

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2007

At a joint meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Pulaski County School Board held on Monday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pulaski County School Board Office, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Frank R. Conner, Vice Chairman; William E. "Eddie" Hale; Ranny L. Akers and Dean K. Pratt. School Board members present included Paul Phillips, Chairman, John Wenrich, Jeff Bain, and Pam Chitwood. Staff members present included: Dr. Donald Stowers, Superintendent; Jean Cox, Clerk; Libby Vansant, Assistant Superintendent, Administration; Ron Nichols, Director, Operations; Dr. Jim Sandidge, Director, Technology; Joe Makolandra, Human Resource Specialist; Linda Hill, Director of Instruction; Chris Stafford, School Finance Director; John Hocker, Teacher and PCEA, President; Tom McCarthy, County and School Board Attorney; Pete Huber, County Administrator; Robert Hiss, Assistant County Administrator; and Gordon Jones, County Finance Director. Also present were Glenn Reynolds, Reynolds Architect; J.D. Price, OWPR; and Jena Hardy, Reporter, *The Southwest Times*.

1. Office Locations – As a follow-up to an October 8th tour of the County Administration Building by members of the School Board and Board of Supervisors Glenn Reynolds reviewed responses to a set of questions posed by the School Board regarding the use of the County Administration as the eventual location for the School Board staff. Board members discussed various options including a suggestion by Paul Phillips that administrative staffs from both boards locate in the Maple Shade property with the administrative building becoming a human services facility. There was discussion of a variety of alternatives with the primary consideration by both boards being whether or not to co-locate administrative staffs and the possible use of the Maple Shade building for either of the various configurations.

The School Board resolved to embrace the concept of co-locating administrative offices with the Board of Supervisors. In the discussion of this motion, it was agreed that the primary concern was that offices be co-located. However, the specific location, while secondary, was still of concern to the School Board.

On a motion by Frank Conner, seconded by Dean Pratt, the Board of Supervisors unanimously resolved to embrace the concept of co-locating administrative staffs. There was general agreement that both location options as described above would be considered by all parties.

Voting yes: Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Conner, Mr. Hale, Mr. Akers, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

On a motion by Ranny Akers, seconded by Frank Conner, the Board of Supervisors further agreed to acquire the Maple Shade Shopping Center from the Town of Pulaski at a cost of \$600,000 in order to further the provision of needed office space for various county departments with the specific configuration to be determined. This purchase is based on restrictions agreed to by the Town of

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Pulaski in the use of the remaining outparcel and the assumption of currently valid lease agreements.

Voting yes: Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Conner, Mr. Hale, Mr. Akers, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

2. Riverlawn Construction Matters – Mr. J. D. Price described the chronology of events leading up to the start of construction at the Riverlawn Elementary School as it related to VDOT entrance permit matters along Miles Avenue and Route 114 and to the Peppers Ferry sewer force main easement. Joe Sheffey, representing the district in which the school is located had a number of questions related to the VDOT issues. It was the consensus that an entrance only off of Route 114 would resolve the need for any further work while also being beneficial for control traffic within the school. It was also recommended that closing Mills Avenue to through traffic would resolve the issue of not having sufficient distance between intersections on Viscoe Road (Mills Avenue and the proposed school entrance). A community meeting is scheduled to hear community comments regarding this approach.
3. Shared Facility Maintenance Software Program – The joint use of web based Honeywell software for tracking property maintenance was described by staff. Adoption of this new system by both boards was recommended as a way of reducing the cost of current software while also increasing compatibility between operations and the potential for future joint services initiatives.

On a motion by Ranny Akers, seconded by Dean Pratt, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved this purchase at a cost to the County of \$3,000 per year.

Voting yes: Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Conner, Mr. Hale, Mr. Akers, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

4. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Hale and carried the Board of Supervisors adjourned with the next joint board meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2007 at Pulaski Elementary School.

Voting yes: Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Conner, Mr. Hale, Mr. Akers, Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

Peter M. Huber, County Administrator