILITIES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL(S) REPLACEMENT
UNPAVED ROADS UPGRADE
HIGH SCHOOL / CORPORATE CENTER AREA ADDITIONAL
ROAD ACCESS
WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT UPGRADE
WATER & SEWER EXTENSIONS TO SUPPORT –
INTERSTATE COMMERCIAL AREAS

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RESIDENTIAL AREAS AROUND DUBLIN (w HEALTH DEPT.
VALIDATION)
NEWBERN / DUBLIN CORRIDOR ALONG RT. 100
EXISTING RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

DEVELOPING RESOURCES (HUMAN AND FINANCIAL)

DIVERSIFICATION OF BASIC EMPLOYERS
TECHNOLOGY MAGNET SCHOOL
IDENTIFYING FUTURE LEADERSHIP
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
MANAGEMENT STAFF
FAIRNESS IN BUSINESS TAXES
FAIR, TIMELY, COST EFFECTIVE REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT
COMBINED TAX AND UTILITY BILLING
COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION –
FAIRLAWN, DUBLIN, NEWBERN, AND PULASKI
REGIONAL COMMERCE PARK
NRV AIRPORT EXPANSION PLANNING

WORKING TOGETHER

FORMING TOWN-COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY
MAINTAINING GOOD INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
VALLEY-WIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT
ROUTE 100 FOUR LANING
ROUTE 11 UPGRADE – DUBLIN TO FAIRLAWN
I-81 UPGRADE
WHITETHORNE CONNECTOR

ENHANCING POINTS OF PULASKI COUNTY PRIDE

RANDOLPH PARK
NEW RIVER TRAIL DEVELOPMENT –
IMPROVED ACCESS/ EXTENSION INTO PULASKI /
INTERCONNECTION WITH OTHER TRAILS
CLAYTOR LAKE STATE PARK CONFERENCE CENTER
VISITORS WELCOME CENTER
RESTAURANT RECRUITMENT
ST. ALBANS HOSPITAL REUSE
LIGHT POLLUTION CONTROL IN RURAL NEIGHBORHOODS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – COURTHOUSE ENTRANCE
SPRUCE UP
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING AND LARGE ITEM DROP CENTERS
SUPPORTING VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP EFFORTS

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ENFORCING LITTER, JUNK CAR AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS
INMATE USE FOR LAKE AND ILLEGAL DUMP CLEAN-UP
OLD SCHOOLS REUSE
COMBINED SCHOOL / LIBRARY TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCE –
INCREASING AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND HOURS OF ACCESS

- k. Condition of Clean-up of Property and Unsafe Structures Owned by **Glenn Cobb**, identified on Pulaski County Real Estate Records as Tax Map Parcel 038-001-0000-0017, Zoned Residential (R1), 0.25 acre, located on the north Side of Falling Branch Road, (Rt. 798), Cloyd District

The Board reviewed a memo from staff regarding the condition of the Cobb structures and reviewed photographs of the structure. Staff recommended allowing the owner one year to demonstrate the ability to remove the violations prior to the county removing the debris at county expense and placing a lien on the property for said clean up.

The Board approved staff recommendation to allow the owner one year to demonstrate the ability to remove violations, before further decisions on the removal at county expense of the debris is undertaken by the county.

- l. Condition of an Unsafe Structure Owned by **Ralph A. Sheffey, Jr.**, identified on Pulaski County Real Estate Records as Tax Map Parcel 028-001-0000-0026, zoned Residential (R1), 0.3570 acre, located on the South Side of Falling Branch Road, (Rt. 798), approximately 75 ft. east of the New River Rd. (Rt. 624), intersection Cloyd District

Chairman Sheffey declared a potential conflict regarding the above referenced transaction and disqualified himself from the discussion and voting on this matter the details of which are filed with the records of this meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Hale, the Board approved staff recommendation allowing the above noted owner until June 1, 2000 to have repairs under contract, and after the June 1, 2000 date, authorized staff to remove the structure at an estimated cost of \$7,500 with a lien to be placed again the property for the costs of removing the structure.

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

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- m. Disposition of surplus school property on the old Dublin Primary School campus, identified by tax map no. 047-008-0000-0057, 58, located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Sixth Street and South Avenue, Town of Dublin/Ingles District

The Board authorized staff to accept the offer from Ms. Barbara Hall in the amount of \$12,550.50 for the above listed property, subject to the building becoming in compliance with the Dublin Town ordinances by September 1, 2001. If building not in compliance by said date, the county can remove the structure from the property with the cost of such removal to be recovered as a lien against the property.

- n. Update on Clean-up of Property owned by Robert E. And Mavis. N. Cantrell, identified by tax map parcel 098-001-0000-0028, 4.000 acres, zoned Agricultural (A1), located on the east side of Delton Road, Rt. 658, approximately 0.15 mile south of the intersection of Old Baltimore Road, also Rt. 658, Draper

The Board approved staff recommendation allowing the above referenced owners one year to demonstrate their ability to remove any violations, before further decisions on improvement at county expense are pursued, with a recommendation to the property owner that the property be visibly posted as unapproved for occupancy.

- o. Christiansburg Institute, Inc. Heritage Support

The Board of Supervisors instructed staff to send a letter of endorsement for the Christiansburg Institute, Inc. Heritage Support program.

- p. Commendation of Sheriff's Department Investigation

The Board of Supervisors adopted the following resolution commending the Sheriff's Department:

RESOLUTION COMMENDING SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County community was shocked by the recent apparent abduction and murder of a child in the Fairlawn area; and

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WHEREAS, the immediate response of Pulaski County Sheriff James Davis and his department helped ease the fears of the community while the search for the missing child, Tara Munsey, was ongoing; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Davis worked tirelessly to coordinate the efforts of his department and other law enforcement agencies over several weeks, with little significant clues related to the crime; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Davis and his department continued to seek the responsible party even after the unfortunate discovery of Miss Munsey's body; and

WHEREAS, their diligence resulted in the prompt arrest and filing of charges against a suspect for the crime;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors does recognize the valiant efforts of the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department in working to solve this extremely offensive crime, including the countless hours of service above and beyond the call of duty; 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 it appreciation to the protection and assurance provided to our citizens by the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department.

9. Citizen Comments

No citizen comments were heard at this time.

10. Other Matters from Supervisors

Supervisor Fariss requested again for staff to provide background on the use of ductile iron water mains, as required by PSA, rather than plastic, as allowed by the Town of Dublin.

On the motion of Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved developing a concept plan for a Library feasibility study with staff to then proceed with an initial survey technique.

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

Voting no: none.

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Supervisor Fariss advocated tying together the comprehensive plan and rezonings and requested the recommendation be pursued.

On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Fariss and carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted the following resolution requesting a separate zip code and post office for the Fairlawn community of Pulaski County. Staff was instructed to send said resolution to Congressman Rick Boucher.

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, at its meeting on Monday, February 28, 2000 requested consideration by the Federal Government for an identity enhancement for the Fairlawn community; and

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors desires to provide the Fairlawn community with a zip code and post office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Federal Government take the necessary steps to determine the feasibility of providing the Fairlawn community with a zip code and post office;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the text of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Supervisors this 28th day of February, 2000 in permanent testimony of the Board's desire to provide identity enhancement for the Fairlawn community.

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

Voting no: none.

11. Closed Meeting – 2.1-344.A.1.3.5.7

It was moved by Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook 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:

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*Pending Appointments:

1. Planning Commission;
2. Workforce Investment Board;
3. NRV Development Corporation;
4. Library Board;
5. New River Highland Resource Conservation; and
6. Fairview Home Board

*Employee Compensation & Benefits

Legal Matters – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.1-344(A)7 consultation with legal counsels and briefing by staff for discussion of specific legal matters and matters subject to probable litigation regarding:

*Workforce Investment Board Liability

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 Dr. Fariss 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 Dr. Fariss, 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 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;

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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 Dr. Fariss and carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions regarding the following:

*Appointments:

1. Planning Commission

The Board appointed Mr. Richard Guthrie to the Planning Commission beginning June, 2000 and ending December 31, 2001.

2. Workforce Investment Board

The Board appointed Assistant County Administrator, Peter Huber to serve as the second alternate on the Workforce Investment Board.

3. New River Valley Development Corporation

The Board appointed Mr. Jack Nunley to the New River Valley Development Corporation for an indefinite term.

4. Library Board

The Board appointed Ms. Diann Marshall to serve on the Pulaski County Library Board of Trustees for a term ending December 31, 2003.

5. New River Highlands Resource Conservation

The Board referred the above requested appointment to Pulaski Encouraging Progress (PEP) for a recommendation.

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6. Fairview Home Board

The Board appointed Supervisor Frank Conner to serve on the Fairview Home Board for a term ending March 1, 2001.

*Employee Compensation:

The Board of Supervisors approved the following employee compensation changes effective March 1, 2000 in recognition of 5 years of employment and per the recommendation of the County Administrator:

Data Processing Programmer – James Bell from \$46,415 to \$48,792
Garage Mechanic – Montgomery Short from \$21,200 to \$23,718
Leachate Truck Driver – Bryon Dolinger from \$22,607 to \$23,974
Office on Youth Director – Anthony Akers from \$28,921 to \$31,080

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

*Employee Compensation & Reclassification:

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the following employee compensation increase and reclassification effective February 1, 2000, and per the recommendation of the Pulaski County Library Board of Trustees:

Library Assistant Director & Youth Services Coordinator – Rachael DeHaven – New salary range - \$32,182 to \$42,728; new salary \$39,309 effective February 1, 2000.

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

*Legal Matters:

No action taken.

11a. Other Matters:

The Board discussed pending legislation to lift the annexation moratorium. Board members agreed to call the state legislators to express opposition to such legislation.

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The Board requested staff to place the noise control ordinance draft with changes on the March Board of Supervisors meeting for scheduling of a public hearing.

The Board requested the County Attorney to determine if the Fairview Home has an appropriate easement for the cemetery adjacent to the Fairview Home.

12. Adjournment:

On the motion of Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the Board of Supervisors adjourned to reconvene on Tuesday, February 29, 2000, 10:30 a.m. for a facilities tour at the County Administration Building, 143 3rd Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.

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

Voting no: none.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk