

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 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 February 2nd and February 16th meetings of the Board and February 9th and February 17th work sessions were considered for approval. Minor corrections were made to the draft minutes. The motion to approve the minutes as presented and corrected was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS

The motion to approve disbursements for February was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 31733 through 31885 totaling \$100,057.17 were disbursed as approved.

PAYROLL

The motion to approve payroll for the month of February was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 31640 through 31730 totaling \$126,654.95 were disbursed as approved.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Treasurer. Suggested adopting a late fee charged for purchasing decals after the February 15th deadline. According to Mrs. Wilson, York and Poquoson counties charge this fee. Mr. Soberick will research the fee to see if it is authorized by the State Code and bring proposed language to the Board.

Commissioner of Revenue:

- Assessors will finish new construction assessments this week.
- Regarding address changes – current bills are updated when changes are entered, however, delinquent or previous years bills are not updated.

Sheriff:

- Mrs. Weber questioned the increased use of cellular phones and requested the Sheriff's cooperation in making sure the phones are being used for official use only.
- Mr. Soberick noted that roads in the Piankatank Shores Subdivision had been designated as highways and all vehicles were subject to law enforcement. Golf carts cannot be exempted from the State's vehicle laws.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Primary System Pre-Allocation Hearing – Scheduled for March 8th, 10:00 a.m., Tappahannock Fire House. Mr. Sullivan presented four alternatives for bridge construction in West Point, which have been proposed. Board members favored an alternative which allowed for by-pass of the existing railroad tracks, noting that the trains delayed traffic as much as the bridges. The motion to adopt the following resolution was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION WEST POINT BRIDGES

WHEREAS, it has become evident that the bridges at West Point are in need of replacement, and

WHEREAS, the traffic flow through the town needs improvement, and

WHEREAS, the current design is showing a two-lane structure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the traffic flow through the town of West Point is very important to the citizens of Middlesex County and Route 33 should be four-laned at the same time as the bridges are improved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the desires of this county are for four-lane bridges to provide for future traffic growth, but understand that this is not economically feasible at this time. The preference is that a substructure be built so the bridges can be expanded to four lanes in the future as traffic growth dictates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Middlesex County supports any option for bridge replacement, as long as the option includes the construction of a fly-over to by-pass the railroad tracks on Route 33 in West Point.

Rural Additions – Mr. Sullivan noted that as construction was complete on the previous rural addition project, work would now begin on the latest approved project, South Landing Road, in Samos.

Farmer's Market – VDOT will be working to improve the entrance to the Farmers Market, widening the previous exit for use as an entrance.

SCHOOL MATTERS

School Newspaper: Mr. Lackey presented members of the High School newspaper staff and faculty advisors.

Tournament Reimbursement: Mr. Lackey was reminded that the Board of Supervisors would reimburse for one-half of the expenses involved with out-of-county competitions sanctioned by the Virginia High School League.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Williams: no report

Mrs. Weber:

- Social Services – Jack Fackler has been elected Chairman with Joan Harris as Vice Chair. A church is interested in receiving furniture donated by Social Services to use in a classroom setting. Mr. Soberick would check to see if the County could make this type of donation.
- Sports Complex – the Committee is gearing up for the spring/summer season at the Complex.

Mr. Jessie:

- Jail Authority – Reports of problems with the automatic locks at the new facility were discussed at the last Authority meeting.

Mr. Miller:

- Dragon Run Steering Committee – Ed Hale has been elected as Chairman of the committee.

Mr. Culley:

- Airport Committee – assistance from VDOT will be requested to handle several maintenance issues at the airport. The Committee was updated on comments from the Department of Aviation and the Committee will be working on updating the master plan for the airport.

Mr. Crittenden:

- Wilton PTA – Mr. Crittenden, along with three other Board members, attended the Wilton PTA meeting.
- Planning District Commission – Attended meeting, however, the Regional Airport was not discussed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Three Rivers Health District Director, Dr. Phillip Winter, requested, by letter, that the 1998 end of year settlement of \$1,438, be given to the Health Department and used to offset debt of the Resource Mother's Program. The motion to approve the return of the funds to the Health Department provided that the Resource Mother's program continues and serves Middlesex County was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES

The motion to waive building and zoning department fees for the improvement of a sign at St. Clare Walker was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

AIRPORT FARM LAND

The Board considered a request from the Airport Committee, to eliminate approximately six acres County property, on the western side of the runway, from the current farming lease held by Macey White. The Committee requested that this land not be farmed so that it may be used in connection with the Wings and Wheels event in the fall. The motion to remove the designated six acres from the lease agreement was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT TRUCK

The Board reviewed the prices received for leasing ½ ton or ¾ ton pickup trucks to be used in the building department. The Board requested Mr. Culley contact area dealers for the purchase of a mid-size pickup. No further action was taken on this matter.

APPOINTMENTS

The motion to approve the following appointments was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously:

Dragon Run Steering Committee – Cathy Wilson and Robert Major, both two (2) year appointments, expiring December 31, 2000.

Industrial Development Authority – Floyd Jones and Robert Gary both appointed to four (4) year terms ending February 28, 2003.

Board of Zoning Appeals – The Board recommended that Bill Harris be re-appointed to a five (5) year term expiring April 30, 2004.

Airport Committee – Randy Coulson (Saluda District) was re-appointed to a term, which had expired in August 1998. Mr. Coulson will continue to serve the remainder of this term, expiring August 31, 2002.

APPROPRIATIONS

Communications: The motion to approve the following appropriation was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Weber and carried unanimously: TO: 4-1-10010-7035, \$28,500.00, from Fund Balance (for preparation of specifications associated with communications equipment).

E-911: The motion to approve the following appropriation was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously): TO: 4-1-36090-various lines, \$27,840.75, from Fund Balance (for remaining quarter FY 1999).

NEW BUSINESS

Enhancement Grant (Bike Paths) – Mr. McMurtrie indicated the results of the Transportation Enhancement Grant application should be received in May.

Violation Notices – Mrs. Weber requested that letters of violation include the location for the Board's ease of identification.

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 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.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie, and carried unanimously, to disband and reorganize the Parks and Recreation Committee, due to their inactivity in the past year.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Following a recess for lunch, the Board conducted a budget work session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for March 16, 1999, at 7:30 P.M.

Fred S. Crittenden, Chairman
Board of Supervisors