

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2001

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, May 10, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, Board Room, 143 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 and Assistant County Administrator, Nancy M. Burchett.

### 1. Agency/Department Presentations

#### a. New River Community Services Board

Mr. Harold Chrisley, Board representative for the New River Community Services Board, addressed the Board of Supervisors and shared details of a recent success story of an individual assisted by New River Community Services. He requested the Board to level fund this agency for FY 02. Mr. Chrisley also gave Board Members a recent copy of the "NRVCS News", the official newsletter of New River Community Services.

Mr. Lynn Chenault, Executive Director, of the New River Community Services Board also requested the Board to level fund this agency for FY 02. He requested the Board remember the individuals that are served by New River Community Services and any additional funding would be appreciated.

#### b. Pulaski County Library

Ms. Dorothy "Dot" Ogburn, Library Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the FY 02 library budget request. This presentation included information and statistics on number of library patrons, type of patrons, materials by type, number of items by copyright date, circulation by patron type, state aid funding requirements, items funded by grants, and proposed funding by county/state for FY 02. Ms. Ogburn requested the Board to consider funding the proposed budget as submitted by the Library Board.

#### c. Regional Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

Mr. David Smith, Director of the Regional Emergency Medical Services, Inc., advised the capital improvements request for REMSI had been revised for a total increase of \$16,400 consisting of the following items in order of priority:

- \$5,552 additional funding for a replacement ambulance for Snowville
- \$5,348 one-half of the cost of a defibrillator unit for Fairlawn; and
- \$5,500 for a brake retarder for the Pulaski Extrication Unit

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### d. Additional Comments:

Mr. Tom Simpkins, resident of Snowville area, expressed his concerns regarding the school budget for FY 02. He advised education should be a number one priority and a raise for the teachers should also be a priority in order to keep the teachers in the community.

Mr. Glenwood "Woodie" Lookabill, Clerk of the Circuit Court, addressed the Board regarding a request for funding an additional full-time position for the Clerk's Office. Mr. Lookabill advised he had requested funding from the state; however, with no results. He noted a letter of support for this request from Commonwealth Attorney, K. Mike Fleenor. Mr. Lookabill advised he would continue to request funding from the state for this position in the future, but could not guarantee the state would fund this position in the future.

### 2. Additional Information

Commissioner of Revenue, Maynard Sayers, presented details of the real estate taxation for substantially completed construction proposed for FY 02. Mr. Sayers noted most localities were already taxing real estate property in this manner. He further advised that modular homes should also be included in the proposed method of taxation. In addition, Mr. Sayers reported that additional revenues could be more than the anticipated \$50,000.

The Board requested staff to confer with the County Attorney on the effective date of the proposed taxation on substantially completed construction.

### 3. Approval of Budget Advertisement

The County Administrator, Peter Huber, reviewed with the Board of Supervisors additional recommended budget adjustments as follows:

- Revenues:
  1. Additional \$5,880 from Compensation Board for Constitutional Officers;
  2. Less \$3,000 for Implementation of a tax on wills;
- Expenditures:
  1. Additional \$7,000 for fire departments;
  2. Additional \$7,198 for Library;
  3. Additional \$3,500 for Claytor Lake Festival;
  4. Additional \$9,200 for Rt. 100 streetlight maintenance;
  5. Additional \$11,600 to NR Community Services Board;
  6. Additional \$3,000 for Registrar for postage;
  7. Additional \$17,110 for an additional 1% pay increase for employees; and
  8. Additional \$16,400 for capital outlay for REMSI.

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Dr. Fariss requested staff to request the State to reimburse the county for the \$3,000 additional postage for the Registrar's Office due to the re-districting, noting re-districting was mandated.

Supervisor Cook noted that local funding for the position requested by the Clerk's of the Circuit Court is on a one-time basis to be reviewed annually by the Board of Supervisors.

A motion was then made by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried to authorize staff to publish the proposed FY 02 budget as presented by the County Administrator with the above noted changes. In addition, the Board removed \$1,500 for Center in the Square, unless county students receive some form of a discount due to a contribution from the county. Further, the public hearing shall be scheduled for New River Community College, Rooker Hall, on June 4, 2001, 7:00 p.m.

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

Voting no: none.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Cook and carried, to approve for advertisement for public hearing an ordinance to allow for real estate taxation on substantially completed construction with the County Administrator to confer with the County Attorney regarding an implementation date and advertisement requirements for this ordinance.

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

Voting no: none.

#### 4. Other Matters

The Board of Supervisors suggested the new County Community Development Coordinator, David Tickner, be invited to Board of Supervisors meeting on May 21, 2001 for introduction to Board Members with a reception for Mr. Tickner to be planned at a later date.

#### 5. Closed Meeting – 2.1-344.A.1.3.5.7

On the motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried, 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:

- ◆ Commerce Park

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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:

- ◆ None

Prospective Industry – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.1-344(A)5 discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, or the expansion of an existing business and industry, where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

- ◆ None

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:

- ◆ None

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

Return to Regular Session

On the motion of Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Cook 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.

6. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried that the meeting be adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for May 21, 2001, 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 143 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, 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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Peter M. Huber, County Administrator