

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE
WOODWARD BUILDING, SALUDA, VIRGINIA:

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by the Chairman, Mr. Miller. Mr. Crittenden led the group in prayer; Mr. Culley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The motion to approve the minutes from the meetings of November 7th and November 20th was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS

The motion to approve the appropriation of \$16,170.00 for re-construction of the fishing/loading dock at Water View was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. FROM: 3-1-41060-0001 TO: 4-1-43020-3004. Mr. Crump requested that notice of the airport fuel being available 24 hours be added to the state and federal airport facilities directory. The motion to approve the disbursements as presented was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 60145 through 60272 totaling \$166,545.66 were disbursed as approved.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Mrs. Marcie Parker, Resident Administrator, was present. Mrs. Parker introduced Walter Lowe as the new maintenance superintendent.

Route 629:

Mr. Crittenden questioned why no response had been made to the Board's letter of November 7, 2007, requesting VDOT to proceed with core drillings necessary to

determine if the dam at Healy's Mill could sustain some type of temporary crossing mechanism. Mrs. Parker stated that Mr. Ogle had discussed the letter with her and bridge engineering; however, she did not know when he would be making a response. Mr. Crittenden stated that he would be asking for an update every month.

Other Projects:

Route 652: Wetlands mitigation has been completed; VDOT is working on a plan to eliminate erosion and sediment problems on the left. Mr. Crittenden stated that there were still problems on the east side of the road.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Treasurer

There were no questions for Mrs. Bray.

Commissioner of Revenue

There were no questions for Mrs. Ebinger. Mrs. Ebinger thanked the Board for working with her as Commissioner. The Board in turn thanked Mrs. Ebinger for all her work with the County.

Sheriff

Sheriff Abbott reported that there was another grant available for a school resource officer. The School Board had expressed interest in placing one at the middle school. The Sheriff's Auxiliary paid for another undercover vehicle. The one previously being used by the sheriff's department was on loan from another agency.

SCHOOL MATTERS

Superintendent Rusty Fairheart was present and issued the following reports: there are currently 31 non-resident students attending Middlesex schools – 19 are children of school division employees. Attendance is at 1268. The Instant Alert system has been installed and the first test is scheduled for the next week. The School Board is looking for a clerk of works for the high school roof project, as the one used previously on the middle school project is not available. The fundraising group for the athletic complex has been organized. An artist rendition of the project should be available by mid-December. The State Composite Index for Middlesex County has increased from .5923 to .6785.

JAMES WARD

Mr. Ward was present to thank the Board for working with him over the past 28 years as Commonwealth's Attorney.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Delegate Harvey Morgan, the County's representative in the General Assembly, was present. Board members and Delegate Morgan discussed the following items: composite index; need for counties to have other tax opportunities; requested response from VDOT Fredericksburg Administrator on Route 629 project; introducing legislation requiring assessors and field workers to be licensed; proposal to merge Department of Game and Inland Fisheries with the Virginia Marine Resources Commission; proposal to combine three boards of the Department of Environmental Quality (air, water, waste) into one; hunting with dogs (should be left up to individual counties to decide); bio-solids (localities need to be able to decide if they want to allow); smoking in restaurants.

PRIDE OF MIDDLESEX

Mr. Miller accepted the plaque displaying the winners of the Pride of Middlesex Award from Rotary Club president, Bill Cary. Mr. Cary asked that the Board maintain the plaque in their meeting room.

REASSESSMENT

The motion was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Crittenden to request an extension of the current reassessment and also request that William Coulson provide a list of employees and their credentials and attend the January meeting.

PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES

Dan Siegel, the attorney representing the Industrial Development Authority on bond issues, was present to advise the Board on the need for a financial advisor for upcoming utility projects. A financial advisor could provide a detailed analysis for funding, and establish the connection fees needed to make the project self supporting. Ted Cole from Davenport and Company was also present and explained the support that his company could provide. In addition to establishing rates, the company could also assist with establishing areas for development with utilities and/or fee structure and also look at different funding avenues. A financial advisor could also assist with utility connection ordinances.

The Board agreed that they would request RFPs for a financial advisor.

CLOSED MEETING

The motion to convene for a closed meeting to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to Code of Virginia §2.2-3711.A1 and §2.2-3711.a7, to discuss pending litigation with the BZA and probably litigation, was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously. Upon reconvening in open session, the following motion was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Crittenden 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.A1 and §2.2-3711.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 taken as a result of the closed session.

WETLANDS BOARD

Miller Smither, Chairman of the Wetlands Board, presented a request from his board that the monthly stipend be increased. Members of the Wetlands Board meet twice a month for site visits and their regular meeting. The stipend has not changed in 14 years. The motion to increase the monthly stipend by \$25.00 for each member, effective January 1, 2008, was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members presented their reports of individual committee meetings. Mr. Jessie announced that the Social Services Board would be advertising for a new director in January. Mr. Crittenden requested that after hours sales at the airport be tracked.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

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