

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE  
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, SALUDA, VIRGINIA:

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman, Mr. Crump, called the meeting to order. 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 July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup> was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

**Sheriff**

There was no one present to represent the Sheriff.

**Treasurer**

Kathy Thrift, Deputy Treasurer, was present to represent the Treasurer's Office. There were no questions.

**Commissioner of Revenue**

Mrs. Davenport, Commissioner, was present, with nothing to report.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

JoAnn Harfst, Interim Director, was present to update the Board on changes made through the interim period of March 2008 to present. Also, Janet Clements, Director of the Central Region of Social Services and Angela Beechy, new local

director, were present. Mrs. Harfst was thanked for her work and that of Lisa Burns-Brown, also from Mathews, for their work in stabilizing the agency prior to the new director coming in.

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Marcie Parker was present from the Highway Department.

**Route 33/620 project:** The contractor is mobilizing to start this project with a schedule completion date the week of September 7<sup>th</sup>. The signal contractor will begin the installation process after that with the signal installed by Christmas

**Mowing:** The cost savings of an earlier mowing was not as great as was anticipated and there will only be one more mowing for the year (two per year), which will be done in September. Members were asked to report any problems with sight distances that could be addressed on an individual basis.

### ***Route 17 Intersections at Hardee's and Food Lion:***

Mrs. Parker reported that both of these intersections have been studied with regard to installing a signal or other safety features – there are eight (8) criteria that are studied, with the most priority being given to the traffic from the business section of road compared to the amount of traffic on the main highway. At this time, neither intersection warranted a signal. In her conversations with state and local police, it appears that one of the biggest contributors to accidents is the rate of speed on the main road. Additional signage has been placed to remind drivers of the speed limit through the area.

**Route 630, Speed Study:** Board members requested that a speed safety study be conducted for Route 630 from its intersection with Route 3 to the public landing. It is anticipated that this road will be seeing additional traffic with construction projects at Camp Piankatank.

## **SCHOOL MATTERS**

Mr. Fairheart introduced Mr. Stephen Castle, new principal for Middlesex High School. Mr. Fairheart also named other administrators recently appointed to other schools and positions. Mr. Fairheart invited Board members to attend convocation scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Clare Walker, with lunch included.

## **FREDERICK COUNTY RESOLUTION**

The motion approving the following resolution was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously.

## **APPROPRIATION**

The motion to approve the following appropriation was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously: FROM: 3-1-41060-0001, \$13,146.00, TO: 4-1-32030-5604, \$6,573.00, Central Middlesex Vol. Rescue and 4-1-32030-5605, \$6,573.00, Middlesex Vol. Rescue.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

The motion to approve the reappointment of Leslie Hockman and John Moffatt to the Airport Committee was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. These appointments will run from September 1, 2009 – August 31, 2013.

The motion to reappoint Diana Pitts to the Bay Aging Board of Directors was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously. The new term will begin on October 1, 2009 and due to a change in by-laws will now be for 5-years, expiring June 30, 2014.

There was no action regarding appointments to a Census 2010 committee or to the Social Services Advisory Board, which now requires a minimum of five (5) members.

## **AIRPORT MATTERS**

The Virginia Department of Aviation is implementing a program where they will install, at 100% of the costs, an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS). The County would be responsible for maintaining the system with the State reimbursing 80% of the costs. Additional costs for service, parts repair or replacement and power would be the responsibility of the County. The motion to approve the State installation of the AWOS equipment was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board members presented their reports on committee activities.

## **DISBURSEMENTS**

The motion to approve the disbursements as presented was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 65400 through 65505 totaling \$468,277.96 were disbursed as approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Lewis Briggs from Healy's Road was present to update the Board regarding his meeting with VDOT officials. VDOT has worked on making pavement repairs and will be installing speed limit signs and curve warning signs. Mr. Briggs has also spoken with Brian Major regarding his animal farm and Mr. Major has agreed to install plant screening in an effort to deter people from parking on the road.

Mr. Purnell Wood requested a meeting with county officials. Mr. Crump indicated that he and Mr. Jessie would represent the Board in meeting with Mr. Wood and Mr. Culley.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Centenary Methodist Church***

The Board discussed the recent information that Centenary Methodist Church, constructed in 1884 adjoining the Courthouse Square is scheduled for demolition due to structural problems. Mr. Culley is aware of persons interested in purchasing the property and having it repaired. There was much discussion on whether or not it was appropriate to send a letter or resolution to the Rappahannock District of the United Methodist Church, advising them of the Board's regret in seeing the building razed. While it was agreed that the Board was regretful of the decision reached, no action would be taken.

### ***Wastewater Treatment***

The Board was advised that Delegate Morgan has called a meeting to update interested parties regarding the county's proposed wastewater treatment system. This meeting is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. Mr. Culley noted that he had no updates for Delegate Morgan at this time; the Board agreed that there was really no need to meet.

### ***Broadband***

Mr. Culley updated the Board about a meeting he and Mrs. Jones attended regarding broadband for the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. The Northern Neck Planning District Commission, on behalf of their counties and those participating from the Middle Peninsula, want to apply for \$15.3 million in stimulus funds with the local match potentially coming from a Community Development Block Grant. The cost for the County to continue to participate in the study is \$2,500; \$2,000 is already in the current County budget. If awarded, this funding would provide for a backbone of fiber optic, called middle mile fiber, through the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck. Communication companies could tap into the fiber allowing for more service possibilities, competition and hopefully lower rates. The motion to approve the appropriation of an additional \$500 for participation in the grant opportunity was made

by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. FROM: 3-1-41060-0001, General Fund, \$500.00 TO: 4-1-81010-6004, Broadband.

***Broad Creek***

Mr. Crittenden requested that Army Corps prepare a monthly update of activities regarding the Broad Creek Dredging.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The motion to convene in closed session for consultation with legal counsel, pursuant to Code of Virginia, §2.2-3711.A7, and personnel, pursuant to Code of Virginia, §2.2-3711.A1 was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously. Upon reconvening in open session, the following motion was made by Mr. Miller, 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 §2.2-3711.A7 and A1 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 Meeting.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn the meeting until August 18, 2009 was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously.

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Robert A. Crump, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors