

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE
WOODWARD BUILDING, SALUDA, VIRGINIA:

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

Charles M. Culley, Jr., County Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mr. Crittenden and opened with words of prayer.

JOINT MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Crittenden noted that members of the Planning Commission were in attendance to conduct a joint public hearing with the Board to consider Special Exception Application 98-002. John England, Chairman of the Planning Commission, called the Planning Commission to order with the following members present: John England, Jan Marshall, Jerry McMurtrie, Joann Hensley, George Harris, Priscilla Davenport, and John D. Miller, Jr.

Public Hearing – Special Exception 98-002, Steven Larson

Tim Wilson, Planning Director, presented the application, submitted by Steven Larson, to permit a second dwelling (single-wide manufactured home) on his property located at Tax Map 38-313A. The property, a 10-acre parcel, zoned Low Density Rural, has a water supply and sewage disposal system approved by the Health Department. The property and the location of the proposed dwelling on the property comply with minimum LDR District and zoning ordinance requirements. The Planning Director recommended conditional approval of the application.

Mr. Crittenden opened the joint public hearing for comments from the public. There being no comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed. The motion to recommend conditional approval by the Planning Commission of Special Exception Application 98-002, was made by Mr. McMurtrie, seconded by Mrs. Davenport and carried unanimously. The motion to approve special exception application 98-002, with the following conditions, was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously:

1. Occupancy: The manufactured home must be occupied by an immediate family member of the property owner as defined by Article 7-4-8 of the Zoning Ordinance. Such dwelling shall be the primary residence of the immediate family member and shall not serve as an occasional, seasonal or otherwise part-time residence. The Zoning Administrator shall be immediately informed by the property owner of any change in approved occupancy. Such change shall be subject to reapproval.
2. Placement on Lot: The approved location of the second dwelling on the property shall be as shown on the sketch accompanying the permit application. A minimum yard area of 10,000 square feet shall be reserved for the manufactured home placed on the property.
3. Health: The manufactured home shall be connected to a water supply and sewage disposal system approved by the Health Department.
4. Number of Units: A maximum of one (1) manufactured home shall be allowed under this permit.

5. Discontinuance of Use: The Zoning Administrator shall be immediately notified as to the discontinuance of the manufactured home's use as a residential dwelling occupied by an immediate family member. Beginning upon the date of the discontinuance of the approved use the property owner shall have ninety (90) days in which to either seek a new occupancy approval, remove the manufactured home from the property, or by other means comply with the standard permitting and use requirements of the LDR District.

The motion to adjourn the meeting of the Planning Commission was made by Mrs. Davenport, seconded by Mrs. Hensley and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING -- SCHOOL AND COUNTY BUDGETS FOR '98-'99

Mr. Culley presented information on the proposed County budget, totaling \$9,586,216.00. This total includes \$4,612,785.00 in local funds proposed for the School budget, a decrease of \$6,374,402.00 from their budget request. It was noted that over six million dollars had been requested for school capital projects, however, the Board of Supervisors proposes to wait for results of the capital improvement study currently underway before making major funding proposals. The proposed County budget reflects a total 6.39% increase from the current year. The major increase proposed over the current year budget is seen in comprehensive services, an increase of \$165,000, or 78.57%. A proposed increase of 3% for County employees has been included in the proposed budget.

Mr. Crittenden opened the public hearing for comments from the public. Following are comments received:

Gail Keefe, Judy Castello, Cathy Lucas, and Renae Banks each requested funding for Middlesex County slots at the regional governor's school.

Sherry Inabinet, County librarian, asked for the Board's endorsement of fully funding the Library Board's request of a 5% increase. Mrs. Inabinet noted some of the services provided to the public, including free internet access and word processing capabilities, assistance to students with homework assignments, and assistance to social services clients seeking employment.

Dabney Miller suggested work on modifying current school buildings rather than new construction. Mr. Crittenden commented that the School Board has been asked to prepare a five-year plan of capital improvements. Mr. Miller encouraged the County's participation in the regional airport and revenue sharing.

Bill Yarrington commented on the need for prayer in school.

Charles Lackey, School Superintendent, commented that the school board would be coming back with a priority list of capital improvements. He would inform the school board of the support expressed for the governor's school.

Vernon Jones commented in favor of participation in the regional airport, noting that a great majority of the citizens in the county do not get anything from the airport and opposed spending additional money at Hummel Field. Mr. Crittenden commented that removal of the pole at Hummel was a safety issue and would enable the realization of a global positioning satellite approach. Mr. Culley noted that projected expenditure increases due to purchase of additional fuel would be offset by increased revenue due to fuel sales.

Velma Gray, president of the Library Board, expressed comments in support of additional library funding.

Nancy Jackson commented on the increase proposed in the building department and the decrease noted in the revenue for permits and fees. Mr. Culley noted that the revenue from fees had been decreased for the proposed budget because these lines

had been over-budgeted in the past. The building department shows increases because money has been included for rent of a vehicle.

Dabney Miller continued to comment in support of the regional airport. It was noted that the King and Queen Board of Supervisors had adopted no formal proposal for submittal to the other middle peninsula counties. Mr. Culley noted that revenue generated met the airport expense when \$21,000 of personal property taxes and real estate taxes was added to fuel sales.

There being no further comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed. Mr. Crittenden reminded citizens that the School Board would decide where to spend the money appropriated to them, other than for buses and capital improvements. Mr. Crittenden thanked the public for attending and commenting. It was noted that the proposed budget was based on a tax increase of two- (2) cents.

VACO – HOUSE BILL 335

The motion to endorse a resolution in opposition to House Bill 335, sending it to the Governor and Secretary Of Commerce & Trade, Barry E. DuVal, was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. The bill as proposed would prohibit local government involvement with telecommunications services for sale or lease to business or the public.

OLD ST. CLARE WALKER RENOVATION

Right-of-Way:

The motion approving granting of a right-of-way to Virginia Power for the installation of power lines across County property at the old school site was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

Underground Service:

The motion to approve payment of \$1,600 to Virginia Power, the difference in providing underground service rather than over head service at the old school site, was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board members expressed their concern with GTE representatives selling caller identification boxes to consumers in the county, when the service is not available in this area. It was suggested that letters be sent to the State Corporation Commission in opposition to this solicitation.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned until April 7, by motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

Fred S. Crittenden, Chairman
Board of Supervisors