

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE BOARD MEETING ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, DINWIDDIE, VIRGINIA, ON THE 1ST DAY OF JUNE, 1988, AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: GEORGE E. ROBERTSON, JR., CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #2  
AUBREY S. CLAY, VICE-CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #4  
HARRISON A. MOODY ELECTION DISTRICT #1  
CHARLES W. HARRISON ELECTION DISTRICT #2  
EDWARD A. BRACEY, JR. ELECTION DISTRICT #3  
  
BENNIE M. HEATH SHERIFF  
JAMES E. CORNWELL, JR. COUNTY ATTORNEY

IN RE: INTRODUCTION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR -- RICHARD BARTON

The Chairman introduced the new County Administrator, Mr. Richard Barton, and welcomed him to the County.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Moody, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moody, Mr. Robertson voting "aye", the minutes of the May 18, 1988 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

IN RE: CLAIMS

Upon motion of Mr. Moody, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moody, Mr. Robertson voting "aye",

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, that the following claims be approved and funds appropriated for same: General Fund - Checks 702 thru 805, amounting to \$142,990.64.

IN RE: CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. George Hobbs, Route 1, Box 76-B, Carson, Virginia, appeared before the Board to discuss the re-establishment of the County boundary line between Dinwiddie and Prince George. He stated that the boundary line, as proposed, is going through the middle of his house and he would like to have a County line marker placed at his house. He also asked permission from the Board to survey the County line from the Sussex County line to Carson Station.

Mr. Joe Emerson, Director of Planning, stated that he did not think placing a monument at Mr. Hobbs' house would be a problem, but it would have to be at his cost. The reason for this is that certain monument locations were already approved in the contract between the County and Prince George.

Upon motion of Mr. Moody, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moody, Mr. Robertson voting "aye",

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, that Mr. George Hobbs be authorized to contact the firm of Rouse-Sirine to have a County boundary marker placed at his house at his own cost; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. George Hobbs be authorized to survey the County boundary line between the Sussex County line and Carson Station, at his own cost.

IN RE:           AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moody, Mr. Robertson voting "aye", the following amendments were added to the agenda:

1. Action on Secretary to the County Planner and County Attorney.

IN RE:           COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Mrs. D. M. Marston, Commissioner of Revenue, appeared before the Board to request authorization to purchase a typewriter for her office under Capital Outlay within her 1987-88 Budget, cost not to exceed \$500.00. She stated that with the proposed new licenses, she would need an additional typewriter for the paperwork involved.

Upon motion of Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Moody, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moody, Mr. Robertson voting "aye",

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, that the Commissioner of Revenue be authorized to purchase a typewriter from funds within the Capital Outlay category of her 1987-88 budget, cost not to exceed \$500.00.

IN RE:           TREASURER

Mr. W. E. Jones presented his report for the month of May, 1988.

IN RE:           BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. D. H. Abernathy presented his report for the month of May, 1988.

IN RE:           ANIMAL WARDEN

Mr. L. A. Brooks, Jr., presented his report for the month of May, 1988.

IN RE:           LIVESTOCK CLAIM -- DONALD ANDREWS

Upon motion of Mr. Bracey, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moody, Mr. Robertson voting "aye",

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, that Mr. Donald Andrews be awarded Three-Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$352.00) for ten goats.

IN RE:           RECREATION DIRECTOR

Ms. Fran Hart presented her report for the month of May, 1988.

IN RE:           VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Mac Neblett, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation, appeared before the Board to answer questions:

1. He stated that site distance at the intersection of Route 613 and Route 624 has been improved by cutting the bushes and undergrowth in that area.

2. He stated that he had reviewed the markings on U.S. Route 1, with its intersection with Route 613, at the Georgian Rathskeller as requested by Mr. Harrison at the last meeting and found that the markings were in accordance with state standards. He said the accidents that have occurred there have involved alcohol and/or speeding. Mr. Harrison asked Mr. Neblett to look into the situation further, especially the accidents that have occurred with traffic heading north.

3. Route 672 - Mr. Neblett stated that the Railroad communication lines are being relocated and that the project should begin right after the relocation of these lines. He added that the bridge has had to be restricted to three tons because of recent damage to the bridge.

4. Mrs. Virginia Winbush asked about the pavement of Route 613 as to why one-half of the road was done differently from the other. Mr. Neblett stated that the other section of the road was not as heavily travelled.

5. The Assistant County Administrator stated that the Board should consider appointing Roadviewers in July to look at roads that may be eligible to come into the state secondary system as rural additions. She stated that the Highway Department was investigating one road, Route 624, to see whether it would be eligible for viewing.

**IN RE: DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

The following disclosure statements were made by Board Members before participating in the Public Hearing on business licenses.

1. **AUBREY S. CLAY:** "I hereby disclose that I am the owner of a business in Dinwiddie County and will be affected by the passage of the business license tax now under consideration by the Board of Supervisors. I further declare that I am able to participate in consideration of this matter fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

"I also would like to disclose that my wife is an employee of the Dinwiddie School Board and will be affected by the passage of the school board budget now under consideration by the Board of supervisors. I further declare that I am able to participate in consideration of this matter fairly, objectively, and in the public interest."

2. **EDWARD A. BRACEY, JR:** "In accordance with Section 2.1-639.14, paragraph (3) of the Code of Virginia, I wish to disclose that my wife, Bernice Bracey, is employed by the Dinwiddie County School System. I am employed by the Rowanty Vocational Tech Center, which is partially funded by the Dinwiddie County Public Schools. Employment of my wife and I occurred several years prior to my election to the Board of Supervisors and the results of any decision by this Board will affect my wife and I to no greater or less extent than other teachers with similar credentials and experiences. Therefore, I feel that I am able to participate in the actions of the Board concerning the Dinwiddie County School Board's 1988-89 Budget affectively, fairly and in the public interest."

3. **CHARLES W. HARRISON:** "I hereby disclose that I am the owner of a business in Dinwiddie County and will be affected by the passage of the business license tax now under consideration by the Board of Supervisors. I further declare that I am able to participate in consideration of this matter fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

"I hereby disclose that I am an officer and part owner of a campground in Dinwiddie County and will be affected by the transient occupancy tax now under consideration by the Board of Supervisors. I further declare that I am able to participate in

consideration of this matter fairly, objectively, and in the public interest."

4. HARRISON MOODY: "I hereby disclose that I am the owner of a business in Dinwiddie County and will be affected by the passage of the business license tax now under consideration by the Board of Supervisors. I further declare that I am able to participate in consideration of this matter fairly, objectively, and in the public interest."

5. GEORGE E. ROBERTSON, JR.: "I hereby disclose that I am the owner of three (3) businesses in Dinwiddie County and will be affected by the passage of the business license tax now under consideration by the Board of Supervisors. I further declare that I am able to participate in consideration of this matter fairly, objectively, and in the public interest."

IN RE: AMENDMENT A-88-16 -- BUSINESS LICENSE

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress-Index Newspaper on Wednesday, May 18 and Wednesday, May 25, 1988, for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing to consider for adoption an ordinance to amend Chapter 13 of the Dinwiddie County Code, imposing Annual Licenses on business, professions and enterprises, providing enforcement provisions for the collection of those licenses, defining those business, professions and enterprises subject to such license and charging an Annual License Tax upon the Gross Receipts of the same as follows:

Contractors, Builders and Developers: \$0.16 per \$100 of gross receipts

Retail Sales: \$0.20 per \$00 of gross receipts

Financial, Real Estate and Professional Services:

\$0.58 per \$100 of gross receipts

Repair, Personal and Business Services, and all other business and occupations not otherwise listed or excepted:

\$0.36 per \$00 of gross receipts

Wholesalers: \$0.05 per \$100 of gross receipts

Itinerant Vendors, Merchants and Mechanics:

\$500 annual license

Peddlers, Retail: \$500 Annual License

Peddlers, Wholesale: \$0.05 per \$100 gross receipts

Sale of Alcoholic Beverages:

Distillers, over 5,000 gallons per year: \$300.00

Wineries: \$150.00

Breweries: \$300.00

Bottlers: \$300.00

Retailers: \$ 20.00

Sale of Mixed Alcoholic Beverages:

Restaurants - Seating capacity at tables of:

50-100: \$200.00

100-150: \$350.00

150+ : \$500.00

Massage Parlors: \$5,000 Annual license fee, plus \$0.36 per \$100 gross receipts

Mrs. D. M. Marston, Commissioner of Revenue, reviewed the amendments as advertised.

Mr. Robertson stated that the rates advertised are the maximum amounts and do not necessarily mean those that will be adopted by the Board.

No one appeared in favor of the amendment.

The following people spoke in opposition:

1. Gilbert Charboneau
2. Louie Thibault
3. Jimmy Dice
4. Kevin Townsend

5. Ann Scarborough  
6. George Robinson - The Assistant County Administrator read a statement in opposition submitted by Mr. Robinson, who could not be present.

Because this is a tax, no action can be taken by the Board at this meeting. Action will be taken by the Board at the June 15, 1988 meeting.

**IN RE: AMENDMENT 88-17 -- TAX ON PURCHASERS OF UTILITY SERVICES**

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress-Index Newspaper on May 18 and May 25, 1988, for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a Public Hearing to consider for adoption an ordinance to amend Chapter 19 of the Dinwiddie County Code, Tax on Purchasers of Utility Services, increasing the tax on purchasers of utility services to 20% and no more than \$15.00 of the charge for residential users, and 20% on no more than \$1,000 of the charge for commercial or industrial users and retaining the same exemptions and exceptions as presently allowed.

The Assistant County Administrator presented the amendment.

No one spoke in favor of the amendment.

The following people spoke in opposition:

1. Ann Scarborough
2. Margie Cleaton

Because this is a change to a tax, no action could be taken by the Board at this meeting. Action is proposed to be taken at the June 15, 1988 meeting.

**IN RE: AMENDMENT A-88-18 -- MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX**

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress-Index Newspaper on May 18 and May 25, 1988 for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing to consider for adoption an ordinance to amend Section 19 of Article II of Chapter 14 of the Dinwiddie County Code, Vehicle License Tax, increasing the annual motor vehicle license tax to \$20.00 on each motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Code, and \$10.00 for each motorcycle.

Mr. W. E. Jones, Treasurer, presented the Amendment.

No one spoke in favor of the amendment.

Mr. Robert McFarland spoke in opposition.

Because this is an increase in the tax, no action could be taken by the Board of Supervisors. Action is proposed to be taken at the June 15, 1988 meeting.

**IN RE: AMENDMENT A-88-19 -- ADMISSION TAX**

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress-Index Newspaper on May 18 and May 25, 1988 for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing to consider for adoption an ordinance to amend Chapter 19 of the Dinwiddie County Code, creating an Admission Tax within the County of six percent on the amount of admissions charged for attendance at any event except those events the gross proceeds of which go wholly to charitable purpose or purposes; providing a permit necessary for the conduct of any event for which admission is charged and the posting of bond for the issuance of such permit; provided that the operator of any such event collect such Admission Tax, keep records pertaining to the event and pay the tax to the County within five days after the event.

Mrs. D. M. Marston, Commissioner of Revenue, presented this amendment.

No one spoke in favor of the amendment.

No one spoke in opposition of the amendment.

Because this is a tax, no action could be taken by the Board of Supervisors. Action is proposed to be taken at the June 15, 1988, meeting.

**IN RE: AMENDMENT A-88-20 -- TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX**

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress-Index on Wednesday, May 18 and May 25, 1988, for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing to consider for adoption an ordinance to amend Chapter 19 of the Dinwiddie County Code to create Article IX, Transient Occupancy Tax on hotels, motels, boarding houses and travel campgrounds in Dinwiddie County and setting the rate thereon at 2% of the amount of charge for the occupancy of any room or space occupied except as to rooms or spaces rented for continuous occupancy by the same individual or group for thirty or more days.

Mrs. D. M. Marston, Commissioner of Revenue, presented the amendment.

No one spoke in favor of the amendment.

No one spoke in opposition to the amendment.

Because this is a tax, no action could be taken at this time. Action is proposed to be taken at the June 15, 1988 meeting.

**IN RE: AMENDMENT A-88-21, A-88-22, A-88-23, A-88-24 -- REFERRAL TO PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Assistant County Administrator stated that Amendments A-88-21, A-88-22, A-88-23 and A-88-24, which deal with permit fees for zoning and rezoning must be referred to the Planning Commission before being considered by the Board.

**IN RE: AMENDMENT A-88-25 -- BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress-Index Newspaper on Wednesday, May 18 and May 25, 1988, for the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia to conduct a public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 6 of the Dinwiddie County Code -- Building Code, increasing the amount of the building permit fees as follows:

Single-story dwellings, including additions, \$.05 per square foot.

Basements and second and higher stories, \$0.04 per square foot.

Mr. Dwayne Abernathy, Building Inspector, presented this amendment.

No one spoke in favor of the amendment.

Mr. David Lucas and Mr. J. S. Major spoke in opposition.

Mr. Robertson stated that there is one Building Inspector to cover the entire County and with the increase in construction, the cost for that department in turn increases.

Because this is a tax, no action can be taken by the Board of Supervisors. Action is proposed to be taken by the Board at the June 15, 1988 meeting.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING 1988-89 COUNTY BUDGET AND SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress-Index Newspaper on Sunday, May 29, 1988, for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the 1988-89 County Budget and School Board Budget, and 1988-89 Tax Rate.

Mr. Spencer Elmore, representing Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, who has served as financial advisor to the County during their budget preparation opened the public hearing with comments about the County's fiscal position. He stated that when he presented last year's audit, he advised the Board at that time that the working capital was being depleted. At the beginning of the budget preparation this year, with the commitments that have been made, he felt that all the reserves are committed; therefore, the County may not end the year in a break-even posture. In fact, they will probably start the next year with a zero balance.

When the budget was first presented, the County was faced with a \$3.1 Million deficit, the main increases being in local government, the school budget, and capital projects. He stated that taxes would have to increase by sixty percent (60%) in order to meet the budget requests.

He also stated that he had advised the Board of Supervisors they should keep at least \$1 Million in reserve funds and would like to, if possible, have as much as ten percent (10%). Without this reserve, the County will be faced with having to borrow every year as it is doing in the past.

His recommendations were as follows:

1. To practice prudent supervision of present expenditures;
2. Cutting expenses in the 1988-89 proposed budget by \$3.5 Million;
3. Budget only for essential capital projects;
4. Freeze local contributions as much as possible; for example, externally funded agencies;
5. Pursue other cuts and/or additional revenues;
6. To appoint a finance committee of School Board members and Board of Supervisor members to bring the School Board Budget in line with the County's ability to pay.
7. To advise the Board that he did not feel they could raise property taxes as they were among one of the highest among Southside Virginia localities.

He said what the Board of Supervisors has accomplished is presenting a balanced budget only. They have not added the \$400,000 as he has requested to the fund balance; therefore, the County will have to continue to borrow. He added that the School Board still needs to make reductions in their budget to meet the advertised funding levels.

Mr. Elmore then reviewed the State published information from the JLARC studies which looked at each individual school division. He pointed out inequities in number of teachers, clerical staff, and plant maintenance, as examples.

In closing, Mr. Elmore stated that the Board would have to continue to practice keen, prudent, fiscal management and approve no supplemental request without grants or other sources of funding being available.

The Chairman read the following statement:

"Ladies & Gentlemen:

"You have heard our auditor state that he informed us early in the year that we may face a deficit situation prior to the end of this fiscal year and that we must take appropriate action to adjust the 1988-89 Budget in order to begin improving our financial position.

"We took the following actions:

1. Notified the School Board that we faced the most difficult financial situation in recent years and requested that they submit a budget that would help us to prepare our 1988-89 Budget without placing an additional tax burden on our citizens.

2. We notified all Department Heads that they should submit realistic but conservative budgets in view of our present financial situation, emphasizing that additional appropriations during the budget year could not be considered.

3. When we received all budget requests, we were shocked and disappointed that the requests exceeded our income by \$3.1 Million Dollars. This included an increased request from the School Board of \$1.4 Million Dollars over the 1987-88 Budget. \$940,000 of this increase was to come from local funds and the balance to come from State and Federal funding. At the same time, our auditor urged us to work towards building our reserve fund back-up to an acceptable level.

4. We sent a mandate to all Department Heads, through the Interim County Administrator, that all requests were to be reduced by 15%, or where possible held to present level funding.

5. We formed a committee (2 Supervisors, 2 School Board Members, the School Superintendent, the Interim County Administrator, and the County Auditor) to examine the School Board budget and work out a possible compromise that could be returned to the Boards for consideration.

6. After the first meeting of the committee, the Chairman was informed of a possible compromise by his representative on the School Board. This compromise could have reduced the School Board request by approximately \$400,000. He was also informed that the Chairperson of the School Board would appear at the next board meeting with a statement. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors requested that the School Board Chairperson be requested to issue a positive statement of cooperation. The Chairperson made the statement to the Board of Supervisors that the School Board could only cut around \$200,000 from the budget without cutting some programs and that the Board of Supervisors would be responsible for cutting these programs if they did not fund all of the School Board requests.

7. All County Department Heads submitted revised budgets as requested.

8. The Board of Supervisors cut \$1.1 Million Dollars from the Capital Improvements Budget.

9. The Board of Supervisors requested figures on taxes, licenses, increases in fees, etc., to put funds into the County Treasury without putting more burden on real estate, personal property, and other taxes that relate to the household.

10. The Board has advertised new license taxes and increased fees for services rendered that will balance the 1988-89 budget, if all departments cooperate and maintain expenditures within the levels as advertised.

"The Board of Supervisors is pro-education and at the same time we must be pro-citizen services and pro-fiscal responsibility. Dinwiddie County has a good educational system that we believe needs some adjustment as to number of Administrative Personnel and

adjustment of the teacher to pupil ratio. We feel that this can be done within the budget that the Board of Supervisors recommends.

"The Board of Supervisors, if necessary, is prepared to adopt categorical appropriations for the School Board, which we believe will provide adequate educational funding considering the standards of quality mandates, while at the same time recognizing the County's ability to finance.

"However, the Board of Supervisors would prefer and hereby challenges the School Board to submit a revised budget that would provide for the 7.3% state mandated teacher salary increase and the purchase of the seven (7) new school buses, and require only \$6.4 Million Dollars in local funding as advertised.

"If the School Board will not meet this challenge, the Board of Supervisors obviously will have to pursue categorical appropriations.

"The Board of Supervisors has prepared a schedule of appropriations for the School Board, should we be faced with the task of appropriating by categories which we believe will provide adequate funding for maintaining the music and physical education programs for the school system, and at the same time meet the state mandated programs for teacher's salaries and school bus replacement. The County Administrator can review these figures with the School Board if they desire.

"However, the Board of Supervisors is confident the School Board will take up this challenge and bring their budget request in line with the advertised local funding level without categorical appropriations.

"The Board of Supervisors regrets that this budget difference exists. Our only two choices are to INCREASE TAXES or to take the actions that we are considering and I have described to you.

"We request that the citizens and the School Board support your Board of Supervisors during these trying times.

"Thank you."

The Assistant County Administrator then presented the 1988-89 Budget and reviewed the major increases in income and expenditures. She pointed out that the budget had been prepared in a different format this year to provide a clearer picture of all funds involved. She also pointed out that another change which seemed to show a tremendous increase in individual budgets is the allocation of fringe benefits. In the past, they were shown in one category. She also pointed out that in working with the department heads, they tried to present realistic budgets. In the past, budgets were reduced or only reimbursable items were listed which did not provide a true picture of expenditures. The majority of the time, expenditures had to be made above budget allocations to keep the departments going.

Mrs. Geraldine Spicely, Chairperson of the School Board, and Dr. Richard L. Vaughn, Superintendent, made brief comments on the School Board Budget.

Mrs. Spicely welcomed any suggestions on how the School Board Budget could be reduced, but urged the Board not to short change the children.

Dr. Vaughn reiterated what Mrs. Spicely had to say and added that he would continue to look at the budget for revisions but felt it was difficult to reduce the School Board Budget any more.

The Chairman then opened the floor for public comment:

1. Mr. Harry Clay asked that the ambulance for the Rescue Squad be reinstated in the Budget.
2. Mr. Paul Walk spoke in support of the budget as proposed.

3. Ms. Coralene Walker expressed her concern for reductions in elementary level programs. She questioned whether money could be used from the self-insurance program. The Assistant County Administrator advised that the Board had considered that but felt that it was a good program and at this point, was leaving it at its proposed level of funding.

4. Mrs. Sherry Avery spoke in support of education and the three school bus routes. If cuts were made, she urged the Board not to cut the children's programs or the three bus systems.

5. Mrs. Gloria Bain appeared in support of the School Board Budget. She stated that the School Board had put forth a lot of effort by calling on the citizens and parents for their suggestions. She stated there are other increases in the local budget that should be cut besides the School Board.

6. Mr. J. S. Major asked several questions on the budget and stated that there were further cuts that could be made.

7. Mrs. Margie Cleaton spoke as a parent and urged the Board not to reduce educational programs in the School Board Budget.

8. Mrs. Barbara Pittman spoke in support of the School Board Budget stating that their needs have increased just as the county needs have, but they are being asked to live with the same budget as last year.

9. Mrs. Cheryl Martinez spoke in support of the School Board Budget.

10. Mrs. Frances Hardy asked that the \$6,000 requested by the Office on Youth and Community Services be reinstated in the Budget. The Assistant County Administrator advised her that the Board had taken action to allow the Director to keep those programs which are revenue producing so that she would have the funds available to meet the local match for her grant application.

11. Mr. Bob Mengel spoke in favor of the Budget as presented, and urged those in attendance to think about the contributions by the volunteers.

12. The Chairman stated that he would like to make one thing clear and that was that the School Board Budget was not being cut; they would receive \$400,000 in additional state and federal funds.

13. Mrs. Ann Scarborough urged the Board to tighten the proposed budget.

14. Mr. David Lucas stated that he believed in a balanced budget and that the children are valuable and should be educated in a proper manner.

15. Mr. Billy Bain asked what portion of the budget the School Board Budget was in other localities. Mr. Spencer Elmore stated that he did not have the figures with him, but in the majority of the localities the School Board Budget is 70% to 75% of the local budget.

16. Mrs. Carla Brandon commended the Board on preparation of their budget and asked the School Board to meet the funding levels requested by the Board of supervisors.

Mr. Robertson stated that in answer to the comments about personnel hired by the Board of Supervisors, he felt that all positions were justified. The present staff has worked very hard over the past few months and the additional positions hired were very much needed.

There being no further comments, the Public Hearing on the Budget was closed. Action will be taken at the June 15, 1988 meeting.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING -- 1988 TAX RATES

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress-Index Newspaper on Sunday, May 28, 1988, for the Board of Supervisors to receive public comments on the 1988 tax rates.

The Assistant County Administrator presented the proposed tax rates as follows:

Real Estate	\$ .80
Mobile Homes	\$ .80
Mineral Lands	\$ .80
Public Services	\$ .80
Personal Property	\$4.90
Machinery & Tools	\$3.30
Farm Machinery	-0-
Construction Machinery	\$3.30

No one spoke in favor or opposition to the proposed tax rates. The public hearing was closed. Action will be taken at the June 15, 1988 meeting.

IN RE: OFFICE FURNITURE

At the May 16, 1988 meeting, bids were presented on office furniture for several county offices. The low bid at the time was \$16,600.72. The Board, at that time, felt that the bid was too high and instructed the staff to look for furniture at the surplus property warehouse or other sources.

The Assistant County Administrator stated that she had worked with the Department Heads on two days to visit the warehouse and other outlet suppliers to obtain the furniture that was needed and has been able to reduce the price to approximately \$2,800. She then asked for approval of the furniture as recommended, and also, that the Board adopt a resolution rejecting the bids received and presented at the May 18, 1988 meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Moody, seconded by Mr. Bracey, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moody, Mr. Robertson voting "aye",

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY, Virginia, that the bids received for office furniture for county offices be rejected; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA that the following furniture be approved for purchase for county offices.

1. COUNTY ATTORNEY

(1) Desk w/return	\$100.00
(1) Credenza	75.00
(1) Bookcase - 6 ft.	75.00
(1) Bookcase - 4 ft.	15.00
(1) Side Arm	25.00
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	\$290.00

2. PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

(1) Desk	\$100.00
(1) Wall	50.00
(1) Side Arm Chair	25.00
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	\$175.00

3. ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

(1) Desk	\$125.00
(1) CRT Table	55.30
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		\$180.30
3A.	RECEPTION AREA	
	(1) Typing Table	\$ 39.00
4.	CIRCUIT COURT CLERK	
	(1) Sofa	\$150.00
	(3) Side Arm Chairs (\$55 ea)	165.00
	(2) Secretary Chairs (\$75 ea)	150.00
	(2) Secretarial Desks (\$125 ea)	250.00
	(1) Desk w/return	125.00
	(1) End Table	15.00
	(1) Xerox Table	7.50
	(1) CRT Table (36"x24")	55.30
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		\$917.80
5.	PROBATION OFFICER	
	(1) Chair	\$ 50.00
6.	GENERAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK	
	(1) Drafting Stool	\$ 25.00
7.	SECRETARY TO COUNTY ATTORNEY AND PLANNER	
	(1) Secretary Chair	\$ 25.00
	(1) CRT Table (36"x24")	55.30
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		\$ 80.00
8.	SECRETARY TO BUILDING INSPECTOR & PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER	
	(1) CRT Table	\$ 55.30
9.	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	
	(1) Chair	\$ 75.00
	(4) Secretary Chairs	95.00
	(1) Computer Table (for CRT)	25.00
	(1) Table (printer) (24"x24")	41.30
	(2) Table 48"x24" (\$62.30 ea)	124.60
	(1) Table 30"x24"	48.30
	(1) Table 24"x36"	55.30
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		\$464.50
10.	TREASURER	
	(1) Printer Table (24"x24")	\$ 41.30
	(2) CRT Tables (48"x24") (\$62.30 ea)	124.60
	(1) Chair	75.00
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		\$240.90
11.	COURTHOUSE RECEPTION AREA	
	(3) Three-seat sofas (\$75 ea)	\$228.00
12.	RECREATION DIRECTOR	
	(1) Table	\$ 25.00
13.	BUILDING INSPECTOR	
	(1) Table	\$ 25.00
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	TOTAL	\$2,796.10

IN RE: APPROVAL OF SECRETARY TO COUNTY ATTORNEY AND COUNTY  
PLANNER -- MRS. TAMMY B. ABERNATHY

The Assistant County Administrator presented a recommendation on the Secretary to the County Attorney and County Planner.

She stated that she, the County Attorney and County Planner had interviewed five applicants and recommended that Mrs. Tammy B. Abernathy of Route 4, Box 228, Blackstone, Virginia, be hired on Salary Scale of Step 3, Grade 8, which is \$12,105.60.

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moody, Mr. Robertson voting "aye", Mr. Bracey abstaining, Mrs. Tammy B. Abernathy was appointed as secretary to the County Attorney and Director of Planning at a salary of \$12,105.60, which is Step 3, of Grade 8, of the county's pay scale, term of employment effective June 20, 1988.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Moody, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moody, Mr. Robertson voting "aye", pursuant to Section 2.1-344(6) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, the Board moved into Executive Session at 11:35 p.m. to discuss legal matters. The meeting reconvened into open session at 12:19 a.m.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Bracey, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moody, Mr. Robertson voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m., June 13, 1988.

  
GEORGE E. ROBERTSON, JR.  
Chairman

ATTEST:   
WENDY W. QUEISENBERRY  
Assistant County Administrator

