

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2006, 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
Robert A. Crump, Saluda District
Wayne Jessie, Sr., Jamaica District

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

CALL TO ORDER

This being the annual organizational meeting of the Board, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Mr. Culley. The meeting was opened with prayer and pledge of allegiance by Mr. Culley.

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of chairman. Mr. Miller was nominated as chairman by Mr. Jessie; second by Mr. Crittenden. There being no others, the floor was closed for nominations by motion of Mr. Williams. The motion to elect Mr. Miller as chairman carried by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Miller abstaining.

Mr. Jessie was nominated as vice chairman by Mr. Crittenden; second by Mr. Crump. There being no other nominations, the floor was closed for nominations by Mr. Williams. The motion to elect Mr. Jessie as vice chairman carried by a vote of 4-0-1, with Mr. Jessie abstaining.

The motion to continue meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM, and the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM, in the Board Room of the Woodward Building, with the exception of the July meeting which will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at 9:00 A.M., was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller took the Chair and added his appreciation for being elected to serve as chairman.

CLOSED MEETING

The motion to convene in closed session to discuss matters regarding pending litigation and consultation with legal counsel, per Code of Virginia §2.1-3711.A7 was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie 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 §2.1-3711.A7 as 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, the motion to conduct new public hearings on Rezoning Application #2004-04 and Special Exception Application #2005-04 both dealing with the Rosegill property, at the evening meeting in January, was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously. These hearings are to be advertised to be held at Middlesex High School.

MINUTES

The motion to approve the minutes of the December 6th and December 20th meetings was made by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS

The motion to approve the disbursements as presented was made by Mr. Jessie seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 53930 through 54023 totaling \$220,275.44 were disbursed as approved.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Resident Engineer, Marcie Parker was present for the meeting. Board members requested attention to the following issues: Woodport Lane at Route 33 – gravel needed where paving is not complete; also improvements to markings or reflectors to mark new edges of pavement are needed in this area; Edgehill Road – drainage improvements needed - water covering half of road during rains; turning lane at Dirt Bridge Road – improvements needed to markings. Mrs. Parker noted that pavement markings are weather sensitive, but she hoped to have them completed as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Williams: Attended several Social Services Board meetings; attended Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission meeting – legislative program approved

Mr. Jessie: Also attended several Social Services Board meetings.

Mr. Crittenden: Attended roof committee meeting at St. Clare Walker; contractor had hoped to finish by now; so far there are no leaks. Met with the Jail Board – a waste management firm is interested in purchasing the treatment system – would have saved each participating county \$15,000.00 for each of next six years. Votes to approve the proposal and to study the proposal both failed.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Miller commented that he had talked with some supervisors from other counties and they were going to contact their jail board representatives. The Planning District Commission meeting was the only one he had attended in December.

APPOINTMENT

No action was taken regarding a recommendation to the Tidewater Soil and Water Conservation Board. The motion to interview both applicants who had expressed interest in the position was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Treasurer

Mrs. Bray reported that tax collections due in December had been good. Regarding permanent decals, Mrs. Bray reported that the use of a “permanent” decal would be easier for citizens, but would involve more collection activity by her department.

Sheriff

Sheriff Abbott reported total incidents handled through his department for the year 2005.

The Sheriff also commented on the liability issue that the Jail and Jail Board has in operating its own treatment plant. The Sheriff indicated that he has discussed the issue with other representatives on the Jail Board and hoped that it was not a dead issue.

Commissioner of Revenue:

Mrs. Stephenson reported that letters have gone out to all businesses that include the new rates for business licenses. The application is also on the County’s web site along with information about the tax. Mrs. Stephenson noted that she would be asking the County Attorney for assistance in administering the penalty portion of the ordinance. It was noted that there were several business operators who have ignored her requests to pay their license fee. Mrs. Stephenson has also written articles for the newspaper reminding citizens that they must pay their 2005 personal property bills in order to qualify for tax relief.

APPROPRIATION REQUEST

The motion to approve the following appropriation was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously: FROM: 3-1-41060-0001 \$3,350.00 TO: 4-1-11010-5803 - to fund the reimbursement of funds received for the incorrect property sale.

SCHOOL MATTERS

Dr. Oliver Spencer, Superintendent, reported that the warranty inspection from the metal manufacturer had not been done because the job is not complete. The contractor anticipates seven more days of labor.

Dr. Spencer reported that action would be needed in the near future regarding an estimate of \$8,400.00 from P.S.I. to prepare the documents for bidding out the roof repair/replacement at the high school. The roof in question is the flat portion over the older parts of the school that were last remodeled.

Attendance was reported at 1276 students.

CLOSED MEETING

The motion to convene in closed session to discuss matters regarding land acquisition and consultation with legal counsel regarding contracts, per Code of Virginia §2.1-3711.A7 and §2.1-3711.A3 was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Upon reconvening in open session, the following motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously:

- To the best of the members' knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Code of Virginia §2.1-3711.A7 and §2.1-3711.A3 as 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 meeting.

The motion to convene in a second closed session to discuss matters regarding pending litigation involving the courthouse, per Code of Virginia §2.1-3711.A7 was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously. Upon reconvening in open session, the following motion was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously:

- To the best of the members' knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Code of Virginia §2.1-3711.A7 as 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 meeting.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was scheduled for January 17, 2006, at 7:30 P.M., at the High School.

John D. Miller, Jr., Chairman
Board of Supervisors