

VIRGINIA: AT A CONTINUATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE PAMPLIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE 16TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1991, AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT:	CHARLES W. HARRISON, CHAIRMAN	ELECTION DISTRICT #2
	EDWARD A. BRACEY, JR., VICE-CHAIRMAN	ELECTION DISTRICT #3
	HARRISON A. MOODY	ELECTION DISTRICT #1
	MICHAEL H. TICKLE (arrived 4:20 p.m.)	ELECTION DISTRICT #2
	A. S. CLAY (arrived 4:20 p.m.)	ELECTION DISTRICT #4

DANIEL SIEGEL	COUNTY ATTORNEY
THOMAS KEARNEY	COUNTY ATTORNEY

IN RE: REDISTRICTING WORKSHOP

Mr. Dan Siegel and Mr. Tom Kearney, representing Natkin, Heslep, Siegel and Natkin, were present to give the Board a brief over view of the redistricting process.

The County Administrator informed the Board of the fact that a Citizen Committee should be formed by the beginning of next month in order to expedite the process.

Mr. Dan Siegel stated that indeed the Committee should be formed by February 6, 1991 or at least have some names of interested people, so that when the official census numbers come in February they will have knowledge of the Census report. The preliminary figures are in from the Census Bureau for the County in general. We have filed additional information with the Census Bureau that differ from what was sent down from Washington. Mr. Siegel said we should have the information from the Census Bureau before March 1, 1991 since Virginia is the first State to have to deal with numbers in the United States since we have a primary coming up in September if the Bill passes in the legislature. According to Mr. Siegel we should be in good shape with the last redistricting and the street naming for the E911 system and getting a feel for the households in the County and to be able to attack it without any problems. We want to get a good cross-section of the community on the Committee, in order to avoid costly litigation. We want to have as broad of a spectrum with that process so that people that are going to be concerned are involved first and they're committed to whatever the designs might be.

Mr. Harrison asked how large of a committee should be formed.

Mr. Siegel said it was really up to the Board, but his suggestion would be one from each Board member.

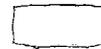
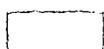
Mr. Bracey stated that it should be more than one from each district in order to get a cross-section.

Mr. Siegel stated that from a working stand point that the Board may want a working Committee that is charged with presenting a plan to the Board, but have a smaller working group that in effect works as the staff at the direction of the Committee, so that the Committee is reviewing someone else's work. Mr. Siegel did state that the time-frame is going to be tight when the numbers come to us in March. The ordinance is to be adopted in May so they are going to have sixty days or less for review. Mr. Siegel said the committee should have a tight schedule for working and presenting to the Board the information so that the Board can review it informally at workshops with the committee or task force. This way there will be no surprises in May. There is going to be a magnitude of work for this period of time.

Mr. Bracey asked who would chair the Committee.

Mr. Siegel suggested that certainly from a exofficio standpoint you may want to have the Registrar involved because of her knowledge of the districts.

Mr. Cashwell wanted to bring to the attention of the Board that there are some software resources available to assist with our redistricting. Tiger Files are designed to do our redistricting in a computer



assisted fashion so that we can see on the screen where the lines are, based on the current population. The software cost is \$3,500 but it is not available at this time. Mr. Siegel stated that he thought that there was going to be some software available from the State to help with the redistricting.

Mr. Bracey wanted to know how many persons Mr. Siegel would suggest to serve on the Committee?

Mr. Cashwell stated that you allow virtually anyone who wishes to serve on the Committee to do so.

Mrs. Gloria Bain asked how the Board would let the citizens know about the redistricting. Mr. Dewey Harrison stated that the County would advertise in at least two newspapers. Mrs. Bain suggested that the Board advertise in block form in order to be more eye catching.

Mrs. Betty Jeter, the Registrar, stated that she would like to be able to unsplit these five precincts. It is very difficult to work with five split precincts. There are thirty-six people near Darvills and they are voting on paper ballot because basically we can't afford to buy a voting machine. The ACIU is responsible for the last three split districts as a result of the 1989 Redistricting. It is hard on all involved, especially the election officials, who have to keep up with all the books. If we can get the maps as soon as possible from the State, then we can try to work our lines around their precinct lines. We may be able to situate certain people in different ways. Everything depends on the lines and the numbers. This is where she needs help the most for the citizens. Mrs. Jeter doesn't feel the citizens need to be shifted around like they have been for the last twenty years. The situation creates apathy and it doesn't help members of the Board. It is important to get on the maps and move as quickly as possible.

Mr. Siegel suggested setting a deadline for appointment of the Committee or taskforce.

Mr. Bracey said February 1, should be the deadline for the people to call the Board members to volunteer to work on the Committee. Mr. Bracey stated that the interested people should call them at their home numbers and also to list the Administration office number.

The Board agreed that there should be four from each district on the Committee. The Board will appoint the Committee on February 6, 1991. The suggestion was to have Mr. Siegel educate the Committee at the first meeting to get them off on the right foot.

The County Administrator suggested to have the preliminary workshop for the Committee on February 7, 1991 at 7:00 p.m.

IN RE: ROAD NAME CHANGES

Mr. John Clarke stated there were two road name changes withheld pending this workshop. He presented a petition to change a portion of Warf Road to Little Zion Road and also, a petition to change a portion of Sutherland Road to Station Road. There was a question about changing only a small segment or portion of the roads.

Mr. Tickle questioned Mr. Clarke on when a decision was made to split a portion of the road. He stated that he did not realize that any roads had been split in this manner. He was confused as to when the first split was made and what the reasons were. He also wanted a little history behind the decision.

Mr. Clarke stated it would be difficult for him at this point to give exact dates and changes without researching his files. But he presented the Board a list of the changes, but as far as knowing the dates of the changes, he didn't have them today.

Mr. Tickle asked when the petitions were submitted for the name changes was that 75% of the entire road or was it 75% of just that portion of the road. He stated that he didn't remember, standing corrected if another Board member could remember, that having 75% of a portion of the road was the manner in which other roads had been changed. He felt certain that his understanding was 75% of the individuals of the entire

road. Did the Board vote on 75% of the entire road or was it 75% of just that portion of the road affected? This was the specific question he wanted Mr. Clarke to clear up for the Board.

Mr. Clarke stated that with the majority of the petitions that had any breaks in the roads he would have indicated it in the original petition to the Board. The petitions were pretty specific as to the points affected, such as "from", "to" whatever point. Mr. Clarke stated that it was 75% of the area affected. He stated that from the very beginning he took the practical position. For example, Church Road that runs almost the entire length of the county in different sections, under the guide lines which Mr. Tickle stated was just too much involved to properly handle any changes of that magnitude. Mr. Clarke stated he didn't know all of the situations, but that he had been very consistent in his interpretation of the ordinance.

Mr. Siegel was asked to clarify the situation. He stated that the ordinance leaves it up to interpretation as to whether it is the whole road or a portion of it. It could be interpreted that way, and it is a reasonable interpretation; unfortunately, it is not defined. The problem with delineation, which was well talked about at many of the workshops, is that you have the problem of trying to have the E911 system where everyone knows where to go when there is an emergency, and if you have five names on one road, that can be confusing.

Mr. Moody stated that he knew of several roads that had been changed in this manner.

Mr. Tickle commented that the Halligan Park Road petitioners had been encouraged to come to a compromise on changing a portion of the road back to Halifax Road. He stated that he was not aware of these roads that had been changed being split up in a manner like this. Mr. Tickle asked Mr. Ponder to answer the question of Halifax Road and Warf Road.

Mr. Ponder stated that from the beginning, in August, when they had first started doing the road name changes, they had been consistent in requiring the petitioners to have residents who are "directly affected"; "directly affected" means as Mr. Clarke said, people who will have their road name changed, or their address changed to sign the petition. They have been consistent on requiring it on the petitions. It has never been represented any other way to the Board or to the Planning Commission. There has never been a petition with 75% of the people directly affected with address changes for Halligan Park Road. The requirements have never been met.

Mrs. Gloria Bain stated one thing about the "directly affected" issue was taken care of when the ordinance was changed. The ordinance stated 55% of the residents; then it was changed to 75% of the registered landowners. There are a lot of people who rent who would be affected by the address changes, so Mr. Ponder and Mr. Clarke can't say "directly affected". She found it very discriminatory going to 75% of the "landowners". There are a lot of people in this County that rent and they should have had input if they are residents on the road. The Board just can not keep changing on the people, or the citizens are going to lose respect for them. If we have a one year moratorium to come back and make additional road name changes, take a look around you in this room; I can guarantee you in a year you are opening a can of worms, if you decide to lift the moratorium. The whole purpose of E911 was to make it easy to find the residents. It is not to be confusing. The citizens are having a real hard time with changing the rules.

Mr. Tickle asked Mr. Clarke and Mr. Ponder, if Mr. and Mrs. Browning and Mr. Hobbs were told they only needed 75% of their section of the road for the petitions. Mr. Tickle said that several attempts had been made to get some kind of an agreeable settlement on this road between the parties involved, and had they known of the interpretation of the Planning Department, this could have been solved long ago. He stated that he wanted to be fair and equitable to all the citizens.

Mrs. Sandra Browning said that she had 75% of the people on their portion of the road all along but that no one had told them about the 75% of the directly involved people. They had it from the very beginning. It was suggested they could pick another section from Route 618 to the Sussex Line.

Mr. Ponder stated that they had come at the beginning to change the whole road, not a portion of it. He also stated that they had never broken a road without an intersection at any time.

Mr. James Harvell asked why we changed the ordinance to begin with? Why change to registered landowners? He did agree that 50% was not equitable, but the landowners were not the ones that had to deal with the addresses. They have an investment and pay the taxes. He stated that the E911 system was created to help locate the residents, not the landowners. Why make a mistake and not change these two roads when you already changed many others?

Mr. Jeffrey Reves, Pastor of Little Zion Baptist Church, questioned the Board as to whether a precedent has been set by changing other roads. The Little Zion Road sign was originally put up, and then later it was changed to Warf Road.

Mr. Dewey Harrison stated that under no circumstances did he know we were splitting roads. If maps had been given with the changes so the Board could have seen the actual changes, he would have never voted on them.

Mr. George Hobbs stated that the purpose of the E911 system is being defeated. Everyone knew where Halifax Road was. Now that it has been changed to Halligan Park Road, people are unable to locate the residents. He also stated that he would like to see it named Halifax Road from Route 703 to the Sussex County Line. They had 75% from the Sussex line to Peter Pegrams' residence. He stated that the County should stay with the historic precedence.

Mr. Daniel Edwards, Chairman of Little Zion Deacon Board, said the first statements published were landmarks were to be used. The Walkers and Harvells owned land on both sides, of the road and if they could have their way, he was sure they would want the name to be Little Zion Road.

Mr. Freeman Browning said that the Planning Department had given him nine different things to do and he had done them all. He asked the Board if it had a feeling about historical precedence.

Mr. Dewey Harrison stated the Board was trying to get the E911 system in operation now. There must be a stopping point so that the E911 plan can be enacted.

Mr. Allen Warf said the purpose of E911 is to locate a resident on a road or work on a road so that they can be found. There is no need in splitting roads. The Board needs to make a stand and stick to it.

Mrs. Zinovia Harvell asked the Board if we have finished naming the roads? She is aware of a road that has four families living on it that does not have a name.

Mrs. Lynn Warf said she did not know what the name of the road was in the beginning whether it was Little Zion or Warf Road. The location of Mr. Harvell's property is on Little Zion side. There is no reason to split the property up. If in fact this is true, that 75% of the portion of the road can be split if there is an intersection or a T in the road, then why couldn't they petition for a section of the road in front of the church. Why haven't people been told of the option to split a road at an intersection by the Planning Department?

Ms. Pearl Bland told the Board of Supervisors that they had opened up a can of worms, and we are still paying for it. People have been paid to do their jobs and apparently they have not done them. The reason for the E911 system is to make locating people easier, and this whole thing is very petty. The Board needs to do their jobs, and we need to leave the road names alone.

Mr. Cashwell read a letter from Mrs. Anne Scarborough informing the Board that she did not support renaming of the roads, or splitting properties.

Mr. Bracey requested that the road name changes be placed on the February 6, 1991 agenda for final action.

Mr. Tickle said the Board members need to clarify their interpretation of the ordinance so they could be uniform in their decisions.

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Clay stated again that they did not realize the roads were being broken up in this manner.

Mr. Moody told the Board that they had maps and why couldn't they see where the changes were being made. The changes were made at intersections and not just one little section of the road.

Upon motion of Mr. Bracey, seconded by Mr. Tickle, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Moody, Mr. Tickle, Mr. Harrison, voting "aye", the road name changes will be placed on the February 6, 1991 agenda for final action.

Mr. Moody stated that the only two roads that can be voted on at that time are the ones that have been before the Planning Commission for action and have their petitions in order and have been recommended for approval by the Board.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Mr. Bracey, seconded by Mr. Tickle, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Moody, Mr. Tickle, Mr. Harrison, voting "aye", pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.1-344(a)(1) personnel; and (5) industrial matters, the Board moved into Executive Session at 5:57 p.m. A vote having been made and approved, the meeting reconvened into Open session at 7:21 p.m.

IN RE: CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

Upon motion of Mr. Bracey, seconded by Mr. Tickle, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Moody, Mr. Tickle, Mr. Harrison, voting "aye", the following certification resolution was adopted:

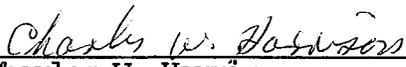
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, that such Executive meeting was conducted in conformity with the Virginia law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Bracey, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Clay, Mr. Moody, Mr. Tickle, Mr. Harrison, voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.


Charles W. Harrison
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: 
Dewey P. Cashwell, Jr.
County Administrator