

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HISTORIC
COURTHOUSE, SALUDA, VIRGINIA:

Present: Carlton S. Revere, Pinetop District
Fred S. Crittenden, Pinetop District
John D. Miller, Jr., Saluda District
Pete W. Mansfield, Saluda District
Wayne Jessie, Sr., Jamaica District

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman, Mr. Miller, called the meeting to order and offered a prayer. Mr. Culley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

The Board of Supervisors recognized William Thrift for his service to the County.

WHEREAS, WILLIAM J. "BILL" THRIFT, JR. has served on the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department since 1963 and as its chief for a period of 34 years, until December 2009; and

WHEREAS, MR. THRIFT was an initial member of the Middlesex County Communications Committee and a leader in establishing an emergency 911 system as well as a county-wide communications system and;

WHEREAS, MR. THRIFT serves on the subsequent Emergency Services Committee as a member dedicated to improving the quality of emergency services for the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, MR. THRIFT is widely recognized throughout the County and region for his commitment to public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize and express its sincere thanks and appreciation to WILLIAM J. THRIFT, JR. for his years of dedicated public service and leadership to the citizens of Middlesex County.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion to approve payroll and disbursements was made by Mr. Revere, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

Payroll: Checks numbered 66861 through 66920 totaling \$298,818.46 were disbursed as approved.

Disbursements: Checks numbered 66860 and 66921 through 66976 totaling \$58,776.41 and were disbursed as approved.

STREET NAME REQUEST

The motion to approve the name Healy's Mill Road as the name for a new road off of Route 33 was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Mansfield and carried unanimously.

PLANNING MATTERS

Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance:

The amendments made to the County's Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance meet the requirements of the State program through the Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Capital Improvement Plan Committee:

Planning Director, Matt Walker, presented options to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee. The State Code assigns the process to the Planning Commission, however, a sub-committee can be appointed that includes other citizens. Mr. Walker suggested keeping the number on the committee to five or six, and spread over each of the three districts, and has passed along names of people interested in serving on the committee, some of which are on the Commission. The Committee would review department requests and rank them in priority order to create a planning document. Mr. Miller noted that the Planning Commission members expressing an interest in serving, Mr. Beverly, Mr. Davis and Mr. England, represented the Jamaica and Saluda Districts. R. D. Johnson, a citizen in the Pinetop District has expressed an interest in serving. No action was taken on "official" appointments. Mr. Crittenden and Mr. Revere were asked to come up with another potential Pinetop District representative.

2010 SPRING GALA

Board members were asked if they wished to participate in the 2010 Spring Gala sponsored by Hands Across Middlesex and the Kiwanis Club of Middlesex. The Board opted to not contribute as a sponsorship or buy tickets as a group as several of the members have already purchased individual tickets.

AGREEMENT – ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

The motion to enter in an agreement with All Saints Anglican Church to allow their connection to the county's pump and haul system was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously.

DEBT SERVICE RESTRUCTURING

Discussion continued regarding the debt restructuring proposal presented at the February 2nd meeting. Mr. Culley commented that Mr. Cole has advised that the Board should not wait too long to make a decision on requesting proposals because other localities may be looking at similar options and banks may not be as willing to participate or make a favorable offer. It has been suggested that the Board authorize pursuing a request for proposals which would require no commitment from the Board to accept. Mr. Mansfield questioned the need for using and paying additional fees for a financial advisor and bond counsel. Mr. Revere, Mr. Culley and Mr. Soberick explained that obtaining a line of credit and selling bonds for governments had different regulations than for private business and required specialized services to prepare the appropriate documents and ensure the regulations were followed.

The motion to authorize pursuing a request for proposals for restructuring the remaining portions of the 1999 and 2002 series bonds eligible for refinancing was made by Mr. Revere, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Feigum highlighted poor management of several projects, including construction of the new courthouse and reassessment and asked that more be done to protect the long term impact of actions made by the Board.

Purnell Wood commented again on the condition of Route 619, noting that the road could be repaired only so many times before actual replacement would be a better option.

Bob Calves asked the Board to remember that Town residents are also County residents and should get the same full service that the rest of the County's citizens get.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Senator Warner

Mr. Culley informed the Board that Senator Warner would be speaking at an Essex Chamber of Commerce luncheon on February 19 and the Board was invited to attend.

Legislation:

Mr. Revere represented the Board at the VACo Legislative Day on February 4th and was joined by Mr. Jessie and Mr. Mansfield in meeting with the County's representatives.

RECESSED

The motion to recess the meeting until the budget work session scheduled for February 23rd at 9:00 a.m. was made by Mr. Revere, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

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