

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2000, 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**

The Chairman, Mr. Miller, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., and opened with a prayer. It is noted here that Mr. Crittenden left the meeting following discussion by Doug Monroe, Virginia Quality of Life.

**MINUTES**

The motion to approve the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> meetings was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously. At the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting the opinion that localities should not have to bear the cost of political primary elections was expressed. Mr. Soberick noted that all elections are controlled by the State.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Board members questioned the cost for wireless telephone service for the Sheriff's Department.

The motion to approve the disbursements as presented was made by Mrs. Weber seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 35543 through 35741, totaling \$128,164.95 were disbursed as approved.

**PAYROLL**

The motion to approve payroll for the month of May was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 35451 through 35541, totaling \$148,737.50, were disbursed as approved.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Williams:

- [Planning District Commission](#) - A sub-committee has been appointed to study salaries for the Commission.

Mrs. Weber:

- Social Services - Localities will now be responsible for maintenance of State owned computers in the Department. The Department will be working with other localities to see if a contract can be issued regionally. Funding will be reimbursed on an 80/20 match with a maximum level of participation by the State.
- Library - Mrs. Weber has contacted the Library Board regarding the fundraising letter that was circulated. The letter commented that the Board of Supervisors had reduced the amount of local funding to the Library. It was noted that while the total amount approved for the library was reduced from the current budget, there was a 4% increase in local funding approved for the library, plus an additional \$6,000 for the automation project.
- Rappahannock River Basin Commission - Discussed possibility of offering tax incentives to protect waterfront property. Information was presented regarding the "common reed"; it is choking out good reeds and marsh grass. Was found to be present in the sand spoil from Broad Creek that was obtained by local contractors.
- Red Cross - Middlesex County chapter cannot come under the national charter alone because it cannot meet the national requirements. Middlesex is negotiating with Lancaster County to come under their charter.
- Communications Committee - interviews were conducted with the two companies submitting proposals, Motorola and Atlantic Communications. Negotiations are proceeding with Motorola.

Mr. Jessie: No reports

Mr. Crittenden:

- Airport - A copy of the Airport Committee minutes from the last meeting was included in the packet.

Mr. Miller:

- Task Force - meeting on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 P.M.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

### **Treasurer:**

Mrs. Bray, Treasurer, presented the Board with a monthly report. Collections at the local banks have gone well.

### **Commissioner:**

Mrs. Ebinger, Commissioner, advised the Board that she would be visiting County campgrounds to assess decks, screen rooms, and other improvements that have not been previously reported on personal property records. Mrs. Ebinger advised that she believes the general public does not realize that they were supposed to purchase a decal for their trailers, when the number of decals sold was compared to the number of trailers that are taxed. It was suggested that an advertisement be placed in the local paper to notify citizens of this requirement.

### **Sheriff:**

Sheriff Abbott suggested that a notice regarding the decal requirement be sent to marina owners. The Sheriff invited Board members to attend a meeting for the signing of an agreement between the Attorney General, Sheriff's Department and Agency on Aging, who were coordinating efforts to protect the elderly against crime.

Mr. Soberick noted that a County ordinance to allow for the return of fees collected on violations should be ready in 30 to 60 days.

Sheriff Abbott noted that some refunds had been received for cellular phone charges, and others were due.

## **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Frank Johnson, Vice Chairman of the IDA, presented the Board with an update on activities of the IDA. Mr. Johnson informed the Board that some form of infrastructure needed to be brought to the County in order to promote development. The Chairman has spoken with Mr. Ballard regarding a septic system for the Food Lion development. A fee schedule for issuance of IDA bonds has been established at 1/8 of 1% of remaining balance. This fee is generating approximately \$16,800 annually, which will diminish each year until the school issued bonds mature.

Mr. Johnson informed the Board of the assistance of the Planning District Commission and Virginia's River County in establishing goals and developing long range planning strategies for the IDA. Natural development and tourism needs to be promoted and the IDA is working on a schedule for making public appearances.

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**Rt. 612** - Looking into obtaining new outfall; will install a new ditch

**Water View Cul-de-sac** - Soberick will try to get a meeting arranged with Mr. Jessie, Mr. Soberick, Mr. Sullivan and property owner.

**Butylo** - Mr. Sullivan indicated he had talked with the Bowling Green Resident Engineer about removing the signs, however he did not know if they had been moved.

**Gwynn's Island Bridge** - Mr. Sullivan noted that VDOT had done all that can be done to get the water to drain off the road.

**My Lady's Swamp** - Bids are due by the end of June; hope to have a contract approved by end of July.

## **SCHOOL MATTERS**

**Standards of Learning:** Preliminary information on SOL's is being received.

**Health Insurance:** Mr. Lackey requested that no action be taken regarding an increased contribution toward health insurance premiums. Mr. Crittenden suggested that Mr. Lackey meet with Mr. Culley and gather information from other localities regarding their insurance plans.

**Positions:** Mr. Lackey advised that there were six (6) retirements from the School System scheduled.

## **VIRGINIA QUALITY OF LIFE**

Doug Monroe, President, Virginia Quality of Life, addressed the Board. It was explained that the Virginia Quality of Life organization was formed for the exclusive purpose of funding and building a multifaceted health, education and recreation facility for the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula, to be located in Lancaster County. It is a partnership between the Northern Neck YMCA, the Lancaster County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic and Rappahannock General Hospital. The first phase has been completed, with the completion of the RGH Rehabilitation Center. Each group utilizing a facility has maintenance funds in its budget. The next phases will include the design and building of a daycare center; a teen center; an adult fitness area; locker and shower facilities for men, women and families; a computer lab for educational instruction; and a new Free Health Clinic.

The anticipated project costs are just under \$8 million. Each Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula County is being asked for support, depending on their current level of use. Mr. Monroe requested that Middlesex County commit to a \$50,000 contribution,

divided over five years. Mr. Monroe stressed the importance of obtaining local support to ensure continued State support through grants.

No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Crittenden left the meeting.

### **WINGS AND WHEELS**

Jamie Barnhardt updated the Board on activities relating to the scheduled Wings and Wheels activities. According to Mr. Barnhardt, the group has an appointed safety director who is working to provide the safest environment for all.

At their meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Airport Committee voted to recommend the leasing of an 8 acre portion of land adjoining the airport, which could be used for the parking of automobiles and/or airplanes during the Wings and Wheels event and for year round aircraft tie down. This property, owned by Evelina Lawson, is reportedly available for less than \$400 per year.

Board members discussed the expense of cutting grass at the airport and the cost to add additional properties to be cut. Also discussed were the fees currently charged for vendors and the need to provide for adequate safety.

The motion to enter into a lease agreement for an initial one-year period was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously. The agreement should include the provision that the County would have the grass cut no more than three (3) times per year.

Mr. Barnhardt apologized for not being able to obtain officers from the Regional Security Center last year to direct people and planes across the runway. Mr. Barnhardt hopes to be using these officers at this year's event.

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISION**

Tim Wilson, Planning Director, advised the Board that the Planning Commission was planning to enter an agreement with Landmark Design Group for services to be provided in the update of the County Comprehensive Plan. The lump sum fee for the work equals \$24,800. It was the consensus of the Board that the Planning Commission should proceed with entering the agreement.

### **REQUEST FOR REFUND**

The motion to approve the refund of \$750.00 to Mr. W. M. Woodson, taken as part of a rezoning application, which turned out was not required, was made by Mrs. Weber seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously

## **REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT**

Board members discussed a request from Mecklenburg County to endorse a resolution requesting an increase in the amount of general retail sales tax which may be levied by counties, cities and towns. The motion to send a similar resolution to the County's General Assembly representatives was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Weber and carried unanimously.

## **APROPRIATION REQUESTS**

***Peninsula Emergency Management Services*** - The local rescue squads have requested that the money returned to the County from PEMS for training be divided equally between the squads. Current funds amount to \$19,015.00. The motion to retain the funds in County revenue, and to appropriate funds as needed, on an equal basis to the squads was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

***Social Services*** - Approved by motion of Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mrs. Weber, and carried unanimously. TO: 4-1-53010-5723, Child Initiative Grant, \$12,000 FROM: 3-1-41060-0001, General Fund. These funds were received in May 1999, and expended this fiscal year.

***Social Services*** -. Approved by motion of Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mrs. Weber and carried unanimously. TO: 4-1-53150-5715, View Purchase of Services, \$22,177.00; FROM: 3-1-24010-0002, Welfare Department Revenue. \$22,000 remaining in State appropriated fund (reimbursable at 100%); total approved by the State was \$82,000.

***Comprehensive Services*** - Approved by motion of Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously: TO: 4-1-53150-5713, Comprehensive Services, \$76,577.00; FROM: 3-1-24010-0008, Comprehensive Services; Additional required for encumbered services.

***Sheriff's Department*** - Approved by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously: TO: 4-1-31020-1007, \$1,316.00, Sheriff's Department - Reserve Deputy Expense Fund; FROM: 3-1-23020-0035, Reserve Deputy Donations. Expenses for satellite office benefit and purchase of weapons.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

***Planning Commission*** - The motion to reappoint Jan Dunlevy and John England, from the Saluda District, to four (4) year terms on the Planning Commission, expiring June 30, 2004, was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

***Rappahannock Community College*** - The motion to appoint Archie Soucek to the RCC Board of Directors was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the remaining appointments.

### **CANOE HOUSE**

The Board considered a letter from Mr. J. Tyler Luck, adjoining property owner to Canoe House Beach, who has requested that the County install a privacy fence from the privy building out onto the beach to separate the two properties. In addition, Mr. Luck has requested that the "public beach" signs be removed from Route 17.

It was a general consensus of the Board that the signs would remain and that no action for the County to install a fence would be taken. The Board was not opposed to Mr. Luck installing a fence on his own property.

### **FLEET FUELING**

The Board considered a request from a local fuel provider who requested that the County's fleet fueling contract be put out for bids. In April 1999, the Board awarded a contract to Robin's Texaco, a multi-year contract was signed, to expire April 30, 2002. Last year the School System negotiated a contract with Exxon, and will continue this arrangement unless a response is received for a proposal for fueling the School fleet, based on their fueling needs.

No action was taken at this time. Mr. Culley was requested to meet with School Superintendent Lackey for additional information and the possibility of combining contracts.

### **REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

The motion to waive the building and zoning department fees associated with the construction of a house by the Habitat for Humanity organization was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

***Lockley's Creek Dock:*** Mr. Miller requested that the light installed by watermen at Lockley's Creek Dock be put on a timer, or be shut off at night, during the time that the dock is not to be operated.

**Registrar:** Mr. Culley was instructed to advise the Registrar that the room adjoining her present office was for her use and to provide her with a key to the room.

**Virginia's River Country:** The motion to appropriate \$6,000 to next year's budget for participation in Virginia's River Country was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

The motion to conduct a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing land acquisition, pursuant to §2.1-344.a3, of the Code of Virginia, was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried unanimously. 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.a3 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 was adjourned The next regular meeting would be held on June 20, 2000, at 7:30 P.M.

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John D. Miller, Jr., Chairman  
Board of Supervisors