

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1999, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE
WOODWARD BUILDING, SALUDA, VIRGINIA:

Present: Fred S. Crittenden, Pinetop District
Kenneth W. Williams, Pinetop District
Lenora O. Weber, Saluda District
Frank Jessie, Jamaica District

Charles M. Culley, Jr., County Administrator
Michael Soberick, County Attorney
Tim Wilson, Planning Director

Absent: John D. Miller, Jr., Saluda District

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman, Mr. Crittenden, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room and opened with a prayer.

REASSESSMENT

Mike Didawick, Blue Ridge Appraisal, presented an update on the current reassessment. It was stated that the fieldwork should be finished within the week, with the Company reviewing cards tagged with questions and those for new construction. Notices to citizens should be going out to citizens in mid-late October listing the old assessment, new assessment, phone number to call with questions and time limit to schedule appointments. Mr. Didawick indicated the Code of Virginia requires a minimum of two weeks for a questions period. This process should be completed by late November/early December, with every appeal receiving a written response.

Mr. Crittenden commented that the Board may prefer to have a longer period established for questions. A Board of Equalization, to be recommended by the Board of Supervisors would sit after January to hear appeals of the assessor's decisions. Mr. Didawick advised the Board he would prepare a press release for the Administrator to review and advertise prior to the notices being mailed.

HURRICANE FLOYD

The motion to ratify the following Declaration of Emergency was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously:

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT 7:30 P.M., SEPTEMBER 21, 1999:

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

1. That due to the occurrence of excessive rainfall, extensive flooding and power outages as a result of Hurricane Floyd on September 15 and 16, 1999, the County of Middlesex was faced with 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 was 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 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.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the expenditures and actions taken by the Director of Emergency Services are hereby ratified and approved by the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County.

Board of Supervisors, Middlesex County, VA

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

Dated: September 21, 1999

Attest: Charles M. Culley, Jr.
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Virginia

Mr. Culley advised the Board that 150 citizens were sheltered at St. Clare Walker, and 9 special needs citizens were sheltered at the Regional Jail over the 24 hour period that the shelters were open. Mr. Culley and various staff members have met with Preliminary Damage Assessment teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Virginia Department of Emergency Services (DES), who were assessing damages to both private and public property county-wide. The teams also toured the County with staff observing reported damages.

The motion to formally request the County's inclusion as a federally declared disaster area due to Hurricane Floyd was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Williams, and carried unanimously.

The motion to publish FEMA disaster assistance information was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Mr. Culley presented rate information received from the School's Trigon provider along with two options from Southern Health. If the Board opted to participate with the school program, the School Board has requested the following:

- Full funding of the additional premium to be incurred by the County participation (approximately \$35,000 annually)
- Commitment to fully fund future increases caused by the County participation
- Commitment not to withdraw from the program.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to rule out participation with Trigon through the school system. Mr. Culley was asked to schedule representatives of Southern Health to make a presentation of their plan to the employees. The Board also agreed to continue funding the increase in premium for another month, through October 31. A final decision is to be made by the Board at their October 5th meeting.

CLOSED MEETING

The motion to convene in Closed Meeting, for the following purposes was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously: discussion of personnel issues, per exemption of §2.1-344.A1, and for a briefing by the County Attorney for discussion of pending litigation involving the airport, per §2.1-344.A7, Code of Virginia, as amended. 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 from open meeting requirements under Code of Virginia §2.1-344.1 and identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the public body.

Action:

There was no action as a result of the Closed Meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting scheduled for October 5, 1999, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Fred S. Crittenden, Chairman
Board of Supervisors