

AGENDA
JOINT MEETING
OF
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
&
PULASKI COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
November 20, 2006
6:30 p.m.
Pulaski Elementary School

1. **Welcome and Diner** – The School Board has arranged dinner.
2. **Update on Existing Joint Services**
 - a. **Transportation Services** – *Ron Nichols* – (School Bus Operations, Refuse Operation and Garages) – The PSA has purchased three (3) new refuse trucks which we plan to have on display prior to the meeting. Supervision of Refuse Operations has been divided into residential services, supervised by Lane Penn, and commercial operations, supervised on a part-time basis by Jerry Taylor. Ron Nichols also plans to review the number of vehicles being maintained and possible joint garage operations. Ron Coake to also attend the meeting to update both boards regarding changes to the entrance to Pulaski County High School.
 - b. **Information Technology** – *Jim Sandidge* – There is a growing need to fully join these departments from both technical and administrative perspectives. Administratively, Linda Rigney, who supervises County technology staff, is planning to retire. The co-location of offices to a central location would allow for joint use of uninterruptible power supplies, network connections, back-up data protection, air conditioning and other support functions. From a space needs perspective, joint location at the Maple Shade or other facility would provide both the County Administration and School Board with additional flexibility. Dr. Sandidge and the County staff are working with the regional telecommunications commission to replace existing high speed connections being leased from commercial vendors at a cost of over \$100,000 per year with fiber lines to be installed owned by the County.
 - c. **Finance** – *Gordon Jones* – Additional carryover appropriations have been prepared for review by the Board of Supervisors. Health insurance services are being re-bid this year through our membership in the Consortium. However, an increase is expected due to both the County and School Board having a relatively high experience so far this year. Finally, the format for a financial report to the Board is being drafted.

3. **Potential for Additional Joint Services**

- a. **Human Resources** – *Joe Makolandra* - The recent success of the health fair and flu shots indicate that this is an area where additional cooperative efforts may be beneficial to all.
- b. **Youth Services** – *Anthony Akers* – The County has been providing after school care at several schools. A private firm has indicated an interest in providing and expanding this service, though at a higher cost to parents. Considering the substantial needs of area children, an expanded service would be helpful. Options would be to expand the existing program.

4. **Wireless Authority** – Staff is working to separate the operation of the Wireless Authority from that of the County and School Board through contractual arrangements. Options include hiring shared technical staff and/or contracting technical services.

5. **Fairlawn area Elementary School Financing** – County staff has determined that the least expensive means of financing the new elementary school is through a lease arrangement with the Industrial Development Authority. We have made tentative arrangements for financing \$14 million for the new elementary school through an Industrial Development Authority lease. Don Stowers will provide estimate costs for the school.

6. **Other School Facility Needs** – Don Stowers will provide school population predictions and review the "Building Future" plan.

7. **Other Matters** – School Board and Board of Supervisors members, as well as key staff and citizen volunteers, are invited to a Christmas reception from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6 at the Pulaski Country Club.

8. **Scheduling of Next Meeting** – It is suggested that the next meeting be scheduled for a Monday night in March. Options include March 5, 12, and 19.

9. **Adjournment**