

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE  
WOODWARD BUILDING, SALUDA, VIRGINIA:

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman, Mr. Williams, called the meeting to order. The prayer was led by Mr. Jessie and Mr. Culley led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

**MINUTES**

The motion to approve the minutes from the meetings of January 2<sup>nd</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup> with one correction was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

The motion to approve the disbursements as presented was made by Mr. Crump seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 60740 through 60837 totaling \$333,482.02 were disbursed as approved.

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

**Treasurer**

Mrs. Bray noted that the number of dog tags sold had increased. Vets are required to send the Treasurer a notice of rabies vaccination. The Treasurer waits 90 days before sending a letter to the owner with notification that they need to purchase the dog license.

**Commissioner of Revenue**

There were no questions for Mrs. Davenport.

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Mrs. Marcie Parker, Resident Administrator, was present and updated the Board on on-going projects.

### ***Projects:***

Norris Bridge: An information meeting was held to discuss the overlay project for the bridge. This project should go to bid in February '09, with full production to remove and replace the existing overlay in the summer. There will be night time closures of 4-5 days while a new type of asphalt is put down. The contract will have to work around endangered species issues.

Secondary Road – a public hearing will be scheduled for the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Supervisors on the secondary road improvement plan and budget. A list of unpaved roads will be provided prior to the hearing; the Board should be able to add one or two unpaved roads to the plan.

Route 630 – the State is waiting for enough money to construct this project; it should be advertised in 2009.

Route 629 – there was no report on Route 629.

### ***Board Concerns:***

Route 665 – more gravel is needed; the service is slick where the unpaved and paved services meet.

Route 615 – the turn lane from Route 17 needs to be extended. Mrs. Parker explained that a different source of money would be used for this project; she would look at funding the project with safety money.

Route 609 – Mr. Jessie reminded Mrs. Parker that he had requested a speed study on Gayle's Road to lower the speed limit.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, CONTINUED**

### ***Sheriff***

Sheriff Abbott reported that he had included a request for an additional resource officer in his '09 budget. The Sheriff reported that he would need an additional appropriation for fuel in the current budget; he would be requesting additional funds later.

## **SCHOOL MATTERS**

Superintendent Rusty Fairheart was present and issued the following reports: attendance is at 1266; projected enrollment for the year was 1305, which was built on the spring 2007 enrollment of 1307. Mr. Mark Widner has been hired as the Clerk of the Works for the high school roof project. Construction meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at the High School. Mr. Fairheart presented the FY 09 budget to school board members Monday night; copies should be available for the Board of Supervisors on Friday. Mr. Fairheart updated the Board on the regional trades school that should be opening at Rappahannock Community College.

Appropriations: The motion to approve the following appropriations was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously: FROM: 3-1--41060-0001, General Fund, \$52,940.07 TO: 4-071-64200-3320-900, for repairs to the drainfields at St. Clare Walker and Middlesex Elementary. Mr. Fairheart indicated that the school system would be using a new company to inspect these systems. FROM: 3-1-41060-0001, General Fund, \$6,613.00, TO: 4-074-066300-1110-900 for engineering work to repair erosion problems at St. Clare Walker and Middlesex Elementary.

Accreditation: Mr. Miller commented that he has received calls regarding accreditation. Mr. Fairheart stated that all three schools meet the state standards for accreditation. At the High School, special attention is being paid to the math program and identifying individual student needs and instructional strategies with special education.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board members presented their reports of individual committee meetings. Mr. Miller introduced members of the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department, Joe Moschetti and Gary Powell. Mr. Moschetti indicated that he was appointed as liaison to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Jessie indicated that no formal decision has been made about the director's position at Social Services. Mr. Culley informed the Board that he had written letters to Senator McDougal and Delegate Morgan regarding funding for Community Services Act cases.

## **COOKS CORNER OFFICE COMPLEX – HVAC PROPOSAL**

Mr. Culley presented a proposal received to add additional computer boards, valves and wiring to help read and control humidity levels at the Cooks Corner Office Complex. The proposal was received from ESI Controls for \$8,650.00. Mr. Culley explained that there are very few companies that would be able to work with the equipment and software that was original installed. If the proposed work does not take care of the problem, and re-heating is necessary, some of the work for it will have been done. The motion to approve the work being done by ESI and appropriating \$8,650.00 for the work was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Appropriation: FROM: 3-1-41060-0001, \$8,650; TO: 4-1-43020-3004.

## **PENINSULA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Wayne Evans, Captain of the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad, requested the Board's endorsement of a request being made to the State's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS). The OEMS is considering realignment of the State's EMS districts. The original proposal would dissolve the Peninsula EMS Council that includes Middlesex County, and put Middlesex in a district that includes Richmond City and divides the hospitals that Middlesex responds to between two separate districts. A revised proposal groups Middlesex in with Tidewater localities, and keeps the hospitals of Tappahannock, Kilmarnock and Gloucester in the same district. Either proposal is considered a step backwards, as the PEMS Council is considered one of the more progressive groups. As a small county, Middlesex would not have the voting power to compete with larger cities and would have to change from the protocols that currently work for a rural county.

The motion to adopt the following resolution and to also follow up with a letter and/or attend the public hearing in support of maintaining the PEMS district was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously:

### **RESOLUTION OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Middlesex County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 does hereby declare that,

Whereas, the Peninsulas Emergency Medical Services (PEMS) Council has been serving the areas of the Peninsula, Middle Peninsula, and Northern Neck regions since 1976 with the highest quality in EMS leadership, and

Whereas, the PEMS Council has been able to identify performance improvement trends in the region, change protocols and enhance skills accordingly, so that EMS agencies may provide the highest standard of care possible to our patients, with proven increased survivability and reduced mortality rates for the citizens it is serving, and

Whereas, the PEMS Council has provided ongoing disaster management training which takes place in localities on the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck, while this service is not offered in other regions throughout the state, and

Whereas, the PEMS Council currently offers Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) services designed to prevent and/or mitigate the adverse psychological reactions that so often accompany our emergency services, public safety, and disaster response functions, and

Whereas, through the elimination of the PEMS Council and the increased size of the proposed regions, our local EMS agencies will dramatically reduce the representation that they currently enjoy at both regional and state levels, and

Whereas, losing this regional council representation could result in a weakening of efficient and effective programs such as restocking agreements and regionally managed medication boxes, and

Whereas, the absence of a strong EMS representation will stymie the significant progress that has been made through partnerships with hospital, volunteer and career EMS professionals and local health districts to build and improve on the pre-hospital healthcare in the local area.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors hereby calls on the State Board of Health to recommend retaining the current state PEMS structure by adding a seventh region to the council realignment shown in the Proposed Alternate, Map B.

The County Administrator is hereby directed to transmit forthwith a copy of this resolution to the Virginia Board of Health.

Adopted by the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday February 5, 2008

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Charles M. Culley, Jr.  
County Administrator

### **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

In response to an advertisement for financial assistance services, only one proposal was received, from Davenport and Company. BB & T responded saying that they would not be submitting a proposal. Mr. Culley explained that the most immediate need is for assistance with the utility system, obtaining sources of financing and cash flows. Davenport also has experience with multi-year capital budgeting. Davenport could be a resource to the County on an as-needed basis; project by project. No action was taken, as the Board wanted time to review the Davenport proposal.

### **APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

The motion to approve the following appropriation was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously: FROM: 3-1-18030-0006, \$3,325.05, TO: 4-1-31020-5407. Insurance reimbursement has been received for repair to a 2006 Dodge Charger for the Sheriff's Department.

The motion to approve the appropriation of funds for renovations at the historic courthouse was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously: FROM: 3-1-41060-0001, \$100,000.00 TO: 4-49-10010-7019.

### **APPOINTMENT**

The motion to reappoint Robert Brooks to a three year term on the Tri-River ASAP Board of Directors was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Jessie, and carried unanimously. This term will run from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Crump indicated that some changes to the parking arrangements for Wings and Wheels may be necessary due to the loss of space from the hangar project.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

The motion to meet in Closed Session for consultation with legal counsel regarding potential litigation, pursuant to §2.2-3711.A7, was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously. Upon reconvening in open session, the following motion was made by Mr. Miller, 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 §2.2-3711.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.

## **WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

Mr. Crittenden requested an update on the proposed wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Culley noted that the proposal was still in the design phase. The engineer is working with the requirements from the Department of Shellfish Sanitation, which are different than those of the Department of Environmental Quality. It is hoped that this project will go out for bids in the late fall.

## **ADJOURN**

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

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Kenneth W. Williams, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors