

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on April 30, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, Middle Conference Room, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Dr. Bruce L. Fariss, Vice-Chairman; Charles E. Cook; William E. "Eddie" Hale; and Frank R. Conner. Staff members present included County Administrator, Peter M. Huber; Assistant County Administrator, Nancy M. Burchett; County Registrar, Kathy Webb; and Office Automation and Special Projects Coordinator, John W. Spangler.

1. Presentation of Redistricting

The Board of Supervisors heard a presentation from John W. Spangler, Office Automation and Special Projects Coordinator, and Kathy Webb, County Registrar, regarding the proposed redistricting plan for Pulaski County. The Board also viewed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed redistricting population numbers and the effects of shifts in population from one district to another. Maps were also shown reflecting the existing district lines and the proposed district lines.

County Registrar, Kathy Webb, noted every citizen would be notified by her office of all changes regarding redistricting. Further, she reported the proposed redistricting plan would effect the November 2001 election.

The Board also discussed with Ms. Webb the current county voting machines. Ms. Webb advised she felt the current machines worked well, and until the State approves any new voting machines, the current machines can continued to be used.

On a motion by Dr. Fariss, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, the Board authorized staff to advertise for public hearing the proposed redistricting plan as outlined by staff for the May 21, 2001 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Further, the Board approved the following summary of the proposed redistricting plan and other elections related needs addressed:

Summary of Redistricting Changes:

- Extend the Draper District to include all of the Town of Dublin north of Route 11 and the area between Giles Avenue and Route 100, reducing Ingles District by 838 persons.
- Form a new "North Dublin" precinct from the above area to avoid a precinct split by the new State House Districts;
- Extend Robinson District to include all of the Town of Pulaski south of the Norfolk Southern Railroad to the top of Draper Mountain, increasing Robinson District by 603 persons

Other Election Related Needs Addressed:

- Combine the Newbern and Dublin voting places at the Dublin Lions Building to alleviate current handicap access problems at the Newbern Community Center and Dublin Fire Station.
- Relocate the Snowville voting place from the fire station to the Snowville Elementary School due to the lack of handicapped accessible restrooms; and
- Relocate a portion of the boundary between the Robinson and Massie Districts to eliminate the use of a power line removed since the 1990 redistricting.

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

Voting no: none.

Further, the Board requested staff to provide copies of the PowerPoint presentation colored maps to the board members via the weekly update.

2. Presentation of Comparative Report

County Administrator, Peter Huber, presented the following charts and graphs as previously requested by the Board of Supervisors:

- Per Capita Revenue Comparative Report;
- Per Capita Expenditures Comparative Report;
- Expenditures By Percentage Report
- Comparison of School Expenditures Report; and
- School Expenditures by Average Daily Membership

The Board requested staff to provide copies and the numbers associated for the above noted graphs and charts in color to Board members via the weekly update.

3. Budget Questions from Board Members

At this time the Board and staff discussed the proposed FY 02 budget. The Board of Supervisors requested the following additional information regarding the proposed FY 02 budget:

- Staff to provide additional information and clarification on the request from
Downtown Pulaski, Inc.;

- Staff to confirm that proposed funds for the Center in the Square will allow Pulaski County school children free admission to Center;
- Staff to advise the School Board that the carry over amount for FY 01 of the School Fund will be designated for educational purposes;
- Staff to request Maynard Sayers to attend the May 10th budget work session to explain the real estate taxing for substantial construction completion;
- Staff to prepare a handout for the budget public hearing reflecting the increase of total local dollars for school purposes; and
- Board declined to implement a local tax on the recording of wills.

Mr. Huber advised the Board of plans to place the budget message, tables and charts on the county's web page.

The Board also suggested staff to possibly place the budget information on the public TV station.

In addition, the Board directed staff to contact NR Community College for possible use of Rooker Hall for the budget public hearing scheduled for June 4, 2001 at 7 p.m.

4. Closed Meeting – 2.1-344.A.1.3.5.7

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

Property Disposition or Acquisition – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.1-344(A)3 discussion for consideration of the disposition or acquisition of publicly held property regarding:

- ◆ Peppers Ferry Reg. Wastewater Treatment Capacity

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:

- ◆ Operation of Community Correction Services and Pre-trial Programs

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

Voting no: Dr. Fariss.

Return to Regular Session

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, that 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. Hale 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,
Mr. Conner.

Voting no: none.

5. Other Matters

The Board directed staff to make a recommendation regarding future positive news releases relating to county departments and activities. Board members suggested possible recognition of county volunteers to include a picnic at Randolph Park this summer.

6. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Board of Supervisors adjourn to reconvene on Thursday, May 10, 2001 for a budget work session. The next regular meeting is set for Monday, May 21, 2001 at the County Administration Building, Board Room, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia.

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

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator