

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1996, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE  
WOODWARD BUILDING, SALUDA, VIRGINIA:

Present: Fred S. Crittenden, Pinetop District  
Kenneth W. Williams, Pinetop District  
John D. Miller, Jr., Saluda District  
Lenora O. Weber, Saluda District  
Frank Jessie, Jamaica District

Charles M. Culley, Jr., County Administrator  
Michael T. Soberick, County Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Crittenden and opened with a prayer

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 6 meeting of the Board were approved with one correction by motion of Mrs. Weber, second by Mr. Miller and unanimous vote.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

The motion to request vehicle mileage and repair reports from the Sheriff's Department, was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously. The motion to approve disbursements for November subject to confirmation of a question regarding the sports complex was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 25374 through 25534 totaling \$77,482.68 were disbursed as approved.

**PAYROLL**

The motion to approve payroll for November was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 25283 through 25370 totaling \$108,547.79 were disbursed as approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Weber:

- Library -- presented list of officers for upcoming year; Jane Folliard is president.

Mr. Miller:

- Economic Development Committee -- Board received copies of applications/resumes for applications to the Industrial Development Authority.
- Dragon Run Steering Committee -- now meeting quarterly.

Mr. Williams

- Planning District Commission -- amended charter to add 4 members; listed priorities for upcoming year; discussion of forming a middle peninsula travel agency.
- VACo -- possibility of adding tax for highway projects; comprehensive services and schools are major concerns;

- Rappahannock River Basin -- nutrient reduction through good farming practices.

Mr. Crittenden:

- Airport Committee -- Preliminary plans underway for next fly-in.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

Commissioner of the Revenue:

- New assessment: Carol and Randy Blue are working on making the new property assessments.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Dr. Winter noted that funds remaining from last year would be returned to the County. According to Dr. Winter there is \$2,003 in his 96-97 budget that has not been matched by the State. It was a unanimous consensus of the Board that the County retains its unmatched funds.

### **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Mr. Woodward announced that Chris McDonald, the Assistance Resident Engineer would be transferring out of the Saluda Residency.

Route 33:

Mr. Woodward noted that the second phase of construction should be complete by next fall.

### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT -- VEHICLE**

The motion to approve the Sheriff's order for two (2) police vehicles (totaling \$39,672.00) to be paid from the 1997/98 budget was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

### **ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

Gene Ruark, Chairman of the County's Anniversary Committee requested the Board's endorsement to Delegate Morgan and the General Assembly for a new license plate with the County seal. If passed, and after the first 1,000 are sold, the County would collect \$15.00 of the additional \$25.00 charged. The motion to request Delegate Morgan's assistance on this matter was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

### **LEGISLATORS**

Delegate Harvey Morgan and Senator Bill Bolling were present to discuss upcoming issues that may be of importance to the Board. Senator Bolling noted that he had been requested by the School Board to endorse criminal background checks for all school personnel. The cost is borne by the locality, however, can be passed to the applicant. Senator Bolling would like the Board's endorsement before he moves forward.

Board members expressed their concerns to the Legislators, including comprehensive services and increase in children to be served; no mandates as a result of the Rappahannock River Basin Study; state funding for sewage assistance, private/public partnerships; against abolishing the personal property tax.

### **HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL COLLECTION**

Steve Geissler, Executive Director, Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority, discussed a proposal for adding a mobile unit for collection of household chemicals for a period of three months; after the 3 month period, the unit would be moved to another middle peninsula county. The contractor would assume all responsibility and paperwork; workers have OSHA and lab pack training. The motion to table action on this matter until the evening meeting was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

### **FRIENDS OF THE DRAGON RUN**

Mr. F. B. Montague presented a request for the Board's endorsement for local real estate tax exemption for 209 acres owned by the Friends of the Dragon Run. This group made a similar request in the fall of 1995. The motion to advertise for a public hearing to be held on December 17th was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Middle Peninsula - Northern Neck Community Services Board: Motion by Mr. Williams, second by Mrs. Weber and carried unanimously, to reappoint William Savidge to the Community Services Board.

Nutrient Reduction Task Force: Motion by Mrs. Weber, second by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously to appoint Courtney Jones, Environmental Enforcement Official.

Economic Development Committee: replacement for Earl Barr; tabled

Parks and Recreation : Motion by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

The motion to adopt the following resolution in appreciation of the work of the Regional Jail, was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously:

#### **RESOLUTION MIDDLE PENINSULA REGIONAL SECURITY CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, Middlesex County is a member of the Middle Peninsula Regional Jail Authority which operates a security center directly behind the Middlesex County Courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. David Harmon, Jail Superintendent, has routinely offered man-power from the Jail to perform maintenance at the Courthouse Complex; and

**WHEREAS**, various people from the Security Center have voluntarily performed over 1500 hours of maintenance and landscaping work at the Courthouse Complex; and

**WHEREAS**, the County saved significant tax payer dollars due to these efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, both the buildings and grounds have a much improved appearance due to the interior and exterior painting, cleaning, general repair and landscaping; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Middlesex County should feel a renewed sense of pride for the dedication of preserving this historical landmark;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the efforts of Mr. Harmon, his staff and the volunteers who worked at the Courthouse Complex; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors and the citizens of the County express their sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the invaluable services performed.

### **PERSONNEL POLICY**

Mr. Culley reviewed proposed revisions to the County's personnel manual. Discussion would continue at the evening meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

J. Randolph Segar Letter: The Department of Transportation was having correspondence with Mr. Segar regarding problems on Route 629. If necessary, there would be Board discussion at the evening meeting.

Developmental Day Center: The School Board rejected use of land adjoining Rappahannock Elementary for a proposed developmental day center. Other alternatives are being investigated by the Committee.

Board of Zoning Appeals: A letter is to be sent to all members of the Board of Zoning Appeals due to existing attendance problems.

Planning Commission: Mr. Crittenden discussed briefly a meeting he had with the Chairman of the Planning Commission and suggested a joint meeting of the Commission and Board. The motion was made by Mrs. Weber, with no second, and carried unanimously for a meeting to be coordinated, with preference given to holding it in the Planning District Commission conference room.

### **DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION**

The motion to endorse work at the airport, adding taxi-way lighting and adjusting the switches for the runway lighting, funded with 100% reimbursement of a maximum \$2,000 from the Department of Aviation, was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

### **REQUEST FOR TAX EXEMPTION**

Mr. Tom Foley, Director and Treasurer of the Middlesex County Museum, Inc., requested that a public hearing be held and for the Board to consider granting real estate tax relief to the Museum. An addition would be made to the notice to allow consideration of Mr. Foley's request at the December 17th meeting.

### **DUMPSTERS**

Mr. Williams noted that he had been contacted by the Deltaville Rescue Squad regarding a need for a dumpster. After some discussion, the motion to provide a four cubic yard dumpster, emptied once per week, for the fire departments and rescue squads was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Each department is to be contacted regarding their desire for the dumpster.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss a matter relating to personnel, per Code of Virginia, Section 2.1-344.a1, was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

Upon reconvening in open session, the following motion was made by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously:

- To the best of the members' knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted and identified in the motion by which the executive meeting convened were discussed in executive session.

Action:

- There was no action as a result of the Executive Session.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Weber noted she had been contacted by the owner of a business who wished to rent the second floor of her business as living quarters. Mr. Wilson, Planning Director, commented that he had also been contacted. According to Mr. Wilson, this property is zoned for commercial use and would have to be rezoned following a public hearing before the use can be changed.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until December 17, 1996, at 7:30 P.M.

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Fred S. Crittenden, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors