

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1997, 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 Chairman Crittenden, and opened with a prayer.

MINUTES

The draft minutes of the Board meetings of August 5 and August 19 were considered for approval, with several corrections were made. The motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Miller and unanimously carried. Corrected copies of the minutes will be included in the Board minute book.

DISBURSEMENTS

The motion to approve disbursements for August was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 27458 through 27567 totaling \$81,351.57 were disbursed as approved.

PAYROLL

The motion to approve payroll for August was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 27368 through 27457 totaling \$109,147.18 were disbursed as approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Williams:

- PDC - did not attend.
- Rappahannock River Basin Committee – Meeting held on August 20th; discussed forming an authority with no regulatory power; funding and staffing will be next important issues, with possible staffing by Planning District Commission and funding by State and localities.

Mrs. Weber:

- Town of Urbanna – Mrs. Weber requested a letter of appreciation be sent to the Town, as winner of Keep Virginia Beautiful Award for Small Communities
- Social Services – received custody of at least two additional children; new vehicle is still needed.
- Anniversary Committee – an update will be given later by representative.

- Comprehensive Services – Mr. Lackey will be arranging visits to facilities.
- Sports Complex – waiting on Branscome to complete paving on basketball court. This is the last major project to be completed prior to turning the facility over to the County.

Mr. Jessie:

- Jail Authority – a hearing regarding the discharge permit for the new facility will be scheduled; a petition has been submitted against issuing the permit.

Mr. Miller:

- Chamber of Commerce – Cooking school scheduled for September 18th; more members are needed.

Mr. Crittenden:

- Planning District Commission – discussion at last meeting regarding comprehensive services and the need to emphasize local impact to legislators. There is also a push from VACo to let communications developers put towers on VDOT right of ways; this could be a revenue source.
- Airport Committee – Committee working on policy manual; some repairs are needed on the tower; requested check to make sure insurance covers vehicles parked on adjoining property during the car/air show.

ENDORSEMENT REQUEST - VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

It was the general consensus that no endorsements for a regional representative to the Virginia Association of Counties would be given at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Treasurer: Mrs. Wilson informed the Board of a proposal received from a collection agency that desired to do business with the County in collecting delinquent personal property taxes. The company is currently working with Isle of Wight County and will begin working in Mathews and Essex Counties. Mrs. Wilson will be waiting to see how the company does in these counties before contracting with them for Middlesex. Mr. Crittenden requested a comparison of decal and dog licenses sold.

APPOINTMENTS

Social Services:

The motion to appoint Mr. John (Jack) Fackler to represent the Saluda District on the Social Services Board was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Mr. Fackler will serve the remaining term previously held by Mr. Horsley, expiring June 30, 1998.

Airport Committee:

No action was taken to appoint a Jamaica District representative at this time.

Chesapeake Bay Agency on Aging:

No action was taken concerning Dr. Robusto's term on the Agency on Aging, due to expire September 30, 1998. Saluda representatives were asked to contact Dr. Robusto regarding a possible reappointment.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Route 600: Board members have received concerns from citizens regarding the blocking of a turn-around area at the end of Route 600 by a property owner. According to Mr. McKenzie, Assistant Resident Engineer, the Bowling Green Residency is handling this problem, because a majority of this road is in Essex County. He is aware of there being a question of where the VDOT right of way ends. Mr. William J. Brooks, citizen of the area, requested the access problem be straightened out this week.

Secondary Road Plan: A work session has been scheduled for the Board's day meeting, with a public hearing scheduled for the evening meeting.

Route 615/616: According to Mr. Jessie, the family has given permission for VDOT to cut back the corner to improve visibility.

RAPPAHANNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mrs. Pat Perkinson, County representative on the Rappahannock Community College Board, introduced Dr. Norman Haney Scott, recently appointed president of the College.

SCHOOL MATTERS

Mr. Lackey, Superintendent, informed the Board that 15 responses to requests for proposals for architectural services had been received and interviews with five (5) firms were being scheduled. Approximately \$20,000 had been saved by using inmate labor to paint at the various schools. Major problems are being experienced with the roof at the High School and the School Board is studying the best remedy. Mr. Crittenden requested enrollment figures as soon as they were available.

STREET NAME APPLICATION

The motion to approve the application reviewed last month, designating a private road, Gatsby Lane, was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Louise Gray presented several ideas the Anniversary Committee was working on for next year, including a kick-off ceremony during Heritage Week at Rosegill Farm, the possibility of a contest for creation of a theme flag and gateway signs installed at County entrances. Grant funding for the gateway signs was not approved. Other projects being considered by other groups include a concert by a combined church choir, extra emphasis at County schools, and historic homes tour by the Woman's Club. Mr. Crittenden requested a copy of the Committee's minutes be provided to the Board.

C. L. MORRISSETTE

Mr. C. L. Morrisette presented his comments regarding past and future growth in the County, with regard to population figures and public hearing procedures of the Planning Commission, including his lack of opportunity as an applicant to respond to public comments. Mr. Morrisette also stressed a need for Commissioners to be knowledgeable and impartial. Mr. Crittenden noted that population figures do not take into consideration the number of absentee landowners. Mr. Crittenden added that he hoped that no appointed official was prejudiced in their votes.

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Drug Investigation:

The motion to approve the appropriation of \$769.46 of revenue from drug investigations to pay for lodging during drug dog school was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

Deltaville Water Study:

The motion to approve the appropriation of \$4,000.00 from the fund balance to fund the preparation of the preliminary engineering report for the Deltaville Water Study was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Septic System:

Advertisement of the Courthouse Septic System will be completed this week, with bids due for the October meeting.

Broad Creek Dock:

Mr. Crittenden noted that steps need to be constructed at the end of the County dock on Broad Creek.

St. Clare Walker Renovation:

This project has been advertised; bids are due back September 29, 1997, at 3:00 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

E911:

Mr. Culley will have Mr. Wilson, Planning Director, prepare information on the necessary procedures for implementing an enhanced 911 system.

Emergency Back-Up Base Station:

Sheriff Dandridge may be making a request to the Board in the future for funds to purchase a new base station. He is currently seeking other avenues for funding.

Deltaville Water System:

Board members requested additional information on the proposed Deltaville Water System in preparation for the citizens meeting scheduled for October 23rd, in Deltaville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion to convene in executive session for consultation with legal counsel, per Section 2.1-344.a7, was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

Upon reconvening in open session, the following motion was made by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Jessie 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:

- As a result of the Executive Session, there was no action to report.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn until September 16, 1997, at 7:30 P.M., was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

Fred S. Crittenden, Chairman
Board of Supervisors