

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1999, 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 January 5th and January 19th meetings of the Board were considered for approval, and a minor correction made. The motion to approve the minutes as presented and corrected was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS

There were conflicting reports for one of the Sheriff's vehicles. Sheriff Dandridge will be questioned on these matters.

The motion to approve disbursements for January was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 31521 through 31638 totaling \$92,382.96 were disbursed as approved.

PAYROLL

The motion to approve payroll for the month of January was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 31433 through 31520 totaling \$128,767.37 were disbursed as approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Williams: no report

Mrs. Weber:

- Library Board – The annual budget was presented and approved and will be discussed with the Board later today.
- Social Services – there was no quorum. The motion to approve sending a resolution to the General Assembly in support of increasing monies for Social Services rent reimbursements was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.
- Sports Complex – met with the Tidewater Resource, Conservation and Development group to discuss erosion problems at the Complex.

Mr. Jessie:

- Jail Authority – inmates will be moving into the new jail this weekend; no decision has been reached on uses for the old jail.
- Chamber of Commerce – working on objectives for the year; a job fair will be held in the spring.

Mr. Miller: no reports

Mr. Crittenden:

- Airport Committee – did not attend the meeting; nothing to report
- Planning District Commission – Neal Barber presented tourism report.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Commissioner of Revenue: no report

Sheriff:

- Vehicle Request – Sheriff Dandridge was not present, however, he has requested three (3) vehicles be ordered from his upcoming budget. The drug grant expires soon and there is a possibility of the Town not renewing the police services agreement. There was no action on the Sheriff's request.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Primary System Pre-Allocation Hearing – Scheduled for March 8th, 10:00 a.m., Tappahannock Fire House. The County may wish to speak in support for new bridges in West Point.

Revenue Sharing – Bill Sullivan, Resident Engineer, informed the Board that applications for the State's revenue sharing program would be due soon.

Rt. 629 – A document allowing landowners to continue to have a right of way through Mr. Segar's property needs to be drawn up, or the landowners need to abandon their desire to use the right of way, before action can be taken by the County to abandon the right of way that provides access. VDOT will write a response to the County listing the actions necessary so the County can respond to Mr. Segar.

Signs for Sports Complex – Mrs. Weber requested installation of green, highway signs on Rt. 33, at Rt. 620, to indicate the location of the sports complex.

SCHOOL MATTERS

VPSA Application

The motion approving proceeding with the application process for Virginia Public School Authority bonds in the amount of \$12 million was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. The deadline for applying for the spring bond sale is in April. This application does not commit the County to repayment of these funds.

School Newspaper

Mrs. Weber complimented Mr. Lackey on the High School Newspaper that was being included in the Southside Sentinel circulation. Mrs. Weber recommended the Board make a contribution to the paper. Mr. Lackey will arrange for newspaper representatives to make a presentation to the Board.

Standards of Learning

After much discussion, Mr. Lackey requested that the Board not compare schools within the County when it came to scoring on preliminary SOL tests. According to Mr. Lackey, these were preliminary tests to help teachers better design their curriculum to the new requirements.

ANNUAL AUDIT

Mr. Irvin (Jack) Farmer, principal with the auditing firm, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, was present to review the audit report for the year ending June 30, 1998.

PRESENTATION TO MR. HARMON

Mr. Crittenden presented a plaque to David L. Harmon, Superintendent of the Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center, in recognition and appreciation of his contributions, continuing improvements and unselfish dedication to Middlesex County and its citizens.

Mr. Gary Young, from the Security Center, also presented a poem about Mr. Harmon, which had been made into a plaque.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

The motion to approve the job-training plan for the area served by the Bay Consortium, Private Industry Council, was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

The Board of Supervisors expressed their support of the goals of the Rappahannock River Basin Commission, as long as no local funding is required or requested. It was suggested that Collin Powers, from the Department of Environmental Quality be invited to attend a Board meeting.

The motion to approve the following resolution was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously:

A RESOLUTION FOR TRIBUTARY STRATEGIES GOAL SETTING FOR THE RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER BASIN

WHEREAS, Members of the Rappahannock River Basin Commission, representing citizens and local governments across the Rappahannock Basin, have participated in numerous discussions of Virginia's Tributary Strategy initiative for the Rappahannock River; and

WHEREAS, Middlesex County is a participating member of the Rappahannock River Basin Commission; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's Tributary Strategy Program, as defined by the Commonwealth's commitments under the Chesapeake Bay program, is a voluntary, cooperative effort that emphasizes local determination; and

WHEREAS, Local governments in the Rappahannock River Basin support cost-effective and practical efforts to restore water quality throughout the river basin; and

WHEREAS, Recent water quality monitoring and research have shown that both the upper and lower portions of the Rappahannock River have suffered degradations in recent years as a result of both natural forces and human impacts; and

WHEREAS, Scientific research and computer water quality models show that the River can be substantially improved through reductions in nutrients and sediments that are now coming from a variety of sources; and

WHEREAS, Farmers, treatment plant owners and others throughout the Rappahannock River basin have already undertaken many important and valuable actions to improve water quality; and are willing to undertake additional actions through voluntary commitments that are supported through cost-share funding; and

WHEREAS, The efforts of state and local officials, agricultural representatives and others to build a Tributary Strategy for the Rappahannock River, have identified practical and cost-effective means for building on these successful efforts to reduce nutrient and sediment loadings to the Rappahannock River and improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, Full implementation of these voluntary practices represents a goal for nutrient and sediment reductions that would achieve substantial benefits in the River and would be attainable over time, depending on availability of funding and resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Middlesex County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its support for efforts of the Rappahannock River Basin Commission to pursue full funding of available cost-share programs in the basin and the Commission's goal to achieve a full level of voluntary implementation of nutrient and sediment reduction practices within a time frame that is practical, cost-effective and commensurate with available resources.

ANIMAL CLAIMS

The motion to approve two (2) claims for animals that were killed by stray dogs was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Mr. Truman Stone, Wake, would be refunded \$150.00 for three (3) geese and \$30 for two (2) Rhode Island Red chickens that were killed.

APPOINTMENTS

The motion recommending Mr. Amos Carver as a member of the Tidewater Soil and Water Conservation District was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

No action was taken on other positions up for reappointment.

APPROPRIATIONS

Cooks Corner Office Complex: The motion to approve the following appropriation was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously: TO: 50-11010-7002, \$1,110.15, from Fund Balance (for furniture expenses).

Repairs: The motion to approve the following appropriation was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 3-2 (Williams and Weber opposed): TO: 4-1-4302-3004, \$20,000, from Fund Balance (due to increased repairs necessary at various County sites, i.e., animal shelter, Health Department). Mrs. Weber noted her opposition because there are still funds remaining in the total General Properties Department.

Sewer: The motion to approve the following appropriation was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously: TO: 1-43020-5104, \$18,609.00, from Fund Balance (final sewer payment to Regional Jail; no funds were budgeted in FY 99 budget because it was anticipated that the new system would be completed prior to July 1, 1998.).

REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Louis Lawrence, Regional Planner with the Middle Peninsula PDC, presented an overview of the proposed agreement, industrial development plan and budget for the proposed regional airport. Five of seven Middle Peninsula localities have agreed to join the Authority (New Kent and Middlesex are undecided). Mr. Crittenden requested an accounting of the number of planes and amount of fuel sales at the existing facility.

REASSESSMENT UPDATE

Mike Didawick, Blue Ridge Appraisal Services, estimated that 24% of the County had been appraised, mostly in the central part of the County. Mr. Didawick estimated that fieldwork should be completed in late summer, with reassessment hearings in the fall. Mr. Didawick was requested to keep the Board updated on reassessment progress.

GRANTS TO CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

After researching the possibility of providing matching funds to civic organizations, Mr. Soberick noted that the organization must be a qualified organization under the Code of Virginia, Section 15.2-953, before the Board can offer a donation. Mr. Soberick suggested creating an application for interested organizations to submit for review and the Board's consideration toward funding.

AMERICAN RED CROSS – MIDDLESEX COUNTY CHAPTER

Mrs. Weber noted that the National Red Cross has reorganized and has new requirements, some of which cannot be met by the local chapter. The local chapter is interested in continuing some of the programs, such as the blood mobile, work with service men and women and assistance with County emergency shelters. The local chapter will be working with state representatives to maintain some of its programs.

ROTARY CLUB DINNER

The Board was reminded of the Rotary Club dinner to be held in honor of Mrs. Louis Gray.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion to convene in Executive Session for consultation with legal counsel, per Code of Virginia, Section 2.1-344.a7, to discuss the Airport, the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board, and litigation involving Delaware Corporation, and personnel matters, per Code of Virginia, Section 2.1-34.a1 was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller 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.

WHITING CREEK DREDGING

Mrs. Weber requested that Administration contact Army Corps of engineers expressing the Board's desire to reissue the dredging permit for Whittings Creek.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Following a recess for lunch, the Board conducted a budget work session with department heads and representatives of other agencies.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The Board was scheduled to join the School Board at their meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 1999, for a capital improvements work session.

Fred S. Crittenden, Chairman
Board of Supervisors