

AT A CALLED MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2003, IN THE BOARD
ROOM OF THE WOODWARD BUILDING, SALUDA, VIRGINIA:

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Weber called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.. Mr. Williams offered a prayer and Mr. Culley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

The Board of Supervisors received information regarding a special spraying program to spray for mosquitoes as a result of the Hurricane Isabel. Only the areas of the County that were flooded are eligible and the spray would only kill the ones that are alive, not the larvae. The County would receive 24-hour notice and may opt out of the program. The cost of the spraying was estimated at \$1,024 per square mile, but the area to be sprayed in the County had not yet been determined.

It was the consensus of the Board members that spraying at this time and with so little notice to citizens may do more harm than good. Cooler temperatures were predicted and it was hoped that frost would take care of the current problem. Mr. Jessie commented that he had not heard any complaints about a problem. There was no action taken by the Board to opt into the program.

BURNING BAN

There was no action taken to lift the burning ban in effect because there are still many areas of the County without power. Action would be taken at the regular Tuesday meeting.

WATER TESTING

Mr. Culley reported that water-testing kits were available from the Health Department, however, the actual testing was done by a firm in Gloucester, with a fee involved. Mr. Culley was asked to contact the Health Department to see if the State would pay the fees.

CONDEMNED STRUCTURES

The Board requested an explanation of the condemnation placards issued by the Building Department after the hurricane. Mr. Miller stated that his home on the Rappahannock River received a condemned notice even though there was minimal damage to it and there was nothing with the notice to explain what it meant or what could be done to remedy the situation. Mr. Williams expressed his displeasure with the way the assessments were handled by the County and that neither Mathews nor Gloucester Counties were posting notices of condemnation. Other people in the Pinetop District had spoken with Mr. Crittenden and Mr. Williams, who had received the condemned notices and were also upset and questioning their next steps.

Mr. Culley explained that most of the notices were posted in the first or second day following the hurricane as damage assessment was being done. He apologized for the lack of information that was included with the notices to explain the differences between totally condemned property and condemned but repairable. It was the desire of the County to insure that homes were safe to enter, whether damage was because of wind or flood damage. The Flood Plain Ordinance gives the Building Official the power to regulate homes receiving flood damage that are within the 100-year flood plain.

Mr. Crittenden noted that this has been a learning experience for everyone. Mr. Williams questioned whether or not a vote should be taken to have the Building Official remove all the condemnation notices and to have them re-inspected by another party. Mr. Soberick said that the Board could vote to request that the Building Official re-evaluate his decisions, however as an independent official, his decisions would be appealed to the Building Code Appeals Board. After much discussion the motion to request that the Building Official re-evaluate his decisions relating to the condemnation notices was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried by vote of 4-0-1 (Mr. Miller abstained).

ICE AND WATER DISTRIBUTION

Mr. Williams announced that 63 pallets of water had been distributed from the Deltaville Community Center.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn until the Board's meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2003, at 9:00 A.M. was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

Lenora O. Weber, Chair
Board of Supervisors