

**FOLLOW UP**

<b>ITEM</b>
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1. Bike Proclamation  
(No action taken)

2. Budget Matters:

- ◆ Presentation by Supervisor Fariss

(A powerpoint presentation was made by Supervisor Fariss pertaining to school enrollment, county population as compared to school enrollment, and increase in school expenditures. Supervisor Fariss asked if School Board could possibly review FY 04 proposed budget to determine if cuts could be made to assist the county in balancing the overall county budget for FY 04)

Dr. Stowers

- ◆ School Board

(Superintendent Stowers reviewed process for proposed FY 04 school budget; reviewed plan for arriving at estimate of needs; noted School Board was one of the largest employers in the New River Valley; reviewed revenues sources; estimated carry over to be \$850,000 less \$450,000 to be used for 2% raise in current year; and reviewed challenges facing school system)

(Board of Supervisors' members expressed the need for the schools and county to consolidate efforts in the areas of fleet maintenance, purchasing and other technology areas)

(Superintendent Stowers and County Administrator Huber directed to meet and determine if school budget can be reduced to assist the county with deficit in the amount of approximately \$150,000 for FY 04)

Mr. Huber/Dr. Stowers

- ◆ Review of Building Permit Fees

(Staff advised an increase in the building permit fees may be a source of additional revenue for the FY 04 budget; staff instructed to provide the Board with a

chart/report on the building permit fees charged by surrounding localities as compared with Pulaski County permit fees; staff instructed to conduct a survey of contractors/developers for input on difficulties encountered in building in Pulaski County)

Mr. Huber/  
Mr. Tickner

(Supervisor Cook expressed objections to raising of building permit fees at this time)

(Supervisor Conner advised there should be a lower minimum building permit charge for small home projects/improvements)

◆ Other Requests

- Town of Pulaski – Request to Defer Funding of \$25,000 for Recreation  
(Board declined request; advise John Hawley)
- Fine Arts Center – Request to assist with funding for Maple Shade Shopping Project  
(Request declined)
- Camp VA Jaycees – Request for \$1,500  
(Request declined)
- Center in the Square  
(Request declined)

Mr. Huber

3. Items of Consent:

◆ Clean-up of Virginia Patton Property

(Staff directed to negotiate clean-up of above property with state officials contingent upon state waiving parking fees recently imposed at New River Trail; staff instructed to advise of estimated cost of clean-up via weekly update)

Mr. Huber

◆ Chamber of Commerce

(Approved sponsorship of reception for Chamber Executive Director Nancy Bowman and cost of County t-shirts for Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee members for a total of \$1,120)

4. Other Matters: - James Smith – FEMA

(James Smith of the Federal Emergency Management advised Pulaski County was declared eligible for federal assistance for the flooding occurring on February 15 & 28, 2003; and requested suggestions from Board members on getting word out to citizens of availability of federal assistance for those citizens that

suffered property losses/damages due to flooding on these dates; also noted deadline of May 27, 2003 for citizens to apply for assistance)

5. Closed Meeting –2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7

6. Adjournment

(Adjourned to re-convene on Monday, May 12, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m.; notify appropriate news media and staff of time change)

Ms. Hanks

May 2, 2003

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Other Requests

The Town of Pulaski is facing similar budget difficulties this year. While a tax increase is proposed, the town manager would like to request consideration to spreading the recreation contribution over four years by deferring \$25,000 from the FY2003-04 budget and extending the participation by the town for an additional year. Interest at the rate of 3% per year would accrue to the amount of funding being deferred (see *enclosed* letter from John Hawley).

I also received a combined request this week from the Fine Arts Center and the Town of Pulaski Raymond Ratcliff Museum for financial assistance in the renovation of the Maple Shade Shopping Center to accommodate the museum, Fine Arts Center and Milton Brockmeyer train layout. The estimated construction cost is \$750,000 with \$250,000 to come from existing grants leaving a gap of \$500,000. *Enclosed* is a proposed building plan.

PMH/gh

May 2, 2003

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Items of Consent

Clean up of Virginia Patton Property - Eric Houghland reports that the New River Trail is taking steps to acquire the Virginia Patton property at 4376 McAdam Crossing Drive, off Route 99. This property is also a major eyesore along the portion of the New River Trail between Pulaski and Draper. The State Park is negotiating the purchase of this property as an intermediate access point between the Pulaski and Draper access sites but is asking the assistance of the County in cleaning up the property. There is a significant amount of litter, unlicensed vehicles, and two unsafe structures that need to be removed. Staff has worked with Ms. Patton since 1997 regarding clean-up of this property. Unfortunately, each time that some progress has been made, within a few months the violations become worse. Considering the negative impact this property has on the use of the Trail, I committed to assist the State Park in cleaning up the property if they were successful in acquiring it and would like to request ratification by the Board. I anticipate soliciting volunteers, perhaps a controlled burn by the fire department and other means to minimize the cost to the County.

Chamber of Commerce - Sponsorship of a reception in honor of Nancy Bowman and t-shirts for the Chamber Executive Committee are requested at a total cost of \$1,120.

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May 2, 2003

TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Peter Huber, County Administrator  
SUBJECT: Closed Meeting – 2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7

A closed meeting is requested pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss personnel, legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry matters. ***Enclosed*** is a draft resolution to enter the closed meeting on recommended matters, as follows:

Property Disposition or Acquisition:

- ◆ None

Personnel:

- ◆ Sharing of Visitor Center and Chamber Staff – On going fiscal stress being experienced by the business community as well as local governments, Charles Cook and I suggest merging the chamber and visitor center staffs. We would like to discuss the matter with the Board before proceeding further.

Prospective Industry:

- ◆ None

Legal Matters:

- ◆ None

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CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

A closed meeting is requested pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss personnel, legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry matters.

The following motion is suggested for a closed meeting at the May 2, 2003 Board of Supervisors meeting:

It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and carried, that the Board of Supervisors enter closed session for discussion of the following:

Property Disposition or Acquisition – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)3 discussion for consideration of the disposition or acquisition of publicly held property regarding:

- ◆ None

Personnel – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)1 discussion for consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of public officers, appointees or employees, regarding:

- ◆ Visitor Center/Chamber Staffing

Prospective Industry – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(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 2.2-3711(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: \_\_\_\_\_

Voting no: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining: \_\_\_\_\_

Not present: \_\_\_\_\_