

**AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2003, 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**

Mrs. Weber called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Mr. Jessie opened with a prayer and Mr. Culley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

The motion to approve the minutes of the February 4th meeting was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. The meeting of February 18<sup>th</sup> had been cancelled due to inclement weather.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

The motion to approve the disbursements as presented was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 44553 through 44668 totaling \$134,878.40 were disbursed as approved. It was noted that a final design of the regional animal control facility is being prepared for bids. With regard to the wastewater treatment system for the new Courthouse, the Department of Environmental Quality has determined the application to be complete and it is now being considered by various State agencies.

**PAYROLL**

The motion to approve payroll for the month of February was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 44453 through 44552 totaling \$170,959.06 were disbursed as approved.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

### **Sheriff**

Sheriff Abbott explained that during snow events he was renting 4-wheel drive vehicles at a cost of \$400.00 per day. As one of his vehicles was considered a total loss after an accident in January, the Sheriff requested that the insurance reimbursement of approximately \$4,500 be applied to leasing a GMC Yukon available from a Gloucester dealer at State Contract price. In addition, the Sheriff requested that the Board commit to appropriating the same \$54,250.00 to his FY 04 budget that it did for the current year; this amount would allow him to pay off several vehicles that are being leased.

The motion to agree to the appropriation of the insurance refund in order to lease a 2003 Yukon and committing to an appropriation of \$54,250.00 in the FY 04 budget for sheriff's vehicles was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

### Volunteer Program:

The Sheriff commented that he had heard reports of citizens seeing the security patrol officers taking vehicles out of the county. The Sheriff stated that he sometimes uses security patrol officers to deliver vehicles for warranty work or repair at out-of-county dealers, but that is the only time a vehicle is out of the county.

Tammy Ellis spoke about the elderly check program that a group of volunteers is assisting with. This group calls or visits the elderly in the county and helps them complete a "file of life" that contains emergency contact information along with emergency information for the individual in case of an emergency.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer reported decal sales, dog tags and taxes collected to date.

### **Commissioner of Revenue:**

Certification documents for the Personal Property Tax Relief Act have been sent to the Department of Taxation. The State has informed the Commissioner that it would be holding taxes for manufactured housing, which this year will amount to 10%, \$4,400.00; she is anticipating a 15% reduction next year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Crittenden:

- Social Services – reported that the budgets submitted by Mrs. Fitchett, had not been approved by the Social Services Board.

Mr. Jessie:

- Social Services – A new policy for check approval and signing has been established, requiring a Social Services Board member
- Sports Complex – lighting project is underway; memorial bricks are on schedule to be laid when the weather is good.
- Bio-Solids – spreading has started and smell is bad.

Mr. Williams:

- Planning District Commission – Discussion regarding wildfires and woodlands.

Mr. Miller:

- Wildfire/Woodland – some state agencies are saying to cut brush and trees from around houses to lower fire risks, however, the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board is saying it is not allowed.
- Transportation Board – attended primary road pre-allocation hearing on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Middlesex is requesting funding for improvements at Route 33/620 and Route 33 in Deltaville to widen for a bike path.
- Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board – County Planning staff held a workshop to discuss new regulations. The Director will be attending the Planning District Commission meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Weber:

- Planning Department Workshop – The County planning department did a wonderful job of presenting new regulations.
- Comprehensive Services – Possibly adding five (5) children to the system.
- Regional Security Center – Working on budget. Mrs. Weber was unsuccessful in trying to get meeting stipends for board members reduced.
- Virginia's River Country – reported at a recent meeting that Middlesex County lost \$400,000 in tourism dollars. The group will be concentrating on tourism rather than economic development.

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Resident Engineer, Marcie Parker was present for the meeting along with Sean Trapanni, Assistant Engineer.

**Route 3/33 Intersections:** Only two reportable accidents were shown during the report period of January 1998 – September 2002 for the Harmony Village intersection. The Department will be looking at modifying signage at this intersection. There were 22 accidents reported during the same period for the Hartfield intersection. Signage may be changed or added and possibly arrows painted on the highway.

**Security:** Additional security measures have been put in place at all state buildings, including the local VDOT office since the security alert was elevated. Barrels were placed to prevent vehicles from cutting through the parking area and signs have been posted. All doors, except the main door are remaining locked.

## **RESOLUTION – WILLIAM LEE SAVIDGE**

Mr. Fred Crittenden read the following resolution in recognition of Mr. Savidge:

***MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS***

*Whereas, William Lee Savidge was appointed to serve as Middlesex County's representative to the Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board, and*

*Whereas, Mr. Savidge was first appointed in January, 1982 and served until December, 1987, and*

*Whereas, Mr. Savidge was reappointed to a second term in February 1992 and served until December 2002, and*

*Whereas, Mr. Savidge distinguished himself as a supporter and as a friend of individuals with mental health, mental retardation or substance abuse treatment needs, and*

*Whereas, Mr. Savidge was a local community leader respected by his peers, and*

*Whereas, Mr. Savidge served on many of the Community Services Boards' committees and always worked to advance the goals and objectives of the Board, and*

*Whereas, his untiring loyalty to Middlesex County and its special needs citizens have made him an esteemed advocate for mental health services in Middlesex County.*

*Now Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County, that it be made fully known to all those who shall follow,*

*To wit:*

*That the Board of Supervisors hereby publicly recognizes the many contributions made by Mr. Savidge as the local representative to the Community Services Board and enthusiastically thanks him for his many years of dedicated and faithful service on behalf of the citizens of Middlesex County.*

*Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the two thousand and three year of our Lord.*

## **SCHOOL MATTERS**

***Rappahannock Central Elementary*** – School Superintendent, Mike Myers, presented signed surveys of 7.332 acres of property including the school buildings that had been declared as surplus by the School Board.

***Appropriation*** – Mr. Myers requested appropriation of \$64,844.00 received in grant funds for the No Child Left Behind program; a total of \$74,844 was received, but \$10,000 had already been appropriated. The motion to approve the appropriation was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously. This grant is to be used for class-size reduction and training.

***Enrollment*** – Current enrollment is 1345, up 53 students. The average daily membership taken on March 31<sup>st</sup> will determine the amount of state aid the system will receive.

***Vandalism*** – Mr. Myers and Dr. Richard Shores, School Board Chairman, discussed the vandalism that occurred several months prior at the high school. According to both, rumors had been investigated, however, no one has been charged with the damage to the doors. Some students had been disciplined for writing on walls after school hours. Board members questioned why the police had not been called in to assist nor why a reward had not been offered initially. Mr. Myers and Dr. Shores both stated that there were no leads resulting from the incident and it was felt that the administrators know the students better than anyone. According to Dr. Shores, the incident was very overblown because the doors were still usable and could be repaired for about \$150.00.

***Budget*** – Mrs. Weber questioned why Mr. Myers had not submitted information that was requested regarding budget changes that would result should he encounter a 5% reduction in funding or a 1% increase. Mr. Myers stated a 5% reduction would cut him by \$230,000.00, which would result in a cut of six positions, cutting salaries and reducing extra curricular activities. A 1% increase, \$47,000 would allow him to fund part of what he has proposed.

## **CHESAPEAKE BAY LOCAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT**

Matthew Higgins, Planning Director, explained that the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department had extended the deadline for imposing their regulations from March 1 to December. The motion to extend the County's deadline for imposing the State's regulations to match the State was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

## **APPROPRIATIONS**

**Extension** – FROM: 3-1-18030-0001 \$77.00 TO: 4-1-83030-5412 \$77.00; appropriation of donation received to cover supplies purchased for Extension. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Williams, carried unanimously.

**Obstruction Survey and Tree Removal** – FROM: 3-1-41060-0001, \$8350.00 TO: 4-1-10020-3002 to fund obstruction survey (\$6500) and tree removal (\$1850) at the airport. Motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie, carried unanimously.

**Federal Audit** – FROM: 3-1-41060-0001 \$400.00 TO: 4-1-12080-3002, \$400.00 to fund increase in cost for cost allocation plan (federal audit). Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crittenden, carried unanimously.

### **HIGH SCHOOL DEMOLITION BIDS**

The following bids for demolition of the west wing and cafeteria buildings at the High School had been received: Hartenbach, Inc., \$87,981.00; William Wills Contractor, \$97,133.00; K. F. Wilson Contractor, Inc., \$46,000.00; Delaware Corporation, \$41,300.00; WHW, Inc., \$39,500.00. The motion to accept the bids and award a contract to WHW, Inc. for \$39,500.00 was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

### **CABLEVISION**

First Commonwealth Cablevision had been contacted regarding providing cable service to the Senior Center at the Puller Building. The company has offered to run the cable behind Rappahannock Central Elementary School and provide the monthly service for free. Mr. Culley expressed his concerns about running an underground line near the septic system of the school building, without knowing what was going to be done with the building. The motion to request the cable company to flag the route and approving the installation of service at no charge to the County, was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

### **ART ON THE HALF-SHELL**

The motion to approve funding a tent for the Art-on the Half Shell event at a cost of \$400.00 was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**Pride of Middlesex Dinner** – Board members were reminded of the Rotary Club's Pride of Middlesex Dinner honoring Mrs. Ruth Barr.

***Tour of High School*** – A tour of the High School would be taken immediately following this portion of the meeting, prior to lunch.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

The motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Code of Virginia §2.2-3711. A.1 to discuss personnel issues was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously. Upon reconvening in open session, the following motion was made by Mr. Crittenden, 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 §2.2-3711. A.1 and §2.2-3711. A.7 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 Session, there was no action taken.

### **RECESS**

The meeting was recessed to allow Board members to tour the High School and for lunch. The Board would return at 1:30 for a budget work session.

### **BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Mr. Culley presented the proposed budget for the County. Board members gave their approval to advertise the budget for a public hearing at their meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>; no tax increase was proposed.

### **ADJOURN**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting was scheduled for March 18, 2003.

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Lenora O. Weber, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors