

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 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. Mr. Miller led the group in prayer and Mr. Culley led the Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES

The motion to approve the minutes from the meetings of September 2nd and September 16th 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. Miller seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 62915 through 63035 totaling \$139,213.47 were disbursed as approved.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Treasurer

Betty Bray, Treasurer, was present. Mrs. Bray reported that real estate bills were mailed out on October 6th and personal property bills would be mailed out in the next week. Mrs. Bray presented a signed court order that approved closing the Clerk's office all day on Christmas Eve. The Clerk, along with the Commissioner and Mrs. Bray would be closing their offices all day on December 24th. This is in addition to the holiday schedule already approved by the governor for state offices. The governor had approved closing state offices at noon on December 24th.

Commissioner of Revenue

Mrs. Davenport had presented a proposed ordinance pro-rating new construction and asked for the Board to consider its adoption. The motion to schedule a public hearing was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

Sheriff:

Sheriff Abbott reported that he is working with Senator McDougal's office regarding security and maintenance fees. The Sheriff also reported that he has heard good comments about the School Resource Officers presence at the middle and high schools.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Resident Administrator, Marcie Parker, was present to represent the Highway Department.

Rt. 708: A citizen's group requested that the road be posted for 35 mph; the VDOT recommendation for speed reduction is to 45 mph and it will be posted as such.

District Administrator: The new Fredericksburg District Administrator is Quinton Elliott, replacing David Ogle.

Exit lane for Town Bridge: This project is on the candidate list for study.

Light at St. Clare Walker: Major work on these improvements will be between June 1 and September 1.

Bike Trail: This project may have to be scaled back.

Routes 630/33 and 652: repairs for a hole and on Route 630 and cracking in the pavement on Route 652 were requested.

Truck Restriction: The motion to adopt the following resolution was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received complaints concerning truck traffic on rural routes in Middlesex County, between Route 33 and Route 3; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to restrict the flow of traffic on Dirt Bridge Road, Route 622 and portions of Regent Road, Routes 623, 624 and 626, to achieve safer driving conditions; and

WHEREAS, alternative routes for safe travel are available along the primary roads, Route 33 and Route 3; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing at their meeting on August 19, 2008, regarding the proposed restriction of traffic on Routes 622, 623, 624 and 626;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County does hereby request the Virginia Department of Transportation restrict through traffic on Regent Road - Routes 626, 624 and 623, from its intersection at Route 33 - General Puller Highway, northeast to its intersection with Dirt Bridge Road - Route 622; and Dirt Bridge Road, Route 622, in its entirety to its intersection with Route 3 - Greys Point Road, to vehicles other than tractor, truck, semi-trailer combinations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board is requested to endorse this restriction.

SCHOOL MATTERS

Superintendent Rusty Fairheart was present to represent the School Board.

Enrollment: Enrollment is at 1246. Of the 91 people that left last year, 9 enrolled in private schools.

Appropriation: The motion to approve the following appropriations was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously: FROM: 3-071-18991-0001, Insurance Recoveries Refunds, \$1,150.00 TO: 4-071-064200-3320-900, Repair and Maintenance of Equipment; and FROM: 3-071-018991-2000, \$14,124.00, Miscellaneous Revenue – School, TO: 4-071-063200-8100-900, Capital Outlay.

OPERATION THANKSGIVING

The motion to endorse the American Legion's Operation Thanksgiving project was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously. Last year 195 families were assisted.

EXTENSION/4-H

Cynthia Rowles presented the Board with a small gift as an endorsement of National 4-H Week.

David Moore introduced Dan Nortman, the new horticulture agent for the region. The motion to adopt the following drought disaster resolution was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously:

RESOLUTION

Drought Relief for Middlesex County Farmers

WHEREAS, drought conditions in the County of Middlesex have adversely affected farmers and their production yields; and

WHEREAS, during the growing season of this year, the County of Middlesex has received considerably less rain than normal while experiencing unseasonably high temperatures and humidity; and

WHEREAS, loss of production for Middlesex farmers due to these adverse conditions has exceeded \$2,500,000 on the more than 15,000 acres affected.

WHEREAS, the yields of the principal crops produced in Middlesex County including corn, soybeans, hay, pasture, fruits and vegetables have been seriously reduced; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the County of Middlesex Board of Supervisors instruct the County Administrator to file with the Governor of Virginia a request that the County of Middlesex be designated as a drought disaster area.

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.

BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS

The motion to approve participation in the broadband study was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously:

*Resolution Supporting the
Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula
Broadband Planning Study- Phase II*

Whereas, the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula Broadband Telecommunication Planning Project-Phase I (Needs Assessment and Broadband Education) has been completed, and

Whereas, Phase I findings clearly identify there is a need for high speed connectivity options and competition in both the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula regions, and

Whereas, a vast majority of residents and businesses have computers and internet access, the regions lag behind the nation in the numbers who have higher than dial-up internet speeds, and

Whereas, it is evident that there is inadequate bandwidth availability to meet the present and future needs of residents, businesses, education and the healthcare industry, and

Whereas, the NNMP Broadband Planning Study- Phase I has documented those needs and recommends proceeding to a Phase II study that will further define priority areas, and options for investments and partnerships to encourage broadband service expansion that will be explored, and costs that will be developed and the feasibility of public investment that will be examined to determine options for enabling broadband deployment throughout the regions,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors, meeting this 7th day of October 2008, hereby endorses and supports the application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for Phase II funding, approves up to \$2,000 as its share of the 10% cash match, and commits its willingness to proceed with implementation of an open access network.

Voting as follows:

<i>Kenneth W. Williams</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Fred S. Crittenden</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Robert A. Crump</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Wayne H. Jessie, Sr.</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>John D. Miller, Jr.</i>	<i>aye</i>

VACO REPRESENTATIVES

The motion to name Mr. Williams as the voting representative at the annual VACo conference was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES

The motion to approve waiving the subdivision, zoning and building fees associated with the subdivision of land and construction of a new rescue squad building in the Hartfield area was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

ROBERT JENSEN

Mr. Jensen advised the Board of Supervisors that he was considering the purchase of the Locklies Marina property for construction of a school/business that would support artificial oyster reefs.

APPOINTMENTS

The motion to appoint Mr. Deter Hoinkes to the Rappahannock Community College Board of Directors replacing Archie Soucek was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously. At the request of the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad, Walter Revere and Wayne Evans were named as the representatives on the Emergency Services Committee. The Airport Committee would be asked to make a recommendation regarding their pending vacancy.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The motion to approve the following additional holidays for county employees was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously:

November 26	close at noon
December 24	closed all day
December 26	closed all day
January 2	closed all day

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members presented their reports on committee activities. The motion to adopt a resolution for Jamie Barnhardt and the Friends of Hummel Field recognizing their work with the Wings and Wheels event was made by Mr. Crump, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Scott Kauffman: Mr. Crump requested that a resolution be drafted in recognition of the work by Scott Kauffman on the Airport Committee and that the Airport Committee should be invited to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting when it is presented.

Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department: Joe Moschetti was present to thank the Board for the proclamation in support of National Fire Prevention Week. Mr. Moschetti also noted that Gloucester County had loaned the department a response vehicle while the department's two vehicles were being repaired.

Budget Constraints: A report on proposed budget restraints was requested for the Board's November meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn the meeting until October 21, 2008 was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crump and carried unanimously.

Kenneth W. Williams, Chairman
Board of Supervisors