

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

Present: John D. Miller, Jr., Saluda District
Pete Mansfield, Saluda District
Wayne Jessie, Sr., Jamaica District
Fred S. Crittenden, Pinetop District
Carlton Revere, Pinetop 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. Mr. Jessie led the group in prayer. Mr. Culley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRST RESPONDER

The motion to approve the following resolution as a part of the first responder application by Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Revere and carried unanimously:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-955 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires local governing approval of any emergency medical service organization operating within that locality; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department has appeared before the Middlesex County Emergency Services Committee to request approval to provide emergency services in a designated boundary within the county, and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Committee has unanimously recommended approval of this request to the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors has determined it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Middlesex County for Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department to provide these services;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors grants approval to Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department to provide these services and obtain agency license per approval of the Office of Emergency Medical Services of Virginia.

APPROPRIATION

The motion to approve the following appropriation was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Revere and carried unanimously: FROM: 3-1-12080-0006, Wings and Wheels, \$1200.00, TO: 4-1-10020-5402, \$1,200.00; appropriation of revenue received from Friends of Hummel Field for Wings and Wheels expenses.

APPOINTMENTS

Disability Services Board: The motion to appoint Mr. Charles Walsh to the Disability Services Board was made by Mr. Crittenden, seconded by Mr. Revere and carried unanimously. The term for this position will expire December 31, 2012.

Rappahannock River Basin Commission: Mr. Miller appointed himself to serve as the Board of Supervisors representative on the Commission.

Sesquicentennial Committee: Mr. Miller appointed Wayne Jessie to serve as the Board representative on the Sesquicentennial Committee.

REASSESSMENT

Mr. Culley reported that the three firms submitting proposals had been interviewed – Blue Ridge, Pearson and Wampler Eanes with Wampler Eanes receiving the highest ranking by the panel. Mr. Culley noted that the panel was not displeased with any of the responding firms, however, it was believed by a majority of the panel that this firm would have better communication skills and better supervision with the principal planning to be in the county three days per week. The firm is currently completing a general reassessment of Mathews County.

Mr. Revere confirmed that the company was prepared to provide press releases and public information on the County's website. Mr. Culley noted that the market study can go two years, however, the firm will keep looking at sales through October 2011 to make sure their tables hold true. In addition, the concern for consistent use of neighborhood codes has been expressed.

Public comment was expressed by Hal Muller who asked to see the criteria and scores used for ranking the firms. Gordon White presented a letter written to Mr. Revere in which he explains that he has read the proposals and has no problem with the County using any of the firms that submitted proposals.

The motion to award a contract to the Wampler Eanes firm for the 2012 General Reassessment was made by Mr. Revere, seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

AIRPORT SEALING AND REMARKING PROJECT

Four bids were received for sealing and remarking the runway at Hummel Field: Mid-Atlantic Paving & Sealing - \$15,560.00; R & W Contractors - \$17,715.00; Paynes Parking Designs – \$25,958.00; J. Sanders Construction - \$72,800.00. Robert Osborn of Mid-Atlantic included a requirement that the work would not begin until July 2011. In discussions with Mr. Osborn, he agreed that he would be able to complete the work by June 1, allowing enough time for the County to submit and receive reimbursement for the project from the Department of Aviation. In order to guarantee funding, the project would have to be completed and reimbursed in the current fiscal year. This contractor has done work for the County at the airport before, to the satisfaction of the County.

The motion to award the contract to Robert Osborn for \$17,715.00, with the condition that the work be completed by May 1, 2011 was made by Mr. Revere, seconded by Mr. Crittenden and carried unanimously.

HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT

The Board continued their discussion from the November 2 meeting. Mr. Mansfield commented that he did not see the merits of the proposals presented at the November 2nd meeting and presented a draft response to HRSD. Mr. Revere suggested that there should be some indication from the County that we want to be part of the planning so that we can keep interest in Middlesex. However, it was questioned how the County can be interested in cooperating without being committal. Mr. Culley suggested keeping options open and also exploring a drip disposal option in the future.

Mr. Mansfield made a motion that a letter be sent to HRSD expressing thanks for the time and consideration spent, however, noting that the prices appear to be much higher than the County can afford, and objecting to the treatment methods for the Town of Urbanna. This motion received no second. Mr. Mansfield made a second motion to thank HRSD for their study and proposals, but rejecting both projects. This motion also failed to receive a second. Mr. Revere made the motion to send a letter to HRSD that included the following points: the Board understands the budgetary stipulations for money allocated to the Central Middlesex sewer treatment system; the Board wishes to continue to be a part of the discussion of the process, however has serious concerns about the stated financial capital outlay and effluent distribution and is not able to commit at this time. This motion was seconded by Mr. Jessie and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion to approve payroll and disbursements as part of the consent agenda was made by Mr. Jessie, seconded by Mr. Revere and carried unanimously. Checks numbered 68598 through 68655, totaling \$303,335.14 and 68906 through 68907

totaling \$2153.00 were disbursed as payroll; checks numbered 68831 through 68905 totaling \$73,158.92 were disbursed as part of accounts payable.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Meeting: All fire and rescue departments were visited by representatives of the Department of Fire Programs. A Town Hall meeting was also held for any public comment. A report should be generated some time in January.

Beaches and Dunes Ordinance: Mr. Mansfield asked about the status of the proposed Beaches and Dunes Ordinance. Mr. Soberick indicated the draft ordinance had been prepared; Mr. Miller asked that it be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Healy's Mill: Adrian Jennings, from Army Corps of Engineers, has directed citizens to send comments to the Board and to Gene Ruark. Mr. Jennings has advised that a public hearing is not required, however, the application has a long way to go before approval. Mr. Miller requested that the County Attorney and Planning Director look into early discussions of water usage as a proffer submitted by Mr. Ruark during consideration of subdivision approvals. Mr. Mansfield also commented on the historic aspect of the mill pond.

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer Station: Mr. Mansfield requested that signs be posted listing the rules of the Saluda Convenience Center. Mr. Mansfield also requested that further study be made to consider implementing a mulching operation in the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hal Muller, representing the Kilmer's Point Civic Association, discussed reassessment and land use. Regarding land use, Mr. Muller suggested several options for the Board's consideration: a means test where 65% of the income from the property must come from farming; repeal land use; or increase the rates to equal what Essex County has. Mr. Muller stressed the need to have a fair and equitable tax burden. Mr. Muller added that there should be a mechanism to increase the assessment based on the sale value, if higher.

John (Buddy) Moore offered his disagreement with Mr. Muller's suggested means test, however agreed that there are some inequities. In addition, Mr. Moore noted that some of the properties classified as land use properties are only included at that rate because they are part of conservation easements, which requires taxing at the lowest rate, the same rate as land use properties.

John Fleet commented regarding the Healy's Mill Dam and the possibility for the County to have a cooperative effort, coming up with a real plan and solution to the road problem.

Dan Downs commented that proffers were made about the pond being considered as a reservoir. Mr. Downs reminded the Board that there had been money included in the six-year highway plan for a study that was not done. Mr. Downs suggested using this money to be applied to fixing the road.

ADJOURN

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

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