

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2001, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE
WOODWARD BUILDING, SALUDA, VIRGINIA:

Present: Kenneth W. Williams, Pinetop District
Fred S. Crittenden, Pinetop District
John D. Miller, Jr., Saluda District
Wayne Jessie, Jamaica District

Charles M. Culley, Jr., County Administrator
Michael T. Soberick, County Attorney

Absent: Lenora O. Weber, Saluda District

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman, Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and opened with prayer. Mr. Williams announced that Mrs. Weber would not be attending the meeting because she was recovering from some recent surgery.

ENDORSEMENT OF RESOLUTION

The motion to endorse the following resolution at the suggestion of the National Association of Counties, was made by Mr. Crittenden, second by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously:

RESOLUTION
of the
MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TERRORISM ACTIVITIES

Whereas, on September 11, 2001, America was suddenly and brutally attacked by foreign terrorists, and;

Whereas, these terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, one into the Pentagon outside Washington, DC, and one being crashed outside of Pittsburg, and;

Whereas, thousands of innocent Americans were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers, and bystanders, and;

Whereas, these cowardly acts were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, clearly were intended to intimidate our nation and weaken its resolve, and;

Whereas, these horrific events have affected all Americans it is important that we carry on with the regular activities of our lives. Terrorism cannot be allowed to break the spirit of the American people, and the best way to show these cowards that they have truly failed is for the people of the United States and their counties to stand tall and proud,

Therefore be it resolved, that the governing body of Middlesex County condemns the cowardly and deadly actions of these terrorists, and;

Be it further resolved, that the governing body of Middlesex County supports the President of the United States, as he works with his national security team to defend against additional attacks, and find the perpetrators to bring them to justice, and;

Be it still further resolved, that the governing body of Middlesex County recommends to its citizens to support relief efforts by giving blood at the nearest available blood donation center.

CHINESE OYSTERS

Mr. Jim Weston of the Virginia Marine Resource Commission was present to discuss the latest proposal to introduce the Chinese oyster to the Chesapeake Bay. According to Weston, the Chinese oyster is more resistant to disease and appears to be very fast growing. The Japanese oyster, tested earlier in the Bay, was not resistant to current diseases and was not similar in taste to the Chesapeake oyster; it does grow well in the colder waters on the ocean side of the state.

The motion to adopt the following resolution was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously:

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INTRODUCTION OF CHINESE OYSTERS

WHEREAS, the native Virginia oyster has suffered severe damage due to MSX and DERMO; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia oyster industry has suffered irreparable damage therefrom; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science has tested Crassitrea Ariakensis, commonly referred to as the "Chinese Oyster" in local waters with satisfactory results and has published its report; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Waterman's Association is endorsing its introduction into Virginia waters and is requesting the support of local governments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors supports the introduction of the "Chinese Oyster" into the public waters of the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of revitalizing Virginia's oyster industry by permitting the planting, growing, harvesting, processing, marketing and selling of these oysters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors urges the Virginia General Assembly to enact enabling legislation to permit the introduction of Crassitrea Ariakensis into the public waters of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

DISBURSEMENTS

The motion to approve the following disbursements was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 39731 through 39735 totaling \$11,275.00 would be disbursed as approved.

COURTHOUSE PROJECT

The architectural firm of Wiley and Wilson prepared a quote of \$7,200 to provide a staff and handouts to make three presentations of the Courthouse proposal in the County. Mr. Williams suggested that Mr. Culley do the presentations, rather than paying the firm to do them. Mr. Culley noted that he would not be able to answer any detailed questions. Mr. Jessie commented that he believed the Board should put the money toward further study of the Saluda site, as the constituents he has heard from are all opposed to moving to Cooks Corner.

Mr. Miller requested that the Board hold the meeting for the Saluda district last in order for Mrs. Weber to attend if possible. Mr. Crittenden suggested a special meeting of the DCA on October 11th to have a presentation. Mr. Culley would work on the dates and presentation.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Street Names: Carol Jones, Deltaville, presented a petition with the names of six of the seven residents of Northside Subdivision, who requested that the name "Sturgeon Creek Lane" be changed back to "Martin Lane". According to Mrs. Jones, apparently, the road name was changed at the request of condominium owners at the end of the road without notification to other property owners effected, nor to the owner of the road. It was suggested that the road be split into two names, however, Mr. Culley noted that there appears to be no obvious stopping point for the first part of the road. Mr. Soberick suggested letting Mr. Wilson review the matter. There was no further action by the Board.

Cathy Wilder requested that the Board change the name "Pipe Lane" back to two separate street names, Pipe Lane and Tree Lane. Mrs. Wilder commented that it is not confusing to have the roads named Pipe Lane to the right, Tree Lane to the left and Pipe-n-Tree Drive further into the subdivision. Mr. Williams requested that the streets be put back to their original, separate names.

Propane Cannon:

Mrs. Jones advised that the cost of a propane cannon was \$1200, plus the cost of a propane tank. It was the consensus of the Board not to purchase the cannon.

Middlesex County Celebrates America Day:

The motion to endorse Middlesex County Celebrates America Day, an event being scheduled by a citizens group for September 23rd at 4:00 P.M., as a time to provide citizens with an opportunity to gather together with the Nation in praise, prayer, and thanks during this time of crisis following the terrorist attacks, was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously.

CLOSED MEETING

The motion to conduct a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the litigation of Macey White versus Board of Supervisors, pursuant to §2.1-344.a7 of the Code of Virginia, was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Upon reconvening in open session, the following motion was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Miller 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.a7 identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting convened, were heard, discussed, or considered by the public body.

Action:

As a result of the Closed Meeting there was no action taken.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn until the regular meeting scheduled for October 2, 2001, was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crittenden, and carried unanimously.

Kenneth W. Williams, Chairman
Board of Supervisors