

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1998, 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

Mr. Crittenden called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., and opened with a prayer.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 4th and August 18th meetings of the Board were reviewed. Mrs. Weber commented that the statement following the executive session on August 4th does not reflect action that was taken to approve pay increases for two employees. Mr. Crittenden noted that the action of the Board was to approve a transfer of funds from various budget lines to salary lines within the administrator's department. According to Mr. Crittenden, this proposal had been discussed with Mrs. Weber in previous executive sessions and the other members were aware of her opposition. Mrs. Weber noted her opposition to changing salaries after budget adoption. The motion to adopt both sets of minutes as written was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie. The motion carried by vote of 4-1-0, with Mrs. Weber opposed.

DISBURSEMENTS

The motion to approve disbursements dated September 1, was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 30252 through 30375 totaling \$185,036.74 were disbursed as approved.

PAYROLL

The motion to approve payroll for the month of August was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried by a vote of 4-1-0, with Mrs. Weber opposed. Checks numbered 30164 through 30251 totaling \$110,611.37 were disbursed as approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Williams:

- Planning District Commission – There was no meeting in August due to Hurricane Bonnie.

Mrs. Weber:

- Emergency Services – The emergency shelter opened briefly and the emergency could be considered a training exercise. A de-briefing was held in the aftermath to discuss problems that arose and corrections to make.
- Museum – the grand opening is scheduled for September 19th at 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Jessie:

- Chamber of Commerce – meeting cancelled due to Hurricane Bonnie.
- Jail Authority – six (6) guards have been hired, with 6-10 more to be hired prior to the opening, anticipated for November.
- Social Services – There has been a decrease in food stamp activity. Mr. Jessie requested a look into the cost involved with providing job transportation to Williamsburg.

Mr. Miller:

- No report.

Mr. Crittenden:

- Airport Committee – New officers were elected; the Committee will forward their recommendations for new appointments at a later date.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Commissioner of Revenue: No report

Sheriff:

Sheriff Dandridge requested the Board's consideration of an appropriation of \$10,000 to be used for purchase of an undercover vehicle. According to Dandridge, the current vehicle is in need of an estimated \$900 of repairs to make it able to be driven. The vehicle had been purchased for \$1500 using drug seizure funds. The Sheriff indicated there was not enough money in the seizure account to fund another vehicle purchase.

No action was taken by the Board on this matter. Mr. Crittenden suggested the Sheriff find funds within the current budget, as the current budget is no less than last year's and funds were found within it to purchase computer software.

Treasurer:

Real estate tax bills should be mailed in the next two weeks. There have been good results from the attorney working on delinquent real estate tax collections.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Rt. 604: The Board reviewed a letter from the Department of Transportation to Mr. Tom Tokarz regarding the procedures for obtaining hard surfacing of Rt. 604. Mr. Tokarz requested additional dust retardant and scraping by VDOT crews while he proceeded with right of way acquisition and funding approval for hard surfacing. Mr. Tokarz presented the Board with photographs showing current road conditions. Mr. Tokarz agreed to work with VDOT officials in obtaining necessary right of ways and requested the Board's assistance with having the road placed on the six-year improvement plan.

Rt. 636: work should be starting in the fall. Bids for this project were opened last week, with official notice to proceed to be given later.

Rt. 631: the pre-engineering phase of the improvement process has been scheduled.

Six-year Improvement Program: Typically, a work session is scheduled for September, with a public hearing scheduled for sometime in October – December.

Retirement: Board members praised Mr. Woodward on the working relationship he established with the Board in his position as resident engineer. Mr. Bill Sullivan will be replacing Mr. Woodward as resident engineer in the Saluda office.

SCHOOL MATTERS

Mr. John Moore, Chairman of the School Board was present to address the Board.

Appropriation Request:

Mr. Moore requested appropriation of Virginia Public School Construction Grant Funds in the amount of \$226,463.00 and presented a list of projects planned to be completed with the state funding: sewer improvements at Wilton, turn around and parent pick-up at Wilton and Rappahannock Central Elementary schools, purchase and replace carpeting and/or tile at St. Clare Walker; purchase of trailer for Wilton School. There may be matching funds for replacement of carpet and/or tile from the original vendor. The motion to approve the appropriation to fund 24, account 010010, line 8102, in the amount of \$226,463.00 was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

High School Vandalism:

Mr. Moore commented that he and other members of the school board expected offenders charged with school vandalism to be punished to the limits of the law, with no deals cut.

PLANNING MATTERS

Mr. Culley presented a recommendation from Tim Wilson, Planning Director, that the Board initiate an amendment to Article 6-3 of the Zoning Ordinance to list "manufactured homes" as a permitted use in the Resource Husbandry (RH) district. This recommendation is based on a requirement of Section 15.2-2290 of the Code of Virginia which requires that local zoning ordinances permitting site-built homes in agricultural districts also permit manufactured homes in such districts on the same basis.

The Board discussed also increasing the minimum lot size requirements in the RH district to match those of the Low Density Rural District (LDR),

The motion approving initiation of the ordinance amendments was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

REFUND REQUEST

Mr. Culley presented a request from the Planning Department recommending approval of a refund of \$200.00 to Mr. Earl Pryor. Changes in the Zoning Ordinance allowed Mr. Pryor to submit an administrative variance application rather than proceeding with the Board of Zoning Appeals application he had already filed. The difference in fees was \$200. The motion approving the refund of \$200.00 was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

WAIVE FEES

The motion approving the waiving of the \$25.71 building and zoning permit fees for erection of a sign at the Middlesex County Museum was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

The motion adopting the following resolution, ratifying the declaration of emergency issued on August 26th, by Mrs. Weber, the County's Director of Emergency Services, was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY,
VIRGINIA, HELD AT 9:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1998:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Middlesex, Virginia, does hereby find as follows:

1. That due to the occurrence of Hurricane Bonnie, the County of Middlesex was facing a condition of extreme peril to the lives, safety and property of the residents of Middlesex County;
2. That as a result of this extreme peril, the proclamation of the existence of an emergency is necessary to permit the full powers of government to deal effectively with this condition of peril.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Middlesex, Virginia, that a local emergency did exist throughout the County of Middlesex; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Services organization and functions of the County of Middlesex shall be those prescribed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the ordinance, resolutions and approved plans of the County of Middlesex in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

Board of Supervisors, Middlesex County, VA

Fred S. Crittenden	aye
John D. Miller, Jr.	aye
Kenneth W. Williams	aye
Lenora O. Weber	aye
Frank Jessie	aye

APPOINTMENTS

Tidewater Resource Conservation & Development:

The motion appointing Mrs. Betty Bray to the position previously held by James Clark, representing the County on the Tidewater Resource Conservation and Development Council, was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

Airport Committee:

There was no action due to recommendations not being received from the Airport Committee for appointments to their committee.

CURFEW ORDINANCE

Mr. Soberick presented the Board with a proposed curfew ordinance that if adopted would make it unlawful for minors to be on public or private property or in any vehicle, unless accompanied by a guardian or other caring adult, between the hours of midnight and 6:00 A.M. Provisions could be included for juveniles that are working.

The Administrator was requested to send the proposed ordinance to the Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff for their recommendations. If favorable response is received, the Board will consider scheduling a public hearing.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

No action was taken regarding employee health insurance. John Thomas, representative of American Medical Securities, would be asked to attend the September 15th to address questions regarding changes in mental health coverage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion to convene in Executive Session for discussions involving land acquisition, per Code of Virginia, Section 2.1-344.a3 and 2.1-344.a1, to discuss personnel issues, was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. John Moore, School Board Chairman was invited to participate in some of the discussion involving land acquisition.

Upon reconvening in open session, the following motion was made by Mr. Williams, 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

Caller I.D.:

Mrs. Weber requested that representatives from GTE be invited to attend the next Board meeting to discuss options for providing caller identification services to the county.

Underground Fuel Tanks:

All underground gas tanks owned by the School Board or Board of Supervisors have been removed. Mr. Culley noted that as far as he knows the only tanks remaining underground are fuel oil tanks.

ADJOURN

Mr. Miller announced that he would not be attending the next meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board would be on September 15, 1998, at 7:30 P.M.

Fred S. Crittenden, Chairman
Board of Supervisors