

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD
IN THE BOARD MEETING ROOM OF THE PAMPLIN ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING IN DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE 7TH DAY OF
JUNE, 1995, AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:	DONALD L. HARAWAY, CHAIR	ELECTION DISTRICT #2
	AUBREY S. CLAY, VICE-CHAIR	ELECTION DISTRICT #5
	HARRISON A. MOODY	ELECTION DISTRICT #1
	EDWARD A. BRACEY, JR.	ELECTION DISTRICT #4
	LEENORA EVERETT	ELECTION DISTRICT #3
	DAN SIEGEL	COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Haraway said a prayer for Mrs. Carol Fisher, School Board member, because she was ill.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Moody, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway voting "aye",

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that the minutes for the May 17, 1995 Regular Meeting and the minutes for the May 24, 1995 Continuation Meeting are hereby approved in their entirety.

IN RE: CLAIMS

Upon motion of Mrs. Everett, seconded by Mr. Moody, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway voting "aye",

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that the following claims are approved and funds appropriated for same using check #34064 - #34162 (void #34063) for Payroll in the amount of \$255,091.84; check #34164 - #34323 (void #34163) for General Fund in the amount of \$94,927.79, E911 \$368.00, Self Insurance Fund \$12,553.71, CDBG \$35,148.50, Law Library \$29.84, Fire Programs \$2,750.00, Courthouse Maintenance \$925.00, Jail Commission \$1,347.60.

IN RE: BUSINESS OF THE YEAR - ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Moody, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway voting "aye", the following resolution was adopted, retroactive to May 30, 1995:

WHEREAS, industry and commerce are the means by which wealth and employment are created in all communities, and

WHEREAS, the quality of life of each and every citizen of the community is enhanced in some way by the establishment and continued success of industry and commerce in the community, and

WHEREAS, the commitment of any industry or business to establish itself in a community constitutes a vote of confidence in the community and it's people that often cannot be measured in simple business terms, and

WHEREAS, the leaders of industry and business, in the spirit of corporate generosity, often give of their own time and resources, and the resources of their organizations, to sustain and improve the quality of the community in which they make their home, and

WHEREAS, the employees and family members of these industries and businesses constitute a tremendous and irreplaceable human resource, without which the various organizations of the community, both public and private, could not survive, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County wishes to establish and sustain a tradition of recognition of those industries and businesses within the county that best demonstrate those qualities of

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corporate citizenship in which all the people of the County can take pride and be thankful for, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that such recognition take a form and be demonstrated in such a way as to make it a matter of public and permanent record, so that all may know and fully appreciate the honor bestowed upon the recipients thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, that the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Bank of McKenney and its executives and staff, for their outstanding contribution to Dinwiddie County, Virginia, and the citizens thereof, and does hereby proclaim Bank of McKenney as the 1995 Dinwiddie County Corporate Citizen of the Year. The Board of Supervisors encourages all citizens of the County to take note of this honor, and to add to this award their personal statements of appreciation to Bank of McKenney and their executives and staff.

IN RE: CITIZEN COMMENT

1. Robert Ragsdale, 8511 Boydton Plank Road, Petersburg, VA. He stated that he wrote to the County months ago, requesting the amount that was paid by the County to the County Attorney in 1994. He stated that after he received the letter he then requested the amount that the state has paid to the County Attorney on behalf of the County and he still has not gotten a response.

Mr. Burgess stated that he has made several unsuccessful attempts to get the information.

Mr. Haraway stated that he would see that a follow up letter was sent.

Mr. Ragsdale feels that the citizens of Dinwiddie were sacrificed to the Motorsports Park for a few tax dollars. His living room got up to 80-85 decibels over the week of Nationals at the Motorsports Park and on Friday and Sunday evening it got up in the 90 decibels. He feels that the citizens need some relief. He blamed the Board of Supervisors and County government for allowing the Motorsports Park, who is now talking about expanding.

2. Donna Rowland, 7228 Jack Drive, Petersburg, VA. She came before the Board and wanted to repeat Mr. Ragsdale's complaints about the Motorsports Park. She and her family have been woken up two weeks in a row because of the testing that is going on at the racetrack. She had readings in her home as loud as 94 to 95 decibels. Something should be done because it is not fair to the citizens of the County. She asked had the improvements to the Motorsports Park been done that were supposed to reduce the noise. She wanted to know why their opinions do not count. She knows that the race track brings in money for the local businesses and she can't compare to that money but she does have values.

3. Odell Phillips, 27520 Reams Drive, Petersburg, VA. He stated that he felt that he was being over taxed since the last assessment. Mrs. Marston, Commissioner of Revenue, stated that she would correct it and now is telling him that she can't. He asked the Board for their help.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING -- SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENTS --
ELECTION DISTRICTS 2 & 3

This being the time and place as advertised in the Dinwiddie Monitor on Wednesday, May 17, 1995, for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a Public Hearing to receive public input from interested citizens on the appointments of two School Board members for Election District #2 and Election District #3.

Mr. Charles W. Burgess, Jr., County Administrator read a letter from Carol L. Fisher requesting that she be considered for reappointment to the School Board to represent Election District #2.

Mr. Burgess also read a letter from Gregory E. Davis requesting that he be considered for reappointment to the School Board to represent Election District #3.

There were no other nominations.

The public hearing was closed. Action will be taken at the next meeting on June 21, 1995.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING -- VDOT -- SECONDARY IMPROVEMENT
BUDGET -- FY 1995-96

This being the time and place as advertised in the Dinwiddie Monitor on May 31, 1995 and June 7, 1995 and the Progress-Index on May 26, 1995, for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments for proposed improvements on the Secondary Improvement Budget for fiscal year 1995-96.

Mr. Harold Dyson, Assistant Resident Engineer, came before the Board and presented the Secondary Improvement Budget.

This being a public hearing, the Chairman opened the floor for public comment:

1. Robert Ragsdale, 8511 Boydton Plank Road, Petersburg, VA, came before the Board and wanted to know if there were any plans for Route 613.

Mr. Dyson stated that it is coming up next year. The Civil War Site next to it gave them some problems.

Upon motion of Mr. Moody, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway voting "aye",

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that the Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary Improvement Budget for fiscal year 1995-96 is approved as presented.

IN RE: VRS EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAM -- DISCUSSION OF REPAYMENT PLAN

Mr. Ray Watson, Assistant to the Superintendent for Finance and Technology, came before the Board and presented some information that the Board requested at their last meeting in reference to the VRS early retirement program.

He stated that if they used the total amount that was in the VRS Early Retirement Fund, \$550,000.00, it would bring the 20 year payment down to \$243,664.00 for an annual payment. He recommended this option because it will save the greatest amount of interest to the tax payers of Dinwiddie.

Mr. Haraway agreed with Mr. Watson. He stated that he would like the County Administrator to look into other financing for the remainder of the VRS debt to see if they can get a lower interest rate.

Mr. Dan Siegel, County Attorney, stated that he has done a little research into this issue but he will look into whether it could be tax exempt, which would make the interest rate around 5% or 5 & 1/2%.

Upon motion of Mr. Bracey seconded by Mr. Clay, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway voting "aye",

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that the School Board is authorized to make a one time payment of \$550,000.00 from the Early Retirement Fund to be applied to the principal of the Retirement Incentive Costs at this time.

IN RE: SCHOOL BOARD -- REVISED CATEGORICAL BUDGET

Dr. Thomas H. Gaul, Superintendent of Schools, came before the Board and presented their revisions to FY-96 School Board Budget, which are the following:

1. Reduced the average salary increase for personnel to 3% from the proposed 4%.

2. Eliminated eight instructional positions instead of seven.

3. Eliminated a clerical position in the Central Office and reduced the amount of transfer to OYCS to \$5,000 instead of \$25,000.

4. Eliminated \$280,000 from line item for bus purchases. It is the intention of the School Board to continue to be as frugal as possible in all categories of the FY-96 budget, and to request that savings be transferred to the Transportation category to allow for the purchase of buses. We also request that any FY-95 unexpended money in Fund 220 be reappointed to Transportation for bus purchases. We anticipate enough unexpended FY-95 funds to purchase one more bus. This would be in addition to the FY-95 budgeted bus purchases. If additional local funds become available, the purchase of school buses would be considered a priority.

Dr. Gaul stated that by eliminating the \$280,000 from line item for bus purchases does not mean that they do not intend to purchase buses. They would like to use carry over funds that they are projecting right now for at least two buses, possibly one. After reviewing the statistics on the buses; the age of the fleet, the mileage, type of fuel that is used, and the cost for one bus this year to date, he feels that it is a very reasonable request. There are almost 60 buses that have been purchased in the last five years out of a fleet of 107, 17 of which are on standby status. Almost all of those are diesels, only 7 or 8 are gasoline buses. The average mileage and the average cost per bus for maintenance is good. They seem to incur more cost for maintenance expenses with the standby buses than the regular buses. They also believe that if some capital money becomes available in the fall, which has been suggested in some meetings, they would transfer that into purchasing some buses. Traditionally they have been relatively thrifty in their spending. He stated generally they will have some carry over money that will allow them to stay on schedule by the end of next year. They had a shortfall this year and that would of been the money that they would have invested in additional buses. With those, that would have taken them above and beyond their rotation allocation. He is very sensitive to the fact that they got into trouble in the past by not buying buses on schedule and he thinks that they can go this route and still meet their needs.

He also stated that if they were to use some of the reserve that they carry into positions at the beginning of the school year and transfer that into transportation they would come before the Board and let them know.

Mr. Clay stated that his only concern was the buses. He wanted to know if there were any state or federal regulations that limits how long a bus can be ran. He stated that a few years back they had to buy so many buses all at once because there were so many that were in such bad shape and he wanted to know if they were endanger of that happening again if the fleet is not updated.

Dr. Gaul stated that he agreed that they would be endanger if they didn't keep the fleet updated but right now he feels that they have kept up with it since that big purchase and are in pretty good shape. There is not a state rule, it is a guideline and it addresses about a fifteen year rotation. A lot of the rules and regulations were based on gasoline buses and they get a much better run on a diesel engine. He feels that they seem to be in pretty good shape; they just purchased three this year. That was what was in their budget. They would like to buy two more, which would put them ahead of their rotation for this year and they think with what they can save and work with this next year they will be on their rotation. The difference is they carry a reserve, which is about a 1% reserve in their budget that they put in positions, they put that in there so if they are running enrollment where they don't expect it they can purchase staff relatively quicker. A lot sooner than they have to purchase buses, which they can purchase anytime during the year. So they can come back to the Board and say that they made a mistake they need to transfer funds from instruction to buses but it would be much more cumbersome to do that and meet the needs of the kids in September. That is why they put it in there rather than buses. There is about a 1%,

\$150,000 to \$200,000, that is in reserve for emergencies or those kinds of things. He stated that Ray Watson, his assistant, told him that if it weren't for categorical spending they would have it in buses because in the past if there were an emergency they would take it out of buses. Now it is in instruction and they put it back in buses if they do not have emergencies and that is their thinking.

Mr. Clay asked if Dr. Gaul was saying that they were not buying buses now because of categorical spending.

Dr. Gaul stated that that was not what he was saying. What he was saying is that it is easier for them to have the money available for what they may need in staffing when September comes rather than have it in buses and have to come to the Board in September and ask to move it to staffing. He stated that nobody wants to buy buses more than he does.

Mr. Moody asked why they would need that extra funding in staffing.

Dr. Gaul stated that generally speaking they keep a much larger reserve than that, this is the lowest reserve that they have ever had going into a new year, that was what was explained to him. It is because they are being much more deliberate with their staffing. What often happens is that they will have some special education cases that they didn't anticipate or the kids will not enroll in the right places in the summer so when school starts after they have contracted with teachers some classes will have less kids than they anticipate and some classes will have more kids than they anticipate so they have to contract with more teachers in order to get the larger classes down. He feels that it is a very small reserve.

Mr. Bracey stated that the buses need to be left in the budget. They are going to run into something and everybody is going to get all upset. He feels that the buses should be purchased.

Dr. Gaul stated that they will purchase the buses and he feels that they have purchased the buses. He feels that it would be much better business to do it this way, by being thrifty and be able to buy the buses as they work through the year than it would be to move the money out of transportation, they are dead even on personnel going into September and have to buy personnel as they work through September and October and incrementally move the money back.

Mr. Bracey stated that it sounds like they have enrollment problems because they are talking about eliminating 7 or 8 jobs and then during the year they are going to hire some more.

Dr. Gaul stated that yes they do have enrollment problems, because it is hard to tell how many kids you are going to have show up. With their projections right now he feels that they are going to be five teachers short. The kids may show up and they may not and that will give them the flexibility to be able to apply staff when they need to apply it and be responsible to the parents and then as they work through the budget year they can be thrifty and save money and apply it to the buses. He feels that they have done a good job with bus purchases.

Mr. Bracey stated that he is mighty afraid that there are going to be problems if they do not leave the buses in there just like the problems they had with the maintenance at the schools and look what happened with that. He also stated that every time they say cuts it is in maintenance and teachers salaries.

Mrs. Everett asked Mr. Bracey that if the School Board was willing to keep the funds in transportation would he be willing to put some supplementary funds into instruction.

Mr. Haraway stated that he understood that if the funds were left in transportation they were going to have to eliminate additional instructional positions.

Dr. Gaul stated that they could eliminate the six reserve positions. Possibly about three buses could be bought with that. He

predicted that they would have to come back to the Board in September and ask for additional funding. If the funds are left in instructional then they hire as soon as there is a need for additional staffing. He also suggested that they could also reduce salaries from 3% to 2 & 1/2%. One half a percent in salary increases would be a bus and a half.

Dr. Gaul thinks that with good business they can get the buses. Buses are not purchased until the end of the year anyway so the funds are not needed until the spring.

Dr. Gaul stated that the reserve is good to have in case of an emergency. They hope that they will not even have to touch the reserve and by good business they will have surplus funds to buy the buses.

Mr. Bracey stated that he has never heard of having a reserve in any budget that the School Board has presented.

Dr. Gaul stated that there has always been reserve money.

Mr. Bracey wanted to know where.

Dr. Gaul said that it is always in positions. He does not want the Board to be confused because it is not hidden money.

Upon motion of Mrs. Everett, seconded by Mr. Moody, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway voting "aye", Mr. Bracey "nay",

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that the revised categorical budget for 1995-96 be approved as presented by the School Board.

Mr. Moody stated that the reason that he was in favor of this is because he feels that they will probably come back before the Board to switch the money over to transportation. He feels confident that they will if they don't have any problems. He doesn't feel that the Board can micro-manage but so much. He feels confident that if they don't need those positions they will come back and ask that those funds be transferred for buses.

Mr. Clay stated that he is going along with it this time but he would like to see happen what Dr. Gaul says is going to happen. He has seen too many times the buses cut out and the Board has to make it up.

IN RE: SCHOOL BOARD -- REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS

Dr. Thomas H. Gaul, Superintendent of Schools, stated that they will have a \$90,000 shortfall in State Revenue for FY-95 due to an attendance shortfall. Through previous discussions, the possibility of the school system spending the money and having the shortfall covered by an additional appropriation of local funds was mentioned. He stated that if such an additional appropriation were made, they would purchase two additional buses at approximately \$42,000 each.

Dr. Gaul stated that because of the shortfall they adjusted their budget, didn't hire people back, and cancelled some in-service. They were hoping to buy four or five buses, but bought the three that they allocated. They estimate that they have covered the shortfall by not spending out \$90,000 worth of programs. They think that they are fine but they advised to get at least two buses and that would help them be ahead of schedule. If not, they can look at the carry over and see what that brings them and go from there. To his knowledge they have finished all of the maintenance that they can do this fiscal year. There are some things that they may encounter this summer; for example some painting, but for the most part they have peaked out right about where Dr. Gaul thought that they would. The carry over will be less than last year but not that much.

Mrs. Everett asked Dr. Gaul if he had any idea what the carry over might be.

Dr. Gaul stated that depending on the substitutes, electricity and the various things that they may encounter this summer, and what they

have coming in daily from the Federal Government as far as reimbursements, he estimates that they are about at the \$50,000 range.

IN RE: OFFICE ON YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES -- APPOINTMENTS

Francene Newman, Representative for OYCS, came before the Board and stated that she will be finishing out the year for Diane Galbreath, Director of OYCS, because she was transferred to a new position. She submitted the recommendation for Youth Commission Members and asked the Board for their approval.

Upon motion of Mrs. Everett, seconded by Mr. Moody, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway voting "aye",

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that the following people are hereby appointed to the Commission for the Office on Youth and Community Services for Dinwiddie County:

For three year term:

Sam Northington
Sharon Snow
Rick Hawthorne
Cynthia Jackson

For one year term (students):

Emily Newman
Antoine Clarke
April Spain
Teneille Walker
Dwayne Roberts
Billy Joe Barnes

IN RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

1. Charles Burgess stated that in their packets there was a letter from Hening, Vest & Covey, Architects pertaining to the new courthouse. In the letter they estimated several costs that they anticipated would come up outside of their contract in order to complete the project design. They stated since there are still some potential unknown costs at this time, they would recommend an amount of \$10,000 be approved by the Board that could be used for the miscellaneous services that may be required. Mr. Burgess wanted to know how the Board felt about this suggestion.

Mr. Haraway stated that he would like for the bills to be brought before the Board one by one.

2. Mr. Burgess stated that also in their packets there is a request from VDOT to close Route 619 for 60 calendar days to accommodate for construction. They anticipate to begin in late August or early September. The closure of Route 619 is needed to replace the bridge span due to a fire that occurred under it. The new span will return this road to an unrestricted weight limit.

Upon motion of Mrs. Everett, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway voting "aye",

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, approves the closure of Route 619 for 60 calendar days to accommodate for construction.

IN RE: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Mrs. Everett commended the School Board on their revised budget.

She also wanted to commend Dinwiddie County for making Nationals at the Virginia Motorsports Park a success. She stated that the Board keeps hearing complaints about the noise from the Park but back in the early 1970's this county made a Motorsports complex. It was an allowable use within that zoning classification and people were well aware that that was an area where that kind of development could occur. If you will look most of these people that are complaining so loudly bought their properties much later than that and should of been aware of what the possibility was of a complex being located there. She does have a lot of sympathy for them but she is also very proud of the complex and she feels

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that it is going to be a big financial success and help the tax rate considerably.

2. Mr. Haraway read a letter that he received from Ken Kohrs, Virginia Motorsports Park General Manager. It stated that he will no longer be the General Manager at the Motorsports Park and thanked the Board for all their help in the last few years.

Mr. Haraway stated that he felt that Ken Kohrs did an outstanding job for the Motorsports Park and he will be a hard act to follow. He suggested sending him a letter of appreciation.

After some discussion between the Board they decided to send Mr. Kohrs a letter of appreciation.

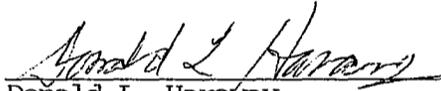
Mr. Haraway thanked the staff of Dinwiddie County for all their efforts to make the Business Appreciation Dinner a success.

3. Mr. Bracey wanted to know what the process was in deciding on what businesses were invited to the Business Appreciation Dinner.

Mrs. Wendy Weber Ralph, Ass't County Administrator, stated that she thought that they would possibly start appointing a committee to include the Board to come up with some guidelines and then the Board could discuss it. A list already in existence was expanded upon for this year's invitation list.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Bracey, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway voting "aye", the meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.



Donald L. Haraway
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: 
Charles W. Burgess, Jr.
County Administrator

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