

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 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 May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> meetings, with corrections, was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

The motion to approve disbursements for the month of May was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 32469 through 32604, totaling \$107,297.14 were disbursed as approved.

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

***Sheriff:***

School Resource Officer: Sheriff Dandridge explained that the grant for the School Resource Officer had been approved using 100% State funds. Board members questioned the duties and dress code of the officer. Sheriff Dandridge indicated he would be placing Deputy Freeman into the position, who would monitor school grounds, break up fights, and assist with searches, and would be in uniform most of the time.

High Speed Pursuits: Board members expressed concern for high speed pursuits by County deputies and questioned whether a pursuit policy was in place. According to the Sheriff, he had issued a set speed for deputies not to exceed.

Contracts: The Chairman questioned whether the Sheriff had employment contracts with the deputies. The Sheriff indicated he did have contracts in place.

## **PAYROLL**

The motion to approve payroll for the month of May was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 32377 through 32468 totaling \$130,487.11 were disbursed as approved.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Williams:

- Rappahannock Basin Commission – Mr. Culley and Mrs. Jones attended the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at Ingleside.
- Planning District Commission – The domestic violence program for the region was discussed. VDOT has not addressed the possibility of installing four lane bridges into West Point.

Mrs. Weber:

- Social Services – The Director will contact the Chairman or County Administrator prior to making decision to close the office during normal working hours.
- Emergency Services – Preparedness meeting held. The need for increased publicity to inform the public of shelter locations was stressed.
- Communications Committee – Interviews with three consulting firms are scheduled for June 8.

Mr. Jessie:

- Regional Jail – The Jail has been testing Y2K situations. The Jail Board approved installation of a back up well to run off the generator, at a cost of \$150,000 to install.
- Canoe House Landing – Some property markers were not found. Mr. Jessie suggested having a new survey made.

Mr. Culley:

- Rappahannock River Basin Commission - looking into creation of park areas above Fredericksburg. Middlesex County will be hosting the Commission's September 22 meeting.

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**Maintenance** – Area surface treatment has been completed.

**Wake Beach** – Mr. Sullivan will look into the status of new signs for Wake Beach.

**Rt. 626, Rt. 630 and Mill Creek Landing area** – problem trees overhanging the highways; VDOT is working on an agreement with the property owner of Rt. 626.

**Rt. 629** – Contract administrator will review documentation associated with request to abandon a portion of this road.

**Rt. 33** – Mr. Miller requested traffic flow numbers through Locust Hill.

**Signs** – Mr. Crittenden questioned information he had received regarding a Department of Transportation moratorium against the erection of signs from Harmony Grove to Deltaville. Mr. McKenzie commented that he would check on this.

## **SCHOOL MATTERS**

**Capital Improvements** – School officials have met with some of the regulatory agencies that will be involved with new school construction. There has been no movement from the property owner toward agreement to sell land for a new elementary school; the School Board may request condemnation. The Industrial Development Authority has bond counsel looking toward a bond sale in mid-July.

**Attendance** – The following attendance figures were given: Wilton – 196; Rappahannock – 465; St. Clare Walker – 340; High School – 357.

**Census Counts** – School census counters are requesting additional information that could be helpful relating to emergency services.

**School Resource Officer** – Mr. Lackey commented that the School's use of the School Resource Officer would be from a proactive, preventative, educational standpoint, working with schoolteachers. Mr. Lackey planned for the officer in this position to be in plain clothes most of the time and indicated that the position would be advertised and interviews conducted.

Board members related the information provided from the Sheriff earlier in the day and suggested that Mr. Lackey contact the Sheriff.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

Community Services Board (CSB) representative Lee Savidge and Executive Director Gerry Desrosiers were present as Mr. Savidge discussed current morale and

cash flow problems at the CSB. Cash reserves have been used to fund late reimbursements from Medicare and other programs. The CSB has taken steps to reduce expenditures, including purchasing several properties they had previously rented; the monthly mortgage amounts are less than the rent payments.

### **VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION**

The motion to endorse the plan of service was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

### **VIRGINIA RIVER COUNTRY**

There was no action taken regarding a request from Virginia's River Country to run a cooperative advertisement in the magazine, *Enterprise Virginia*.

### **APPROPRIATION REQUESTS**

- Rappahannock River Basin Commission – The motion approving the following appropriation was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously: TO: 4-1-82040-6006, \$1,000.00; FROM 3-1-41060-0001 (Dues, participation approved 8/98)
- Two for Life Funding – The motion approving the following appropriation was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously: TO: 4-1-32030-5604, \$2,542.00 and 5605, \$2,542.00; FROM 3-1-24040-0009 (Funds received from the Department of Health)

### **VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Action was considered regarding the offering from the Virginia Retirement System for unreduced benefits to those employees retiring at age 50, with 30 years of services. The motion to opt out of this benefit was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION** **DECLINING UNREDUCED EARLY RETIREMENT BENEFITS** **FOR EMPLOYEES AGE 50 WITH AT LEAST 30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Be it hereby resolved that Middlesex County (5-5159), a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, acting by and through the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors, does hereby elect to decline to have those of its employees who are currently or who shall become members of the Virginia Retirement System in the future to become eligible for unreduced early retirement benefits at age 50 with at least 30 years of service, as set out in Title 51.1, Chapter 1, Section 51.1-153(B)(2) of the Code of Virginia, effective on July 1, 1999. Such election is made

in accordance with legislation passed by the General Assembly during its 1999 regular Session and approved by the Governor with the knowledge that such unreduced early retirement benefits will become effective on July 1, 1999 in the absence of this election.

Now, therefore, Charles M. Culley, Jr., County Administrator and Clerk of the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized and directed in the name of Middlesex County to execute any required contract in order that said employees of Middlesex County may not become eligible for unreduced early retirement benefits at age 50 with 30 years of service under the Virginia Retirement System.

### **PARKING AREAS**

Discussion continued from the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the proposal to have new asphalt placed on the parking areas surrounding the Courthouse Complex. Mr. Miller noted that several employees had requested that the employee parking area also be paved. The motion to proceed with the proposal as presented at the evening meeting was made by Mr. Jessie and seconded by Mr. Miller. In the vote that followed, the motion passed by vote of 3 for (Jessie, Miller, Crittenden) to 2 opposed (Williams, Weber). Mr. Williams and Mrs. Weber noted that there were too many unknown expenses in the upcoming year that the money could be used to help fund.

### **ADOPTION OF SALARIES**

The motion approving a 4% salary increase, effective December 1, for the employees of the Department of Social Services was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

### **MEALS TAX ORDINANCE**

Mr. Soberick presented a draft meals tax ordinance. The motion to schedule a public hearing for July 20<sup>th</sup> to receive comments as to whether the issue would be placed on referendum, was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Wilson presented the final version of proposed amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan which addressed requests made by the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department (CBLAD). Shawn Smith, a CBLAD representative, indicated that she would recommend consistency of the proposals to the Local Assistance Board. The motion to adopt the amendments as proposed was made by Mrs. Weber,

seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Mr. Wilson was requested to thank to the Planning Commission for their work in addressing the issue.

### **WETLANDS BOARD**

Mr. Wilson noted that staff and the Wetlands Board is working on an appeals procedure.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The motion to convene in Executive Session for discussions involving pending litigation, per Code of Virginia, Section 2.1-344.a7, and personnel matters, per Code of Virginia, Section 2.1-34.a1 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.

- There was no action as a result of the Executive Session.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman. The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for June 15, 1999, at 7:30 P.M.

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Fred S. Crittenden, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors