AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 6, 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 motion to approve the minutes of the June 1st, June 15th, and June 28th
meetings was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS

The motion to approve disbursements for the months of June and July was
made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Checks
numbered 32767 through 32824, totaling $60,839.50 were disbursed as approved
along with checks dated July 6, numbered 32825-32828, totaling $42,768.18.

PAYROLL

The motion to approve payroll for the month of June was made by Mr. Williams,
seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 32676 through
32766 totaling $130,671.83 were disbursed as approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Williams:

• Planning District Commission – The budget was approved at the quarterly
dinner meeting.

Mrs. Weber:
- Social Services – Money has been received from the federal government; the department is proposing to purchase a mini-van for transporting welfare assisted workers to job sites

- Communications Committee – Committee met and has selected a firm to negotiate a contract price.

Mr. Jessie:

- Regional Jail – Mr. Harmon received a national award as Superintendent of the Year. Discussion still continues concerning installing a back-up water supply. Mr. Soberick was requested to check into agreements the County has with Sydnor Hydrodynamics regarding providing water and the need for back-up generators.

Mr. Miller:

- Chamber of Commerce – a cooking class is on schedule

- Dragon Run Steering Committee – Groundwater monitoring requirements have been discussed.

Mr. Crittenden:

- Airport Committee – there was no quorum.

**HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Larry Lucas was present representing the Department of Transportation.

**Rt. 3/33** – The Chairman forwarded a request from the Trustees of Harmony Grove Baptist Church, who have requested that additional warning devices be installed at the intersection of Route 3 and 33, to aid in preventing further accidents at the intersection and specifically on church property. Mr. Lucas indicated that the request had already been sent to the VDOT traffic-engineering department for study; rumble strips or flashing lights could be recommended. The motion for the Board to endorse improvements for the intersection was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously. The letter is to be sent to the Saluda Residency, VDOT District administration and State legislators.
Coves of Wilton Creek – The motion to accept the following resolution accepting and transferring certain right of ways in the Coves of Wilton Creek development to the Department of Transportation for acceptance into the secondary road system, was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION
TRANSFER OF RIGHT OF WAY
FOR ROADS WITHIN COVES OF WILTON CREEK

WHEREAS, the Coves of Wilton Creek Owners Association has recorded a deed at Deed Book 295, Page 417, deeding Wilton Creek Drive, Wilton Creek Drive North, Wilton Creek Drive South, Heron Point Lane, Oyster Cove Landing and Turtle Point Lane in the Coves of Wilton Creek Subdivision to the County of Middlesex; and;

WHEREAS, the streets described in the deed reference above and on the attached Additions Form SR-5(A), fully incorporated herein by reference, is shown on plats recorded at Plat Book 8, pages 133 and 134; Plat Book 9 at pages 22, 23, 117 & 118; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has advised this Board that the streets meet the requirements established by the Subdivision Street Requirements of the Virginia Department of Transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County does hereby request the Virginia Department of Transportation to add the streets described on the attached Additions Form SR-5(A) to the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to 33.1-229, Code of Virginia, and the Department’s Subdivision Street Requirements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board guarantees a clear and unrestricted right-of-way, as described, and any necessary easements for cuts, fills and drainage, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Wake Beach – Mr. Williams indicated he would be in touch with Mr. Sullivan, Resident Engineer, regarding the language to be used on the signs at Wake Beach.

Six Year Plan – Mr. Lucas suggested the Board think about projects for updating the six year plan in the Fall.

Rt. 629 – A public hearing to hear comments regarding the abandonment of discontinued right of way would be scheduled for the August 17 meeting.
**Rt. 33** – A traffic study is being made to determine the viability of a reduced speed limit in the Locust Hill area.

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

**Treasurer:**

Mrs. Wilson requested a more detailed definition of “trailers” included in the County’s Motor Vehicle Tax Ordinance. Mr. Soberick and Mr. Culley are to work on this.

**SCHOOL MATTERS**

**Capital Improvements** – Mr. Lackey stated that the target date for selling bonds was July 18 or 19 with bond counsel looking for the best interest rate. Some positive contacts have been made regarding land purchases. Assessment of the drainfield at the High School will be taking place. Construction of the elementary school is now estimated to be completed by the middle of the 2000-2001 school year.

**School Resource Officer** – A draft agreement and description of duties is being created and the Sheriff will be advertising the position. Mr. Culley recommended soliciting the older police officers, possibly retired from service.

**MIDDLE PENINSULA DRUG TASK FORCE**

Special Agent Lewis Sheldon, Virginia State Police, was present to discuss activities of the Middle Peninsula Drug Task Force. Since its inception in April 1998, 139 cases have been investigated with $250,569 in drugs (street value) seized. Agent Sheldon encouraged the reporting of possible drug activity to a hot-line telephone number.

**FIRST COMMONWEALTH CABLEVISION, LTD.**

Don Perry, President, Britt Belyea, Vice President and Pat Gibbs, Vice President and General Manager of the Middlesex Office, were present to request a five-year extension of the franchise agreement with the County. The current franchise expires February 22, 2003; a five-year extension would begin at that time and expire February 22, 2008. The representatives explained that having an agreement for at least nine more years would making refinancing easier.

The Board was reminded that this is a non-exclusive franchise; any company can apply for the same franchise terms held by First Commonwealth with the County. Mr. Culley discussed the availability of cable modems and fiber optics and the
possibility of using the existing fiber optic cable to transmit radio signals for the new radio system.

Mr. Williams suggested receiving public comments concerning the existing service prior to granting an extension. Mrs. Weber made the motion to grant the extension, seconded by Mr. Jessie. This motion was denied by a vote of two for (Weber, Jessie) to three opposed (Crittenden, Williams, Miller). The motion to advertise and conduct a public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the company’s performance was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

CANOE HOUSE LANDING

Chuck Dawson of Bay Design Group has researched the files and visited the site, and has stated it appears that the wrong information was used in preparing the last survey and that referenced markers are missing. Mr. Dawson suggested the County reach an agreement with adjoining property owners regarding the location of property lines for Canoe House Landing and have the property resurveyed, properly marked and recorded. Mr. Culley is to contact the adjoining property owners.

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

- Abandoned Automobile – The motion approving the following appropriation was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously: TO: 4-1-81040-5412, $2,920.00; FROM 3-1-24040-0030 (Reimbursement from funds received from DMV for abandoned automobiles; for FY 99 budget year)

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

Action was tabled regarding creation of local Workforce Investment Areas and Local Workforce Investment Boards. These areas and boards replace the current Service Delivery Areas and Private Industry Councils and are responsible for developing plans to address the workforce development needs of each local area.
VIRGINIA EXTENSION

Board members reviewed the information received concerning the award of the 1999 Achievement Award to David Moore from the Virginia Association of Agricultural Extension Agents. In order to receive the award, Mr. Moore must attend the National Association of Agricultural Agents Conference in Nebraska, September 12-16. Mr. Culley is to check with other counties that Mr. Moore works in to see if they will be participating in sharing the cost.

“RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROTECTION ACT”

No action was taken by the Board on a request from the National Association of Counties to correspond with congressmen in opposition to the Religious Liberty Protection Act. According to NACo the Act allows for exemption from certain government regulations on the basis of religion.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board members voiced opposition to counties having to pay for primary elections, and commented that the Virginia Association of Counties is not looking out for the smaller counties.

WATER AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS

Mr. Soberick advised the Board that he was working on the documents for establishment of the water authority.

RESOLUTION/PLAQUE FOR MR. HARMON

The Board requested that either a resolution or plaque be made up for presentation to Mr. Harmon at a later meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman. The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for July 20, 1999, at 7:30 P.M.

Fred S. Crittenden, Chairman
Board of Supervisors