

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2000, 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 T. Soberick, County Attorney

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Williams, and opened with a prayer.

**VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

David Moore, Extension Agent, made a presentation on behalf of National 4-H week and updated the Board on Camp enrollment. Mr. Moore presented the Board with gift bags as a token of appreciation.

**MR. CRITTENDEN LEFT MEETING**

Mr. Crittenden left the meeting to attend the hearing on the condemnation of land for the elementary school.

**MINUTES**

The motion to approve the minutes of the September 5<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup> meetings was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously (3-0; Crittenden and Miller absent)

**DISBURSEMENTS**

The motion to approve the disbursements as presented, with a note to keep a watch on expenses with Crowther Heating and Air Conditioning, was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously (3-0; Crittenden and Miller absent). Checks numbered 36635 through 36800 totaling \$290,733.28 were disbursed as approved.

## **PAYROLL**

The motion to approve payroll for the month of September was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously (3-0; Miller and Crittenden absent). Checks numbered 36540 through 36634 totaling \$147,474.84 were disbursed as approved.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Weber:

- Social Services - No report.
- Communications Committee - Mutual Aid Agreement - Consensus of fire and rescue squads that the County should not accept the agreement as it could cost the County where in the past mutual aid has been provided for at no cost. Mrs. Weber praised the work of the Committee.
- Rescue Squads - Mrs. Weber and Mr. Miller have met with the Central Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad, however nothing has been decided.

Mr. Jessie:

- Jail Board - Mr. Jessie noted that the Jail Board was looking into using the Old Jail to house inmates. The new jail was recently awarded as being 100% compliant with State requirements.

Mr. Williams:

- Planning District Commission - Pete Johns discussed Virginia's River Country activities.

## **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

No action was taken regarding a request for the Board to increase the employer contribution toward employee health insurance coverage. The County currently pays \$211.15 per month per employee. The individual rate will increase to \$222.60 per month effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. The matter was tabled until a full Board could be present.

## **VACo VOTING CREDENTIALS**

The motion to appoint Mr. Williams as the County's voting representative at annual Virginia Association of Counties meeting was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously (3-0; Miller, Crittenden absent)

## **HARTFIELD TOWER SITE**

Mr. Culley advised the Board that the original site for placement of the tower at the Hartfield Fire Department had been changed due to a problem locating the tower in a wetland area. At a special meeting, the Fire Department agreed to provide the County with a new location provided they also be allowed to receive the County's portion of revenue from the site. The Department has also agreed to provide any legwork that needs to be done. The motion to rescind the old lease and accept a lease designating a new location and granting the revenue from the tower to the Hartfield Volunteer Fire Department was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously (3-0, Miller and Crittenden absent)

## **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

### **Commissioner:**

Mrs. Ebinger advised the Board of the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for land use applications.

A revision made last year to the State's Bank Franchise Tax has reduced the amount to be received by the County. The State has paid the difference this year, amounting to \$2,200. Future payments from banks will reflect the new rate.

### **Treasurer:**

Mrs. Bray reported that the second half real estate bills had gone out, amounting to \$2,176,475. Action on publishing the delinquent tax list was tabled until the night meeting.

Mrs. Bray presented a list of interest earned on various accounts for the month of August, totaling \$36,096.58.

Mrs. Bray also presented information about paying taxes by credit card.

### **Sheriff:**

There was no report from the Sheriff.

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Resident Engineer, Bill Sullivan, presented the following information to the Board:

### ***School Crossing:***

Mr. Sullivan stated that he still believed the crossing guards to be the safest solution at the school intersection. Mr. Williams suggested that Mrs. Weber and Mr.

Crittenden meet with Ben Humphreys of the Commonwealth Transportation Board at the site to discuss the matter further.

**Route 612:**

Mr. Sullivan noted that VDOT is still working on the drainage problem and condemnation proceedings to obtain a drainage easement have begun. An alternative would be to raise the pavement 10-12", where the ditch has taken care of the problem in the past..

**Garnett Hill Road:**

Mrs. Weber requested ditches be cleared further up the road from where clearing stopped.

**SCHOOL MATTERS**

There was no report from the Schools.

**CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL - REQUEST TO REDUCE FEES**

Chip Broadway, Business Manager with Christ Church School, presented proposed improvements to Marston Hall, and requested the Board amend their building permit fee to charge the improvements as new construction rather than a renovation. The cost for the permits would be \$1,000 based on \$0.10/10,000 square fee of new construction versus \$11,530.75 based on \$10.00 per every \$1,000 of construction costs, estimated at \$1,153,075.00. The motion to approve charging Christ Church School the new construction rate for this project was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously (3-0, Crittenden and Miller absent)

**OPERATION THANKSGIVING**

The motion for the Board to endorse the Operation Thanksgiving project of Bethlehem Star Lodge was made by Mrs. Weber seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously (3-0, Miller and Crittenden absent).

**APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

The motion to approve the appropriation of revenue received as insurance reimbursement from lightning damage was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously (3-0, Miller and Crittenden absent). TO: 4-1-12190-5300, \$4,223.58; FROM: 3-1-18030-0006.

**DELTAVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

The motion to sponsor the Deltaville Community Association's reprint of *A Portrait of Deltaville*, at \$250.00, was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mrs. Weber and carried unanimously (3-0, Miller and Crittenden absent).

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

### **Wetlands Board:**

Following a short recess, Mr. Williams read a letter from Miller Smither thanking the Board for his recent appointment to the County's Wetlands Board.

### ***Rappahannock River Basin Recognizance Study***

Mr. Culley stated that the Army Corps of Engineers is interested in the project.

### ***Public Notices:***

The Board questioned the recent problems with public notices. Mr. Culley explained that State Code requires advertisements to be run a specific way and if publication does not meet the requirements, then the hearing is invalid. Currently, all departments fax a copy of the required notice to the newspaper. Because of errors on their part, the *Southside Sentinel* has agreed to pay for the notices that were in error, will place a notice in the newspaper that the hearings could not be held as scheduled because of advertising errors and send a letter of apology to the County. Mr. Culley added that it would be nice if the *Sentinel* would also send a letter of apology to the applicants.

Tom Chillemi, representing the *Sentinel*, asked if the notices could be sent by computer disk. Mr. Culley stated that staff would work with Sentinel staff to e-mail the notices.

### ***Sanitary Survey:***

Mrs. Weber questioned whether Middlesex was being charged for tires coming from a Mathews County location that appeared on a recent Health Department Sanitary Survey.

### ***Sign Regulations:***

Mr. Williams suggested the Planning Commission study the County's sign regulations, to come up with regulations that would be less restrictive than those currently used by the Department of Transportation.

## **AIRPORT COMMITTEE**

***Appointments:***

Scott Kauffman, Chairman of the Airport Committee, recommended that an additional at-large position be added to the Committee and that Jamie Barnhardt be appointed to fill that position and that Paige Hogge be appointed to fill the Jamaica seat. No action was taken at this time.

***Airport Layout Plan:***

Bob Crump, of the Airport Committee, advised the Board that a new Airport Layout Plan (ALP) was needed; Talbert and Bright did the last one in 1991. The Virginia Department of Aviation (VDOA) requires all proposed improvements to be shown on the ALP before funding could be requested. Mr. Crump listed several improvements the Airport Committee has recommended to be included in the new plan:

- Permanent terminal building on east side of runway. This would allow the building to be fronted on Route 3 for visibility. It would keep current adjacent businesses from using the fuel area as a truck turnaround.
- Automatic fuel station - fuel by card reader; eliminates need for attendant.
- Automatic Weather Observation Station - closest is Richmond, Newport News or Patuxet River.
- Parallel taxiway - would connect existing runway with terminal/fuel area.
- Wayside picnic and park area
- Hangars

Talbert and Bright completed the current plan in 1991. Other firms could be contacted to provide a price. The cost of the plan would be funded by the State, if requirements are met and it is placed on the VDOA funding request schedule.

Mr. Williams expressed his opposition to the County spending additional funds when there are other projects pending. Mr. Crump requested permission to obtain tentative pricing information so that submission could be made to the State. Mrs. Weber made the motion to obtain price information from Talbert and Bright and other firms. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously (3-0, Miller and Crittenden absent).

***Wings and Wheels:***

Mr. Crump and Mr. Kauffman presented an update on the Wings and Wheels event, which included 207 show cars, 1000 spectator vehicles and a 20% increase in vendors. Mrs. Weber expressed her pleasure with the entire event. The motion to

write a resolution to the Wings and Wheels Committee was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously (3-0, Miller and Crittenden absent)

### **CLOSED MEETING**

The motion to conduct a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, pursuant to §2.1-344.a1 of the Code of Virginia, was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mrs. Weber and carried unanimously. Upon reconvening in open session, the following motion was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mrs. Weber and carried unanimously (3-0, Miller and Crittenden absent):

- To the best of the members' knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Code of Virginia §2.1-344.a1, 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 Session.

### **ADJOURN**

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mrs. Weber and carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2000, at 7:30 P.M.

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Kenneth Williams, Vice Chairman  
Board of Supervisors