

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2002, 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
Lenora O. Weber, Saluda District
Wayne Jessie, Sr., Jamaica District

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and opened with a prayer. Building Official, David Selph, introduced James B. Blake, III as the County's new Building/Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector.

MINUTES

Regarding the minutes for the May 7th meeting, Mrs. Weber noted that under Airport Matters her comments were that there needed to be some control and record keeping with regard to cars being left overnight or for extended periods of time.

The motion to approve the minutes of the May 7th and May 21st meetings, noting the above correction would be made to the May 7th minutes was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS

The motion to approve the disbursements as presented was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 41933 through 42096 totaling \$126,752.55 were disbursed as approved. Assistant Administrator, Marcia Jones, advised that she would be looking for another credit card company to deal with to avoid interest charges.

PAYROLL

The motion to approve payroll for the month of May was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 41836 through 41932 totaling \$149,946.61 were disbursed as approved.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Treasurer and **Commissioner of Revenue**:

There were no comments from the Treasurer or Commissioner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Williams: Nothing to report

Mr. Miller:

- Virginia Association of Counties Steering Committee – expressed concern with detection/monitoring costs for the landfill.
- Dragon Run Steering Committee – trying to express the importance of control with other counties.

Mrs. Weber:

- Sports Complex – Department of Conservation and Recreation approved funding for Phase II of the lighting project.
- VACo Committees –Discussed homeland security and looking at trying to get State money from income tax back to localities.
- Library Board – Urbanna library is experiencing problems with dryrot and termites.
- Emergency Services – Suggested calling a hurricane planning meeting.
- Jail Board – issues would be discussed in closed session.

Mr. Jessie:

- Social Services – A Social Worker had requested use of a Sheriff's radio during site visits; this was not approved by the Sheriff.
- Museum Board – working on developing the Puller Park; looking into reprinting the Historical Homes of Middlesex books.

Mr. Crittenden: nothing to report

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sheriff

Appropriation: The motion to approve the following appropriation was made by Mrs. Weber, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously: FROM: 3-1-23020-0004 Sheriff – Christmas Party Donation \$1200 TO: 4-1-31030-5503, Town Police - Travel, Subsistence, Lodging \$300; 4-1-31020-55030, Sheriff – Travel, Subsistence, Lodging \$900. The Board was advised that a total of \$1845 had been collected and the remaining \$645 would be requested for transfer from the General Fund after July 1.

Memorial Weekend: There were no accidents reported over the Memorial holiday; 57 tickets were written, including some for speeding, no seat belts and drugs.

Stampers Landing: Mrs. Weber thanked the Sheriff for the patrols of Stampers Landing.

Canoe House Landing: Mr. Jessie requested that the Sheriff patrol the Canoe House area particularly after the races.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Resident Engineer, Marcie Parker was present for the meeting:

Paving Projects: Mrs. Parker distributed copies of the county paving schedule.

Revised 6-year plan: Mrs. Parker advised the Board that revisions had been made to the 6-year plan to compensate for the required State reductions, an average of 32% reduction over the next six years. Advertising dates for all projects have slipped; some projects, although part of the overall plan were not shown because there is no funding proposed for them in the next six years. The motion to approve the revised plan was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

Truck Restriction on 630: Comments have been received at the local office and will be sent to traffic engineering. The restriction request is also to be sent to the trucking association for their comments, then to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for final approval. This road has been posted with a speed limit of 45 mph with a curve advisory of 25 mph.

Hilliard's Mill Pond/Route 602: According to Mrs. Parker, dam safety and structural engineers are studying the spillway to see if a cause of the collapse could be determined along with responsibility for repair. Mrs. Parker asked that citizens having historical and maintenance information on the pond should submit it to her office.

Grass Cutting: Mrs. Weber requested that trash left by the grass cutting contractors at the intersection of Route 3 and 33 at Harmony Village be removed by the weekend.

Hartfield: Mrs. Parker was asked to research the number of accidents at the Route 3/33 intersection at Hartfield and to check on the signage.

WAIVER

The motion to endorse a waiver of the requirement to have an Emergency Medical Technician on board a squad unit before an Advance Life Support person could begin treatment or transportation was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. It was noted that this was a State requirement, but required a waiver by the local Board of Supervisors. The County's Emergency Services Committee had also recommended approval of waiving the requirement.

APPROPRIATIONS

Names are listed for the Board members making the motions and seconds for the following appropriations; all motions were carried unanimously:

Animal Friendly Plates: FROM: 3-1-24040-0100, \$138.00 TO: 4-1-53120-5604, Gloucester Mathews Humane Society - Contribution; donation of money received from the State for Animal Friendly License Plates. Weber/Jessie

High School Demolition: FROM: 3-1-41060-0001, \$3493.00, General Fund – Fund Balance TO: 4-1-43020-3004; General Properties - Repairs. Demolition of overhang from the cafeteria at the High School that was needed but not included in the plan. Crittenden/Weber

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No action was taken regarding placement of a half-page ad in an insert in the Hampton Roads monthly magazine for \$1500.

SCHOOL MATTERS

Superintendent Myers advised the Board that a film crew from PBS was doing a documentary on the first amendment and included information about how an issue with the Middlesex High School newspaper was handled.

Mrs. Weber passed along good comments received about the prom being held at the Beacon in Topping.

Current attendance was 1307; 1292 has been used as the budget figure for next year.

CELEBRATING SALUDA

James H. Ward informed the Board of a committee that was working on plans for an event to celebrate the anniversary of the Village of Saluda, which would be held sometime the first part of October. It was the committee's idea that the celebration includes dedication of the Puller Memorial Park and groundbreaking for the new courthouse.

APPOINTMENTS

There was no action taken on appointments.

PULLER CENTER

Mr. Culley presented the Board with a proposal submitted by the Community Services Board to rent approximately half of their current space at the Puller Center. Mr. Culley has met with representatives of the CSB and revised their proposal, making the new proposal approximately 3,776 square feet, which if leased at the current rate of \$6.02/square foot would be \$22,731.52 for a one-year term. The Health Department is not interested in renting the remaining portion, however, Bay Agency is interested in having a place for its senior activities. Mr. Culley noted that there would be some work required in the sections being vacated, however he did not recommend remodeling the part that the CSB would be renting since they only intend to have a one-year lease.

The motion to proceed in the direction of leasing 3,776 square feet at the current rate to the CSB and for Mr. Soberick to prepare a one-year lease was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mrs. Weber and carried unanimously. Mr. Culley will continue to work with Bay Aging.

COUNTY HOLIDAY

The motion to approve closing County offices on Friday, July 5th was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and unanimously.

COOKS CORNER ROOF

The motion to approve contracting with Larry Belcher Painting for \$4300 to paint the roof at the Cooks Corner Office Complex was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously. One other bid had been received for \$8000.

PIER DEMOLITION

Prices were requested from five area contractors to remove the pier and pilings from the pier off Route 645 in Topping. Three bids were received, the lowest being for \$1,175.00. Several citizens interested in purchasing the property have approached the County Administrator. The Board requested that an advertisement be posted for bids for the property including a requirement that a \$2,000 bid be posted for removal of the unsafe pier.

CANOE HOUSE LANDING FENCE

The Board discussed the location for the proposed fence at Canoe House Landing; any structure extending beyond mean high water would require an application through the Wetlands Board. It was decided that the fencing would stop at the mean high water mark.

CLERK OF THE WORKS

Mr. Culley was reminded to send a letter of commitment or contract to Emerson Russell, current Clerk of the Works for the school projects, to act as Clerk on the Courthouse project at his current reimbursement rate.

NO WAKE SIGNS

Board members discussed a recent letter received from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries that noted a requirement to have responsible parties maintaining no-wake signs; there are currently several no-wake creeks in the county without responsible parties. Mrs. Weber commented on the continuing problem of having the no-wake creek designation without any enforcement.

CLOSED MEETING

The motion to convene in closed session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to §2.1-3711.A1 and consultation with legal counsel regarding biosolids, a lease agreement and the regional jail pursuant to §2.1-3711.A7, 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 §2.2-3711. A.1 and §2.1-3711.A7 and 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 to report.

WINGS AND WHEELS PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Bob Crump, Wings and Wheels Chairman, and Chairman Williams presented awards to the three winners of the Wings and Wheels Art contest: Sarah Alston - 1st place, Demetrius Brooks - 2nd place, and Amanda Garnett - 3rd place.

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EMPLOYEE SALARY INCREASES

Mr. Crittenden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jessie, that County employee salaries be increased by 2-1/2% effective July 1, 2002, it noted that the County money had been managed well and there was enough to cover the increases. Mrs. Weber noted her opposition to approving a budget then changing it, however, if there were to be any increases approved they should be approved to begin December 1. In the vote, the motion failed by vote of two in favor (Crittenden, Jessie) to three opposed (Miller, Weber, Williams)

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next regular meeting scheduled for June 18, 2002.

Kenneth W. Williams, Chairman
Board of Supervisors