

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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. Miller led the group in prayer; Mr. Culley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BROAD CREEK DOCK**

Mr. Mark Plakas, President of Walden's Marina, was present to question recent activities at the public dock on Broad Creek, which is bordered on each side by the Marina property. Over the previous weekend, Mr. Plakas had confronted workers who stated that they had received permission from the County to do work at the dock. Mr. Williams stated that both he and Mr. Crittenden had been contacted by watermen who wanted to splice poles onto existing pilings to assist with off-loading seafood at the public dock. Mr. Williams had told the watermen that they would be responsible for this work. The County will be making repairs to the existing dock to replace decking boards and add an access ramp. Board members assured Mr. Plakas that they wished to be good neighbors.

**MINUTES**

The motion to approve the minutes from the meetings of August 7<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup> was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

The motion to approve the disbursements as presented was made by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 59327 through 59413 totaling \$199,191.18 were disbursed as approved.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

### ***Sheriff, Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue:***

There were no questions for these officers.

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Resident Administrator, Marcie Parker, was present representing VDOT.

***Six-Year Plan:*** All categories of funding from the State have increased; however, the increase was not enough to move the number one project up. Construction on Stampers Bay Road is scheduled for fiscal year 09/10.

***Norris Bridge:*** Inspections are being conducted by a different firm.

***Dragon Run Bridge:*** Repairs should be completed by the end of the next week.

***Routes 625 & 628:*** Marking the turn lane for 628 will be held off until after the overlay in October. The work on 625 will be out-sourced.

Board members asked Mrs. Parker to check on the following projects:

***Horseshoe Bend:*** The pipe is being undermined at the lower road at Horseshoe Bend.

***Directional Signage:*** Additional signage to designate directions to Route 3 and Route 33 from the Wake area was requested.

***Grass Cutting:*** Additional grass cutting at bus stops was requested.

***Edge Hill Road:*** A stop sign has been knocked down at this location.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board members presented their reports of individual committee meetings.

## **SCHOOL MATTERS**

Mr. Fairheart thanked Board members for attending convocation exercises. Mr. Miller requested that written invitations be provided with more notice prior to events that the Board is invited to. Projected enrollment is at 1290. All positions, with the exception of a special education teacher, have been filled. The roof project at the high school is being advertised for the next three weeks.

***Athletic Complex Planning*** – Two firms submitted proposals for the architectural and engineering work for the proposed athletic complex – RBA and Progress Engineers. The School Board has recommended awarding the contract to RBA for a fee of \$103,433.00, which would include site design and an artist rendition that would be used for fundraising. This proposed fee exceeds the \$92,000.00 that is available. The motion to approve using RBA and approving the appropriation of additional \$11,433.00 was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously.

***Appropriation Request*** - Funding for additional training on the Bright computer system was requested in the amount of \$8,500.00. Mr. Williams commented that the Board was misled on the cost of this project, which would convert the School's accounting program to the same one used by the County. The original estimate was \$10,000.00. The motion to approve the additional appropriation was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. FROM: 3-1-41060-0001, \$8,500.00 TO: 4-1-12200-3002.

***Request*** – Mr. Crittenden requested information be gathered from parents who transfer their children to private schools and with teachers that have left the County system to find out their reasons for leaving.

## **REASSESSMENT**

Bill Coulson, Tri-County Appraisal, commented that the reassessment was on schedule, with approximately 9,000 parcels completed. Values have not shown a decrease. Lot values for land and home sites vary greatly between unrestricted land, water access, and homeowner restrictions and are considered on an individual basis. Values increase \$30,000.00 - \$60,000.00 per lot just for deeded water access.

## **DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

The motion to approve the following resolution requesting disaster assistance due to drought conditions was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously:

### RESOLUTION

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO DROUGHT

**WHEREAS**, Middlesex County suffered from severe drought during the 2007 growing season, and

**WHEREAS**, this condition in this agricultural area has caused major damage to corn, hay, pasture, vegetables and soybeans, and

**WHEREAS**, estimated losses in agricultural crops may exceed \$2,000,000, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a critical need to assist the farmers as a result of the extreme heat and drought conditions:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** THAT the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors declared a state of emergency in Middlesex County on this date, and the Honorable Tim Kaine, Governor of the Commonwealth, is petitioned by the Board of Supervisors to declare that an emergency exists in Middlesex County and the Governor is further petitioned to request the President of the United States or the Secretary of Agriculture to recognize the county emergency situation and make the federal farmer emergency programs available to those who need them in Middlesex County.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Charles M. Culley, Jr., Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Middlesex, Virginia, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed at a lawfully organized meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County held at Saluda, Virginia, at 9:00 A.M., on September 4, 2007.

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Charles M. Culley, Jr., Clerk

#### RESOLUTION

The motion to support Culpeper County's resolution regarding illegal immigration and cost of services was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

#### QUIT CLAIM DEED

Mr. Soberick explained that the Coves of Wilton Creek had deeded the right of way for road improvements to the County in 1999 so that the County could in turn request that the Department of Transportation take over road maintenance. Landing Drive was never taken into the State's secondary system of roadways and the Owners Association has requested that Landing Drive be conveyed back to The Coves at Wilton Creek Owners Association. The motion to approve the release of a quit claim deed returning this right of way back to the Owners Association was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

#### APPROPRIATIONS

The following appropriations were all approved by unanimous votes:

The motion to approve the appropriation of funds for additional work on the courthouse security was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Jessie. FROM: 3-1-41060-0001, \$17, 122.00; TO: 4-1-43020-3004.

The motion to approve the appropriation of additional funds for the Safe and Stable Families Grant was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously: FROM: 3-1-41060-0001, \$2,654.00; TO: 4-1-53010-5728.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

The motion to make two appointments to the Planning Commission, Claude (Buck) Boyd, to fill a term expiring June 30, 2011 and Marilyn South to fill a term expiring June 30, 2010, was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

***Fire Department False Alarms:*** Mr. Culley advised the Board that the volunteer fire departments had asked for assistance in responding to false alarms. Gochland County has an ordinance that assesses a fee to homeowners and businesses that do not have their alarm systems repaired to prevent false alarms. The Board agreed to advertise for a public hearing on a proposed ordinance for Middlesex County.

***Runoff at Rosegill:*** Well operations at Rosegill have been stopped until erosion/silt fence could be put in place.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously. The next regular evening meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2007.

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