

VIRGINIA: AT THE CONTINUATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM OF THE PAMPLIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, DINWIDDIE, VIRGINIA, ON THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 1997 AT 12:00 NOON.

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

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Mr. Tickle, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Tickle, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody voting "aye", pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.1-344 (a) 1 - Discussion or consideration of employment, salaries, discipline of public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; Section 2.1-344 (a) 5 - Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made; Section 2.1-344 (a) 6 - The investing of public funds; and Section 2.1-344 (a) 7 - consultation with legal counsel. The meeting moved into Executive Session at 12:00 noon. The Board recessed at 1:45 P.M. to the Board Room, Pamplin Administration Building. A vote having been made and approved the meeting reconvened into Open Session at 2:00 P.M.

IN RE: CERTIFICATION

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County convened an executive session 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: AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Tickle, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Tickle, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody voting "aye" the agenda was amended to add the following:

13. Executive Session - pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.1 - 344 (a) 3 - Discussion or consideration of the condition, acquisition or use of real property for public purpose; and Section 2.1 - 344 (a) 7 - consultation with legal counsel.

IN RE: MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board Of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that the minutes of the March 26, 1997 Continuation Meeting and the April 2, 1997 Regular Meeting are hereby approved in their entirety.

IN RE: CLAIMS

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Bracey, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Tickle, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody 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 checks #1005499 - # 1005648 (void checks 1005498 - 1005582 - 1005530); for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$353,041.47; General Fund \$280,185.79, Jail Commission \$480.92, E911 Fund \$1,615.55, Self Insurance Fund \$16,418.25, Law Library \$110.25, Fire Programs \$578.80, County Debt Service \$53,651.91. Also included is a Dinwiddie County Airport and Industrial Authority claim for legal expense in the amount of \$1,489.12.

Mr. Bracey questioned as to when he would receive the information requested in the Board meeting on March 19, 1997. Mrs. Ralph apologized stating that she had not received information on which case as requested from Mr. Bracey at that meeting. Mrs. Ralph stated that if Mr. Bracey would see her, she would supply the information on any cases he had concerns about. Mr. Bracey stated his main concern was with the Sayre case.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF REQUISITION #21 -- COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION

Mrs. Wendy Weber Ralph, Interim County Administrator, stated that Requisition #21 for the Courthouse consists of payments to:

Hening-Vest-Covey	\$ 9,171.87
Dunbar, Milby, Williams	\$ 200.00
ECS, Inc.	\$ 2,360.74
Total	\$11,732.61

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that Requisition #21 in the amount of \$11,732.61 be approved and funds appropriated for CIP expenses for the Courthouse Project Fund.

IN RE: CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following persons addressed the Board:

1. Mr. Aubrey Conn, 5210 Chesdin Road, Petersburg, Virginia, came before the Board to express concerns regarding scholarship recipient selection. His concern was not only the selection process but the fact that he was unable to obtain a response from the Dinwiddie County School Board. Mr. Conn stated that he had appeared before the Dinwiddie County School Board on January 14, 1997. Twelve (12) weeks have passed and his questions have still not been answered. He requested the Board of Supervisors to intervene and help him obtain the answers.

Mr. Moody assured Mr. Conn that the question would be directed to the School Superintendent and get an answer to you within two (2) weeks.

Mr. Conn was given a form by Mrs. Pamla Mann, Administrative Secretary, and requested to complete the form and return to the Administration Office. Mr. Moody, Chairman, stated that upon receipt of a written request we would research the matter and report back to him within twelve (12) working days.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION -- REPORT

Mr. Harold Dyson, Assistant Resident Engineer, came before the Board stating he had no report at this time, however he was available for questions.

Mr. Bracey stated he wished to comment on the morning dilemma. Mr. Bracey further stated that he had heard about the morning situation around 5:00 A.M., when he did come out about 6:00 A.M., people were going toward Petersburg to go to work. These are people who do not get up and

listen to the television. These people were being turned around and had to come all the way back to Dinwiddie to take I-85 to work. Then later, way after the school buses had run, you had put a sign up. I think your time was a little off this morning.

Mr. Dyson, stated that they were not informed by Emergency Operations of the situation until around 5:00 A.M. By the time we got crews out it was about 6:00 A.M., then we had to pull signs. It was about 8:00 A.M. before we could accumulate enough signs to do the job we needed to do.

Mr. Clay asked about Nash Road, stating that the road had been closed for over a year and four months. When will this be finished? Mr. Dyson replied that they are working on the grade work right now and hopefully within the next 30 days the road will be reopened.

Mr. Tickle stated that he had previously asked about some of the roads in his area, specifically his road, and also about Station Road. I feel that these roads are not up to par and were not actually built to par to start with. You come in and throw tar and gravel on them all the time but it never mends the problems of potholes, indentations, etc. I wanted a reply from you and I have not had that yet. To take it one step further, I would like a reply about what we are doing for the entire County. I don't even ride on Station Road because it is such a rattle trap, even if you have a fine car, because of the bumps and holes. I would like to know what we are doing about repairing the roads that are not up to standards. What happens if a road that has pavement, when you stand on the pavement and it goes up and down because for some reason there is a separation between the road and the ground? What are we doing to correct those for the entire County? Mr. Dyson stated that if you have a situation where you have pumping. Mr. Tickle stated is that what you call it, pumping? I have pumping. Mr. Dyson stated that if we know the specific location the only way to solve it is to go in, cut the pavement out and bring it back up to grade. Wheel tracks are another major problem but there is no where near enough money to correct all of these. Mr. Tickle stated that he hated having a road in the County that everyone hated to ride on. His area is taxed at a very high rate and he felt that this problem should be corrected.

IN RE: COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE -- REPORT

Mrs. Deborah M. Marston, Commissioner of the Revenue, was not present at this time. Mrs. Marston sent word that she will be available during and after the Executive Session. She will present her monthly report at that time.

IN RE: TREASURER -- REPORT

Mr. William E. Jones, Treasurer, came before the Board stating that he had nothing further to report but was available for questions. He submitted his report for the month of March.

IN RE: COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY -- REPORT

Mr. T. O. Rainey, III, Commonwealth Attorney, was not present at this time.

Mr. Bracey requested that a memo be sent to Mr. Rainey asking him to call at his earliest convenience, in order to set up an appointment, for a County related matter, not personal.

IN RE: SHERIFF -- REPORT

Mr. Samuel H., Shands, Sheriff, came before the Board and stated that all he had was his policy and procedure for hiring, of which each Board member should have a copy.

Mrs. Everett asked if any ticketing had been done on Duncan Road for the speeding problem. Sheriff Shands stated that he had checked into that, per a letter that he had received. There have been some tickets written but he is unaware if the Judge gave the additional \$200.00 fine, that he does not know. Mrs. Everett stated that complaints are still

coming in about the speeding on that road. She requested radar be used in that area. Sheriff Shands stated that as soon as he had the unit available he would see what he could do.

Mr. Bracey asked the Chairman which month the Board was to begin receiving the report from the Sheriff's Department which would give the population count. Mrs. Ralph stated that no date had been given for the beginning. She stated that a letter had been sent to Sheriff Shands asking about how the regional jail opening would affect his personnel. Sheriff Shands stated that the opening would have no affect on the jail because he would be able to obtain inmates from the state to fill any vacancies. Mr. Bracey asked Sheriff Shands to please put that in writing for him. Mr. Bracey stated his concern was the population it's self. Mr. Bracey again stated that in the monthly report he would like to know the following information:

1. The person
2. What jurisdiction they are from

This is by month. That was the original request. As for who told you that we could get state inmates, I would like to know the name of the person that told you that, in writing. Sheriff Shands stated ok to that request, however he wished to go back to the monthly report. He stated that the information may not be accurate because they trade inmates with other localities from time to time. Mr. Bracey stated that he understood that. He explained to Sheriff Shands that if that inmate was in his jail for five (5) minutes then that inmate would be counted as part of the population for that month.

Mrs. Blazek questioned Sheriff Shands about the upcoming Pennzoil Nationals that will be held at Virginia Motorsports Park the weekend of May 25, 26 and 27, 1997. She was concerned about the traffic congestion and the number of deputies that would be working the area. Her major concern was getting in and out of Picture Lake Campground. Sheriff Shands stated that the State Police would be working the area and that any deputies requested would be in the area. Sheriff Shands stated that he would not deprive the citizens of Dinwiddie County - his citizens come first. Mrs. Everett asked Sheriff Shands if there was any cooperation with VDOT with getting some electronic signs out like they do for other events. Sheriff Shands stated that they would be setting up cones.

IN RE: COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY

Mr. T. O. Rainey, III, Commonwealth Attorney, came before the Board and apologized for not being present when he was initially called, stated that he was in Court at that time. Mr. Rainey stated he had no report but was available for questions.

Mr. Bracey stated to the Chairman that he needed an appointment with Mr. Rainey to consult with him about a County problem. I would like for Mr. Rainey to set the date. Mr. Rainey stated that Friday, April 18, 1997, at 8:00 A.M.

IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR -- REPORT

Mr. Dwayne Abernathy, Building Inspection, came before the Board and gave his monthly report. He went over the figures that were presented to the Board in the packet. He stated he had no further report but was available to questions.

Mrs. Everett stated that she was wondering the number of dwellings increased from 12 to 16, with a value increase of over a million dollars. Are these bigger houses or what? Mr. Abernathy stated that the houses that are coming in are bigger, also construction costs have gone up. Mrs. Everett asked also about the commercial increase. Mr. Abernathy stated that this included the Middle School; they had already gotten their permit. Also the heating and air increase, some of that is the Middle School. Mrs. Everett questioned as to the location of the new homes. Mr. Abernathy stated that the bigger houses are staying scattered, medium size houses are definitely still up in your water, sewer area.

Mr. Moody stated that he had one question - the average value on those is \$120,000.00. Do you have any idea how much that is off from the actual value? Mr. Abernathy replied that these figures are the actual figures that they, the contractor/owner, put on the building permits. I feel that this is in the eighty (80%) percent area.

Mr. Abernathy stated that he wanted to advise the Board that all three (3) Inspectors will be out of the office on the following days: May 7, May 14, June 4, June 11, 1997, which are Wednesdays. No inspections will be able to be done on these days. There are mandatory classes on State Code changes on these dates. There are new codes coming out. The new book cost \$800.00. We are trying to inform the public of these dates and will try to work with them the best we can during this time.

IN RE: ANIMAL WARDEN -- REPORT/LIVESTOCK CLAIM

Mr. Steve Beville, Animal Warden, came before the Board with his monthly report. He asked if the Board had any questions regarding this report. There being no questions, Mr. Beville stated that he did have one claim. The claim is for one (1) goat for Mr. T. O. Cairns with a value of \$65.00. Mr. Moody asked Mr. Beville if the value sounded like a fair value to him. Mr. Beville stated that he felt that it was fair.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that the claim in the amount of Sixty-Five (\$65.00) Dollars for one (1) goat be paid to T. O. Cairns.

Mr. Tickle stated that he wished to discuss the group of residents, from Sutherland Manor, who came before the Board some time ago. They came with legitimate concerns. I know that they are taking recourse with some type of court action. If I remember correctly, please correct me, but did we say that you, Mr. Beville, were going to investigate what possibilities we could have to address some of the concerns in subdivisions to make it fairer and work, across the board and to give citizens some ability to pick and choose. Were you going to report back to us and/or report finding to the Administration? Mr. Beville stated that he did not recall what was said in the past, however he does remember the individuals coming before the Board. In reference to the court case, I was advised this morning that it had been postponed again. As far as them getting a leash law, we told them the process that had to be followed. Mr. Tickle asked what was the past process? Mr. Beville stated that they have to get the subdivision together and get a petition. Upon getting a majority of citizens in the subdivision to sign, present the petition to the Board to consider a leash law. Mr. Tickle petitioned the Board to have Mr. Beville please contact Mr. Thibault so that the Board may erase this as a concern for them and maybe we can go forth and we do not want this to be an issue for us. I ask this because I am still having calls from these individuals and they are still concerned about it. I did not know if we had taken action on this or not. Mr. Beville asked Mr. Tickle if he had a specific name. Mr. Tickle stated the name you mentioned.

IN RE: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING -- REPORT

Mr. Guy Scheid, Director of Planning, came before the Board to present his monthly report. He wished to add to his written report that Mr. George Hobbs, appeared before the Board at the April 2, 1997, meeting and the Chairman directed that the Planning Department get in touch with him about the possibility of changing the name of the road in his area. We have sent the material on to him, the forms and everything, so everything that was needed for him has been sent on. He apologized for not attending the last Board meeting but stated he was not feeling well at all. Mr. Bracey asked Mr. Scheid, if when the information was sent to Mr. Hobbs, did he document it? Mr. Scheid said yes sir. Mr. Bracey asked if there was any specific time that it was supposed to be back to your office? Mr. Scheid replied no sir, no specific time. Mr. Hobbs can file at any time, now until forever. April 7th was the soonest that he could file; anybody who now wishes to file may do so at any time. If he wishes to act on it next year at this time he may do so, unless the Board wishes

to amend the ordinance, and change the ordinance such that you close the date in which that you will not accept any more changes. At the current time it is open ended. Mr. Bracey asked if any response had been received from Mr. Hobbs. Mr. Scheid stated he had not had a response from Mr. Hobbs. Mr. Bracey requested that the information be remailed - certified and/or make a telephone call asking Mr. Hobbs to sign that he had received the information. Mr. Scheid stated that would be a good follow-up. Mr. Bracey stated that many times citizens state that they did not receive the material; I just want to be sure that everything is done right to the letter.

IN RE: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING -- REPORT ON PIEDMONT EXPLOSIVES MEETING

Mrs. Everett wished Mr. Scheid to elaborate on item 4 in his written report. Mr. Scheid stated as the Board will remember there was an application in front of them involving possible location of a second, for a lack of a better word, explosive site, which was requested to be located on a site adjacent to where the Piedmont Explosive site was. Piedmont Explosives came up quite often during that conversation. I have been in conversation with the Piedmont people and I requested that I have a special meeting with them in order to relate to them what had occurred at the Board meeting since they had no representation here and they were not aware that they were even being discussed at the meeting. I met with them on Friday, April 4th, 1997 at 7:00 A.M., at the Ford rail siding. At that time there were people in attendance, Mason Harrison, Dave Robbins and Ed Peppin, from Piedmont Explosives, Jeff Savage from Norfolk-Southern Railroad, Gilbert Wood from the Planning Commission, and myself. What we had hoped to accomplish at this meeting was, they do have an off loading facility at that siding. There was a question as to whose property this facility was on. It turned out that that facility was put on somebody else's property. It was private property; not the Schoenenberger property but another individual's property, a timber company's property. The timber company told Piedmont Explosive that they did not want that facility on their property, get it off. What is going to happen is indeed that facility, which is basically a pit in the ground, a concrete pit, will be moved from that siding. Mrs. Everett asked Mr. Scheid if there was a permit for that. Mr. Scheid stated there was no permit. I did check on that and am sorry to say that a permit was not obtained. What the people did mention to Mr. Scheid was that Mr. Dave Nichols, who was at that time the Safety Officer, had been at the site several times looking at the site. Mr. Nichols was aware that something was going in but apparently there was no communication between the Safety Director going back and seeing if a building permit has been issued or not. The Piedmont people stated at that time that they contracted with an individual to do the work, they assumed that that contractor had obtained the permit. This particular facility will be closed. They are going to locate to a new site. They have applied for proper permits and I will be working with them on several other issues that were brought up, their trucks, the site, and safety of what they are doing. I have a meeting to go out there this Friday, April 18, 1997, at 3:30 P.M., in which they have a new truck that carries this material. I am going to view this truck; they are going to show me how it is containerized, departmentalized, or whatnot. I have already viewed this site; I am going to view this site again; I am going to stay on top of what they are doing. I had known that this was going to come up I would have made copies of all the correspondence but since it was in Mr. Moody's district I gave him copies of the letter that they recently, hand delivered to me today, as well as my correspondence with our attorney and a lot of the on going process. I felt that since it was in Mr. Moody's district that he needed to be aware of everything that I am doing. This is the same procedure I use if something is going on in any Board member's district. Mrs. Everett stated that since this issue came up at the Public Hearing all Board members should receive this information. Mr. Scheid stated that he would research this matter and make copies of all information for each Board member. Mr. Scheid extended an invitation to each and every Board member to attend the meeting on Friday, April 18, 1997, 3:30 P.M. at the Piedmont Explosive site. Mrs. Everett asked if Mr. Scheid has addressed the speed of the trucks. Mr. Scheid stated that Piedmont stated that it was impossible for their trucks to go 75 mph because they have governors on the trucks that limit the truck to 63 mph. Piedmont has instructed their driver not to exceed 35 mph; if they are observed exceeding this limit they will essentially be fired. They even went so far as to say that they do not object to, but I

don't think that it can legally be enforceable, they do not object to even writing a letter to the Sheriff's Department saying that if the Sheriff's Department were to catch any of their drivers on a secondary road, mind you, going over 35 mph that they would want them to ticket them and would encourage them to ticket them. They told their drivers that and have put it in writing, which we have. There are several other issues that I did discuss with them that they were very much concerned about when I mentioned to them some of what went on that evening. They wished that they knew that something like this was going to happen; they had no idea that the citizens had this feeling toward them in the community. They wished that they had had an opportunity to present their case. For instance, when Mr. Cline mentioned that his father had to leave the house, the reason he left the house was not because of the threat of the spill which the truck just laid over on the side. It was because in order to get the boom truck out there, the boom truck had to swing over and they had to disconnect the electric lines in that area, so they had to have Virginia Power come out and take the lines down, which caused a dangerous situation. This was the only way the boom truck could swing around, get the truck and right the truck so the truck could go on the road. Then Virginia Power had to reattach the lines, it was a matter of four (4) hours that he was out of the home. As far as the spill material goes, I don't mean to sound humorous but this is what I have been told by more than one person, the material that was on the ground, ammonia nitrate, is of such concentrate that the farmers in the area had told them don't worry about cleaning it up we will be back shortly and we will take care of this for you. There were several farmers in the area that did use some of the ammonia nitrate, which is a very good fertilizer for crops and that. Some of the local residents used it on their lawns. I am not meaning this to be humorous or to negate what some people's concerns are about ground water contamination or it being a dangerous material or whatnot. Mr. Bracey stated to Mr. Scheid that his main concern was that the County did not receive a report, regardless of what was in the truck, there was a mishap. Somebody should have reported that, that way that night, those persons that claimed whatever, I guess they have that right, the problem could have been solved. From what you have just been saying, even in the future things like that could happen and nothing is said. Somewhere somebody needs to make a report when that happens. I am saying, I hope we are not being partial to some companies. I have seen oil trucks come down the street and have a little tie up down here at the intersection of 85 and all, the people from here start running like the world is on fire. Now that happens and it so happened that there was nothing in that truck that might cause a problem but it could have been. There should have a report made, all I am saying is that this county should make it mandatory that these things be reported. There was a reason why it was not reported. Mr. Shands has left but someone from his office was there doing an investigation, what happened to that report? Mr. Moody stated that he was not sure that the Sheriff's Department was even called. Mr. Bracey stated that that was what he understood that someone from the Sheriff's Department came out that night. To cover everybody, it is just not right. Mrs. Everett asked about EPA regulations. Don't these companies have to notify certain agencies or people that they have a spill and the circumstances. Mr. Scheid stated that he assumed there is, however he did not know for a fact, but on the spill one thing I came away with very confused, I wanted to check on this, because I noticed that the County Administrator was confused, in fact several people were confused. I got the impression that someone was implying that there was a spill last month, or within the past thirty (30) or forty-five (45) days. That is not the case. This incident occurred over three (3) years ago. The Safety Director, Dave Nichols, was on sight all night when that spill occurred. There has only been one (1) spill that has ever occurred in Dinwiddie County. It occurred, I remember Mr. Moody kept saying don't you mean before Mr. Burgess came to work for the County, or don't you mean several years ago. I got the distinct impression people kept saying no last month, last month. There was no spill last month. Mrs. Everett stated she thought there were two (2) spills. Mr. Bracey asked where is Dave Nichols report. Mr. Scheid stated that he did not really know where his would be, I know his reports have been boxed up. But my first, I was taken back at first because I thought it was last month that we were talking about. The only thing that I can tell you that I can determine that was referred to as a spill. It is the only thing that makes sense, and Commissioner Wood confirms it for me, is that they do have at the rail siding, where they off load some ammonia nitrate, there was some of that

on the ground at the rail siding. But that is entirely different than what I thought. But that is the only thing that has occurred, the Company has said there has been no other spill. Mr. Bracey asked Mr. Scheid if he could contact the person who alluded to the fact that there was a spill, that I was under the impression that it was March 17. I would call this gentleman or who ever it was and ask when was the spill. I was under the impression there were two (2) spills. Mr. Scheid stated that even the Sheriff was at first taken back, and then I think upon prodding he said well maybe I might recall something like that. I don't think at first even the Sheriff recalls anything about it. Mr. Bracey continued, I know this puts you on the spot, but suppose we find that the reports were not true, where does this put the County? Mr. Scheid stated that on emergency spills people are/ Mr. Bracey interrupted Mr. Scheid stating no - no - no- I am talking about the whole nine yards of this particular request - this Board voted on some things that were presented - lets call it evidence - we will call it that - and we voted, now what we are saying is we are going back and saying there was no such thing as a spill. Mr. Scheid stated that he felt the Board made their decision based on many things of which this might be one of the considerations, but there were many things that you based it on, one of them being the school bus issue which you will see was addressed in the issue and they consented on the hours to constrict their vehicles from being on the roads basically during school bus hours operation. I do not think the Board based their decision on any one particular thing so even if some erroneous information reached you on one item, there were multiple items that you based your decision on. Mr. Moody interjected the following statement, any time the public gets up and says something, it might not all be true. Mr. Bracey stated that it seems as if a lot of things were not handled or we were not aware of and then all of the sudden, I was thinking the spill was like a month ago. Mr. Tickle stated that was what he thought.

IN RE: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING -- CRATER REGIONAL LOAN CONSORTIUM

Mr. Scheid continued his presentation to the Board by stating that there were two (2) letters in the packet, which are two separate items altogether. The first letter pertained to the Crater Regional Loan Consortium. The Consortium is a group of community jurisdictions that can be either cities or counties, that can be part of a consortium. What I was mentioning at the last meeting was the Crater Regional Loan Consortium. To be a member of this means that all you have to do is be a political jurisdiction, in the area which is being designated for the consortium. There is no money by the Board that goes to it. The service that is provided is, that if we are a member of the consortium, a person who wants to be a first time home buyer will come and fill out an application. My office will not fill out the application, there will be no burden on his office to do anything. I will send them right on to the Petersburg Redevelopment Housing Authority, who has been designated as the handler for the consortium. They will process the application to make sure that the person is low to low to moderate income. If they qualify then what they do is send them on to the local bank; the local bank will check their credit worthiness and will check various federal and state programs. These will be programs which have favorable low interest rates, for low to low to moderate income people and see if they can couple them up with a mortgage payment that will be within their limited financial means. Usually meaning that they cannot afford a house more than \$60 to \$65,000.00 maximum. At that point in time it becomes essentially a conventional loan. The people would then process their application, would develop their plans, get a contractor that who would build their home, obtain their lot, and then take over after their construction loan, get regular permanent financing, just like any of us would do on a home purchase. The County is not obligated to do anything with these people, the only thing we are obligated to do is to belong to the consortium in order to make anybody who is a resident of Dinwiddie County eligible to go to this service. If we are not a member of the consortium, then the consortium cannot process applications or do anything for these people. Mr. Bracey asked we will be responsible for applying for the grant, right? Mr. Scheid stated there is no grant involved. It is financing that is already in place through existing programs in which they are trying to pair up an individual with existing money that is out there. The money does not go to the redevelopment authority. Mr. Bracey stated then we will not have to be dealing like we did with the last thing we dealt with in West Petersburg. Mr. Scheid stated no sir, we see no money,

no money is ear marked to us, there is no responsibility or obligation on Dinwiddie County's part to do anything. As a matter of fact, we have no say in who they contract with, what program, it is up to the individual working with the bank to find a state or federal program that fits their need. Mr. Bracey asked all we have to do is refer those persons to the particular agency. Mrs. Everett stated this just gives them the opportunity to pursue a low income loan. Mr. Scheid stated that the reason this matter came to light was that this consortium helped out a Dinwiddie lady. She got so far down the road before they realized they were not supposed to help her because Dinwiddie was not a part of the consortium. That is when I contacted them and asked for information, that is when I found out about this individual, but the consortium made through their Board, a special exception saying they had gone so far with this lady that they did not feel it was right to pull the rug out from under her; so they said they would make an exception for Dinwiddie this time, but we will not do it again. Mr. Tickle stated that this question he was about to ask had been brought up at the last meeting, this does not mean that if I am in the consortium by being a resident of Dinwiddie County that I can take a person from Sussex County or Petersburg and once I join this then they can come and say I would like \$65 or \$70,000.00, acquire the loan, then go purchase the land in Dinwiddie to build my house. This is just for Dinwiddie residents in Dinwiddie, how exactly does that work? The question I am asking you I am very clear on it, am I opening myself up, I being the County, to have people from the outside coming into our County with low interest housing, even though we are protecting my own, I am bringing other people in also. Mr. Bracey and I asked this question last time and we did not get a very clear answer. Before I go any further I would like to have a clear statement in that what are the rules and regulations on that. Mr. Scheid stated to his knowledge it is a Dinwiddie person goes to the consortium to seek assistance because they want to locate in Dinwiddie. I understand where your question is coming from, a Dinwiddie person goes to the consortium to get assistance to locate in Prince George. I think in reverse you are saying a Prince George person goes to the consortium to locate in Dinwiddie. Mr. Tickle stated that we need to help ourselves but we do not need to help other people outside to come in. Mr. Scheid stated that he could only give the example of the person I was told about, it was a Dinwiddie resident who went to the consortium so that they could build a home in Dinwiddie. I had not thought about the question could Petersburg or someone else go to the consortium to build in Dinwiddie. I do not know if it works that way or not. Mr. Bracey stated that he felt Mr. Scheid had answered his part of the question. Really it is not, this particular issue I don't have any money involved, right? Mr. Scheid stated that is correct. Mr. Bracey continued that this does not bother him, he will wait until the next issue comes. I want to help all the people in Dinwiddie, I would not want to put this in the hands of an agency, and people from other jurisdictions get the money and we don't get the money. Mr. Tickle would like an answer to his question before the Board goes further on this issue. Mr. Moody stated to Mr. Scheid that before the Board votes on this they would like to know if someone from Nottoway County could come in and build in Dinwiddie County or from some other county and get funds for indoor plumbing.

IN RE: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES -- REPORT

Mrs. Peggy McElveen, Director of Social Services, came before the Board. She stated that she had nothing to report.

IN RE: ZONING ADMINISTRATOR -- REPORT

Mr. March Altman, Zoning Administrator, came before the Board to give his monthly report. He has broken the mobile home permits down into election districts. Mr. Moody asked where most of the mobile homes are going. Mr. Altman stated into District 5.

IN RE: SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS -- REPORT

Mr. Charles Taylor, Director of Human Resources, came before the Board, stating that Mrs. Seward could not attend but wished to supply the Board with an update on the Standards of Accreditation. At the February meeting the State Board of Education released proposed Standards of Accreditation and there will be public hearings in April for input.

Superintendent, Mrs. Seward, attended one of those hearings last night at Highland Springs High School and one of the issues that many of the school systems had concerns about was the handling of core credits with vocational and fine arts electives. Most schools have six periods days, they can get anywhere from 21 to 23 credits, the new proposed credits are falling anywhere from 23 to 27 credits. However with the Dinwiddie County 4 X 4 schedule that we now have in place make us ready for this change. If you have any questions I will be glad to take them and have the Superintendent address them and get back with you on them. Mr. Moody asked is what you are saying that these new accreditations will not affect the vocational or the agriculture classes as far as cutting them out. Mr. Taylor replied that in Dinwiddie County it would not affect us because of the number of credits they are calling for and with our programs of study that we have in place at the High School now that the vocational credits and fine arts credits are there. Mr. Moody stated that is due to the 4 X 4 schedule. Mr. Taylor stated yes sir. Mr. Moody stated that he would like this to become part of the minutes. I have had a lot of concern from agricultural people about that. Mr. Taylor stated that Mrs. Seward had mentioned that to him and to be sure he mentioned that to the Board, that the agricultural and vocational electives that are in the program for study they will cover the students. They will still have academics and still have a chance to have electives in vocational and fine arts. Mr. Moody stated that they will still have the opportunity to do that. Mrs. Everett stated that this will have an impact state wide because of the school systems that are not set up on a 4 X 4 plan. Mr. Taylor stated Mrs. Everett was right, those school systems that are like we used to be, that have six periods a day, and when you can only get 21 to 23 credits, they will be affected. The way we are set up, our students can have a minimum of 28 credits to a maximum of 32 credits; there will be ample opportunities to get these electives. Mr. Bracey stated he was a bit confused, I will just wait and get a whole report, because I think I understand what Mr. Taylor is saying, I understand about the 4 X 4 which you claim you have, it's a good part of it but you don't have many classes. As a student coming into your system that is vocational minded, when I leave your system and four (4) years or five (5) years, whatever it takes to leave your system, am I vocational competent as a person that walked into your system that as an academically inclined and he took the whole nine years, you know the courses. He will be going to the University to major - where the vocational person will be going to work - am I going to be competent? Does your curriculum allow for this, that is what I am saying or is it elective or am I only given an opportunity for an elective here and elective there in agriculture as Mr. Moody alluded to. Mr. Taylor answered by stating that you with the programs of study that Dinwiddie has, the academics are there as far as english, math, science, social studies, whatever, with Dinwiddie having vocational electives they will be able to get courses in vocation, we will not have a curriculum that you can come in and take all vocational. You will have academics plus vocational. Mr. Bracey again stated when I leave, am I vocational competent or do I tell my future employer that I had drafting I and Maintenance I? This will not work if this employer is advertising for a maintenance person. You are saying that I came through a vocational program but you have answered my question when you said electives. There is no program for me as a vocational student. Mr. Tickle asked do you have a standard test that those individuals will have to pass, just like you do GED? For example, lets say that I took classes in body mechanics, when I finish that can I do a paint dilution to give me the right dilution of pigment and solution to get the right concentration to apply that paint. The reason I bring this up and am jumping on Mr. Bracey's band wagon, is that when I drove by today I saw some people mowing grass out there in front of the Elementary School and they were not adults. It looked like to me they had blue shirts on and those blue shirts looked like to me they were in elementary school. My question is what were those kids doing out there mowing grass, are they in a program? I don't think grass cutting is a program I have heard of recently. It kind of disturbs me. When those kids graduate they need to know how to do a simple dilution and get a job and have some type of criteria, if we don't I think the Board of Supervisors and citizens of this County need to know that. I don't think I am asking too much to find out that information. I would hate to hear that we have certain groups of kids in our districts who are mowing grass, picking up trash, and doing things and are not getting the education in any particular field because even if they are problem children we have to do something for them. If it was my child I would be

hopping mad. I know that I have asked several questions - I would like Mr. Bracey's question about standardized test for a vocation addressed to me also. My second question is why do we have people cutting grass, is that a common thing in our County? Those kids deserve a job when they get out of school and I hope it is not cutting grass. Not everyone is as talented as everyone else but everyone can learn a trade of some type with enough information to pretend enough to do a good job. Mr. Taylor stated that he had made note to these questions and would get back to them.

Mrs. Everett stated that she wished to inquire as to Adult Education Class being held at Rowanty. Mr. Taylor stated at this time, all Adult Education Classes are being held across the street from Dinwiddie Elementary and at the High School. Mr. Bracey stated he felt Mrs. Everett was inquiring as to Adult Education that was being held at the Tech Center some time ago. Mrs. Everett stated she was asking about vocational, technical classes at Rowanty like in horticultural etc. Mr. Taylor stated he did not know.

IN RE: SURPLUS POLICE VEHICLES -- TRANSFER TO SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Wendy Weber Ralph stated to the Board that the Sheriff's Department had turned in six (6) cars and they were able to evaluate them Monday or Tuesday of this week. They want to write a letter, the School Board, requesting authorization to use four (4) of the cars and keep two (2) of them for parts, and they, the School Board, will provide a list of the cars that they will be taking off the road. The School Board wants to put on four (4) and take off four (4). They did not elaborate as to the use of each car was, I was kind of jumping out here for them because the next Board meeting is three (3) weeks from now.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that the Dinwiddie County School Board be authorized to remove four (4) cars from their fleet, add four (4) cars from the Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Department, and keep the additional two (2) cars from the Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Department for parts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that the titles to the following cars be transferred to the School Board:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>BODY STYLE</u>	<u>VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER</u>
1992	FORD	4 DOOR SEDAN	2FACP72W6NX229333
1992	FORD	4 DOOR SEDAN	2FACP72W4NX229332
1992	FORD	4 DOOR SEDAN	2FACP72W3NX229340
1993	FORD	4 DOOR SEDAN	2FACP71W2PXL79373
1991	FORD	4 DOOR SEDAN	2FACP72F4MX142769 FOR PARTS
1992	FORD	4 DOOR SEDAN	2FACP72W7NX229339 FOR PARTS

IN RE: RECREATION DIRECTOR -- REPORT

Mr. Tony Rinaldi, Recreation Director, presented his report for the month of March, 1997. He had no additions to his written report but stated he was available for questions.

IN RE: DIRECTOR OF WASTE MANAGEMENT -- REPORT

Mr. Denny King, Director of Waste Management, came before the Board to present his monthly report.

Mr. Bracey asked Mr. King about the Chesdin area. He stated that everything in that area was overrun, all up in the bushes. Mr. King stated that Chesdin was going nuts; not only did we put all the dumpsters back plus one that were out there before, now there is a roll off out there and that is being pulled twice a week and it is still getting full. Mr. King stated that he hoped it was just a spring surge if not then they will have to make some adjustment.

Mr. Clay asked what was done with the silo after it was disassembled? Mr. King stated that it was sold as junk.

Mr. Tickle asked Mr. King to see that the debris on Interstate 85 was cleaned up. Mr. King stated that he would see that the matter was taken care of.

IN RE: DEPUTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR -- REPORT

Mrs. Dawn Titmus, Deputy Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, was not present.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY -- REPORT

Mr. Daniel M. Siegel, County Attorney, came before the Board and stated that he had no report but was available for questions.

IN RE: CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR -- REPORT

Mr. Donald Faison, Construction Inspector, came before the Board and presented his report for the month of March 1997. He stated he was available for questions.

Mr. Faison stated the schools were looking nice, that they had poured the second floor slab at Midway yesterday. Also they were putting the roof on at the High School. The courthouse work is beginning to progress a little bit better, which you can see as you drive into the parking lot.

Mr. Faison stated that permanent power was need to the new courthouse facility. He stated that he had an estimate from Virginia Power in the amount of \$5,000.00 to do that work. The written underground agreement which had to be agreed to and signed by the County plus the easement is being prepared to dedicate the land for this, to put it from this building to that building. That has to be reviewed by the County Attorney. We need a resolution to move forward, to take care of this matter.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that Mrs. Wendy Weber Ralph has authorization to sign and move forward in the agreements, easements, and contract with Virginia Power to provide permanent power to the new courthouse facility.

IN RE: PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE PROPOSALS

Mrs. Wendy Weber Ralph, addressed the Board stated that each member had a memo showing the bids received on the property/casualty insurance for Dinwiddie County and Dinwiddie County School Board. We would like to ask Mr. Sam Rosenthal to come forward and handle this process.

Mr. Sam Rosenthal, came forth beginning with, we all know that the County is currently self-insured, other than some items that have been transferred. I have been retained, by the County, to review the proposals, put specifications together, to approach the insurance market place, which we did. The results were quite interesting in that by reviewing the premiums quotations that we received, we can see some insurance companies liked us better than they liked the school and other insurance companies liked the schools better than they liked the County. The response on behalf of the County and the Schools was excellent. We received eight (8) proposals for the County, six (6) of these being complete, we received ten (10) proposals on behalf of the School Board, nine (9) of which were complete. In speaking with Mrs. Ralph and the other members of the staff, the administration of the self-insurance program is becoming more and more time consuming. Also we are having more and more claims that we have to handle and address. Consequently that was one of the issues that concerned ourselves. Also being in a self-insured situation is a bunch of money that the County must encumber, and leave sitting somewhere. Technically this money should not be touched.

Basically that money would grow during the years and of course would be used for the self-insurance. The quotations we received on behalf of the School Board were very interesting. We had a high bid of \$191,500.00 down to a low of \$110,500.00. The School Board did vote to accept the \$110,554.00 figure from Hartford. They would not do anything until the Board of Supervisors so approved. The County received a number of interesting offers the high was \$150,000.00 from Cigna down to a very competitive low of \$60,032.00 from Reliance Insurance Company. The committee that was created interviewed a number of carriers, and on behalf of the County we interviewed the agent who represents The Reliance Insurance Company. We also interviewed the Virginia Association of Counties. The reason being based on their services and on their proposals. A comparison was made regarding the companies. This comparison had been shared with the Board. The Board may either, if you all wish to vote, could go with an insured program, accept Reliance or Virginia Association of Counties program. There is a premium situation that if we, you all, did vote with VACorp that would have to be clarified. VACorp's original proposal was \$74,467.00, then they came back and said Sam we used the state budget information on behalf of the County to get that quote, when we reviewed the County's budget information it was different so we may be able to reduce our quote \$6 to 7,000.00. That is not a guarantee, that is something that they did promise, once again this morning, that they would look into. All in all Reliance was lowest with \$60,000.00, St. Paul came in at \$66,000.00, but there were some problems with their proposal, VACorp came in at \$74,467.00. I am here to answer questions and get your guidance to find out what you would like to do. You may put this into effect whenever you wish, May 1st or July 1st. Mr. Bracey asked about the Virginia Association of Counties they were \$74,000.00. Mr. Rosenthal stated that is correct. Mr. Bracey asked is that complete, I assume. There would be no other additions. Mr. Rosenthal stated that figure is a complete quote. Mr. Bracey asked what is the real difference between the VACorp \$74,000.00 and Reliance \$60,000.00 quote. Mr. Rosenthal replied that there are two (2) additional things that you get from Virginia Association of Counties they being: 1) there is no additional premiums for adding a vehicle 2) computerized valuation of all the properties, where they send an appraiser out, who will review all our properties over \$75,000.00 in value. Then they will give us a book, also a disk, with this information. The new courthouse facility will have to be added to this. We structured this with thirteen million dollars, subject to thousand dollars deductible, replacement cost coverage, no co-insurance. If we have a loss we go in and get paid without any penalties. There is one other thing that needs clarification; Reliance said that they would give us a three (3) year rate guarantee, so therefore Reliance said we will stick with this \$60,000.00 figure, except when we add the courthouse building, then there will be a charge for that. VACorp stated that their rates will basically stay the same. VACorp is also saying that hopefully their rates will decrease each year as the pool grows and they get more and more assets in the pool. There is no guarantee that every year. We have looked it over and made the comparison. Reliance is less expensive, good program; VACorp is more expensive, it is also a good program. Mr. Bracey stated that \$60,000.00 if I add a car, I am at their mercy as to what they can charge. If I add that building over there, I am at their mercy of what they charge me because I am in some type of contractual agreement with them. I could not - do you follow what I am saying. This courthouse is going on line within a few months - that \$60,000.00 could change to \$120,000.00. Mr. Rosenthal stated no sir, that courthouse is going to have a rate published here in Virginia and everybody starts at those rates. Whatever the fire rates are. Everybody uses that figure. When that building goes on board, in fact, if you would like me to give you an example of what that cost might be - this is just an example - two million dollars for the value of the building would be \$4,000.00. Mr. Moody stated that your recommendation is the low bid. The committee recommends the low bid. Mr. Clay stated that he was not always in favor of the lowest bid - this VACorp Mr. Rosenthal just said that there could be a deduction of \$6 to 7,000.00. \$6,000.00 would take their quote back to \$68,000.00 and if the premiums could possibly come down and you don't have to add anything for cars. I am partial to VACorp. I don't like to spend any more money but I feel like we are getting a better deal. Mr. Bracey asked about Reliance, what other localities near that they insure, or what other places. Mr. Rosenthal replied that they do not insure anyone local around here, as far as municipalities they are just getting into the municipal business.

Upon motion of Mr. Bracey, seconded by Mrs. Everett, Mr. Moody asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Moody stated that he would like to go with the low bid if it is just as good. Sometimes cheapest is not the best, but we don't know how low they are going to drop the premiums. Maybe we should wait to the May 7th meeting to find that out. Mr. Moody asked Mr. Rosenthal is he could find that out by May 7th? Mr. Rosenthal stated that he could go back and ask them once again to try to come up with a conclusion. VACorp said that they wanted to meet with the County to go over the differences in what the state says our budget lacks and what we say our budget lacks. Mr. Bracey stated that he had no problem with that, but that that was not the reason. Reliance is just getting into the municipality insurance business; I'm afraid that their bid is a little low because of the fact that they are just going into that area. Mr. Moody asked aren't they tied just as legally to pay as the others? Mr. Rosenthal stated that Reliance was an "A" company. Mr. Moody asked Mr. Bracey then what is the problem? Mr. Bracey stated that when a person is just, well like you getting a heart surgeon that has never done it before, and I am the first person. I got a problem with that. Mr. Moody stated they will be the one to get stuck. Mr. Bracey stated not necessarily. Mr. Clay stated that he had never heard of an insurance company getting stuck. Mr. Bracey stated that he would be willing to wait until the next meeting to get the answer. Mrs. Townsend asked the Board to please take action on the School Board in order that they can go ahead and negotiate with Hartford. Mr. Moody stated that first we had to withdraw the motion. Mr. Bracey stated that he withdrew his previous motion.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that the Dinwiddie County School Board be authorized to proceed with negotiations with IIT Hartford for their property-casualty insurance and that authorization be given to transfer the funds from the Self-insurance fund to the School Fund to pay the premium.

Mr. Rosenthal thanked the Board and stated he would get back with Mrs. Ralph as soon as possible.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF AUDIT CONTRACT

Mrs. Wendy Weber Ralph, presented her report to the Board following the authorization given her at the previous Board of Supervisors meeting on the audit contract negotiations. She reported that they have successfully negotiated with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates. The consideration shall be as follows: County Audit \$16,000.00; School Activity Funds Audit \$3,900.00; and Industrial Development Authority Audit \$1,100.00. The School Activity Funds Audit will be paid for by the School Board. Mrs. Everett asked what the total contract price was? Mrs. Ralph replied \$21,000.00. Mr. Bracey asked for an explanation of what the School Activity Fund was? Mrs. Ralph asked Mr. Charles Taylor, from the School Board Office, to address that question. Mr. Taylor declined. Mrs. Ralph stated it was at each one of the schools; she assumes that they have fees that they collect for certain programs that they have, and they each one has to be deposited and accounted for. Each requires an individual audit at the schools. Mr. Bracey asked if the State also audits the school funds? Mrs. Glenice Townsend stated we submit an audit report to the State; the report goes from the audit firm to the State. Mr. Tickle asked do we pay for the Industrial Authority? Mrs. Ralph replied yes sir you are. Mr. Tickle stated his request about the IDA; I withdraw my concern on that issue at the moment.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that Administration is authorized to execute a contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for audit services as follows: County Audit \$16,000.00, School Activity Funds Audit \$3,900.00, and Industrial Development Authority Audit \$1,100.00, for a total of \$21,000.00.

IN RE: CRATER DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD -- APPOINTMENT

Mr. Moody stated that we have an application for the Crater Disability Services Board from Mrs. Sandra H. Mason.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that Mrs. Sandra H. Mason be appointed to the Crater Disability Services Board for a term expiring January 31, 1999.

IN RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mrs. Ralph stated you have in your package an invitation from Smyrna Baptist Church; they are celebrating their 100th year of service on May 4, 1997. They have invited you to attend their celebration and asked that you recognize the Church for their 100th year service. Mrs. Ralph continued by stating that there is also an invitation - or announcement from the McKenney Town Council and Anniversary Committee, inviting everyone to attend their 75th anniversary of the Town of McKenney on May 10, 1997.

Mr. Denny King, Town of McKenney Council Member stated that this invitation was not only extended to Board of Supervisors but to all the citizens of Dinwiddie County. This is the Town of McKenney's 75th anniversary of their incorporation. There is an entire day of activities planned. The day will begin with an 8:00 A.M. Community Church Service at the Big Bethel Church. At lunch time there will be a picnic on the grounds of the Council Hall. The committee is planning a display and presentation of the town's history inside the Town Hall. In the evening there will be a benefit dinner, with all proceeds going to the McKenney Fire Department Building Fund. There will be entertainment by some of the local dance groups and at night there will be a family dance at the McKenney Ruritan Center.

IN RE: SMYRNA BAPTIST CHURCH -- RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

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

WHEREAS, Smyrna Baptist Church has set aside May 4, 1997 to celebrate its 100th year of service in the Dinwiddie community, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors would like to participate in the celebration with this resolution of recognition for its many years of growth and prosperity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie, Virginia, hereby commends Smyrna Baptist Church for 100 years of devoted service and for its many accomplishments in the community and in the County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Smyrna Baptist Church for its May 4, 1997 celebration and a copy spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

IN RE: TOWN OF MCKENNEY -- RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

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

WHEREAS, the Town of McKenney has set aside May 10, 1997 to celebrate its 75th year of incorporation, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors would like to participate in the celebration with this resolution of recognition for its many years of growth and prosperity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie, Virginia, hereby commends the Town of McKenney for its 75 years of existence and for its many contributions to the citizens of the Town of McKenney and of Dinwiddie County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Town of McKenney for its May 10, 1997 celebration and a copy spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

IN RE: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Moody asked the Board if anyone had comments.

1. Mrs. Everett asked about how many applications had been received for the County Administrator position. Mr. Bracey replied that thirty-two (32) applications had been received.

Mrs. Everett inquired as to if the Registrar had gotten her telephone line and what came out of her spacing requirements. Mrs. Ralph stated that they were working on her computer request as well as the telephone request. The space requirement is a little bit more difficult but we are addressing it. Mrs. Everett stated the telephone line, computer equipment, everything comes out of this year's budget, I understand. Mrs. Ralph stated yes.

2. Mr. Tickle stated that he would like to petition the Board to take issue on trying to set up a mechanism that we address the citizens needs and also Board Members needs, where there will be follow ups. These items are actually documented that on a day to day basis you can find out what activities you addressed, where you are, and we have some type of time frame that these things actually get returned back to you and/or to the citizens. The reason I am bringing this up is a lot of times we mention a lot of things that are going to take place and we fight fires and they keep getting up back and back and back, I would like to see his every week, every two (2) weeks I would like to see where we are on the status on all of our projects, we have either addressed them or we have or we have not addressed them. Sometimes I ask for something, I ask for four (4) or five (5) items, and it goes a month or two (2) months or three (3) months and I forget that I ask for it. A good case was yesterday when Miss Pam called me and asked about an item. I had to think a good ten (10) seconds before I could remember what she was trying to communicate to me. So I would not like that to happen again because I feel it was a pretty important issue. I would like for us to come up with a format that we can work with so that everybody is informed. Mrs. Pamela Mann, Administrative Secretary, addressed the Board and distributed the following form:

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PERSON/ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION REQUESTED (IN DETAIL): \_\_\_\_\_

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE USE ONLY:

PASSED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

ON \_\_\_\_\_

REPLY IS EXPECTED WITHIN TWELVE (12) WORKING DAYS OF THIS REQUEST. A COPY OF YOUR REPLY SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THIS REQUEST AND PROVIDED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

Mrs. Mann continued by stating that this form was originally designed for the citizens, if they had an issue that they had addressed the Board about and requested a response to it. If the citizen and/or Board will provide that request to me in writing, this form says when they gave it to me, where they would like the response delivered when we receive the information, who we have passed it to for that information, on what date and it also does state, as passed in Board meeting in March, that the answer is expected within twelve (12) working days. This is a form that we will keep on file to show that we have done and that way we will have a record. Mr. Tickle stated that he thought that was wonderful but can we have the follow up to let us know the status? If there are thirty (30) items in the kitchen that is going to be used to make something, someone is going to have to have a list of those items, so when they come on and off we will know that. Mrs. Mann responded by stating that she could do this in the Board packet each time, if I have these forms in my possession, I should know if they have come back to me or not. Mr. Tickle stated if someone could keep an eye on all the requests he would greatly appreciate it.

3. Mr. Bracey stated at the last budget meeting he had a slight problem with the Appomattox Regional Library system. He further stated that his problem was two fold. I am going to let one of those folds go but I would like a complete report on what they were alluding to or talking about or what when they said that they would be taking over the Library building here in Dinwiddie County. I think what I am saying is that persons of this County formed a Board or a Trust to raise funds for the Dinwiddie County Library with some property that Mr. Butterworth had given. They were going to build a building and make a Library. Since the courthouse became a reality I think that we discussed with them or whatever of using the Clerk's Office at the present courthouse building. At the budget hearing I understand from the Appomattox Regional Library that it is theirs, that we gave it to them. I would like the documentation of when did we give some County buildings away to some other jurisdiction or some other system. I know we do not have any control over a private foundations money; they can do what they want to do with their money. All they have to do is answer to the people that they raised this money from. As far as the County's property when did we give the Appomattox Regional Library System the building over here, and what did they mean by that would be added expense? I would like to know these things because I was not under that impression and I hope that I am not sitting here to give away citizens personal property, which I call that personal property of Dinwiddie County, to other agencies. I do not remember doing this, and if I did do it, I am sorry that I voted on something of that nature. I would like to know in detail about the library thing, it is getting a little touchie and I am not at all pleased with how it is being handled. I am not a person who likes to be brow beat, you don't try to beat me with something or questioning me why I voted the way I voted. I try to vote in the best citizens of Dinwiddie County. I would like to have that Mr. Chairman, as soon as possible, because I would like, I think we need to do something before things get out of hand. The Dinwiddie Foundation money they can do anything they want to do with it, they can give it away. I don't see us giving this Library system a building and who is going to take care of it? That was my basic concern.

4. Mr. Bracey continued by stating the other thing was I am a little disturbed with the gentleman coming, the first citizen that spoke, about not getting a response for his question from the Dinwiddie County School Board, who are elected just as we are. I think they have a responsibility to answer a person's question. Further there is the people in my community that is questioning the Pamplin/Abraham Scholarship thing. I always tell them I am on the Board of Supervisors, please see Mr. Walker who is your representative of the School Board. But not it seems as if this gentleman has come to us and dropped something in our laps, and I think Mr. Chairman you need to sit with Mrs. Seward or the Chairman of that Abraham Scholarship of how we treat citizens. We treat people like they are people. I try to answer, and I know that the Administration here not all the time answers, right then, but not to get an answer to me was an insult to that citizen. Some type of answer, not an answer on a piece of paper, from your teacher. I was very disturbed by that, Mr. Chairman. I remember the first year I came on this Board there was another Board member who always said we treat everybody good - all

citizens should be treated good. We may not be able to give them the answer that they want all the time, but they should be treated like men and women. I was real disturbed and I would hope that a letter be sent to the School Board Chairman of my concerns. Thank you Mr. Chairman, I am sorry I took so long. Mrs. Everett stated that it seems from that remark that the assumption was that that was a student that wrote that letter, when in fact it was an adult. Certainly a student should receive the same courtesy as adults. In reference to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office being used as a Library, of course the County provides the branch library facility, for the Regional Library, but Prince George has utilized their Circuit Court Clerk's Office for their branch library. It might be a good to contact them and see how that operation was determined. We know that they are part of the Regional Library and they provide the services within our facility. I think that maybe we ought to look at Prince George and see exactly what steps were taken there when they used the Circuit Court Clerk's Office for their Library branch. Mr. Moody stated that Mr. Bracey's comment was well taken. I think that that gentlemen should be addressed by the School Board and I think that as a Board we would like to get a letter to the Superintendent or the School Board themselves, their version of the situation. Mr. Tickle stated he wished to add something to what Mr. Bracey had said. A question he would like the School Board to answer, even is the child and/or parent was in error, how did a child that was number 8 in a class with great accolades behind their name be pushed in a system and not get a recourse of coming back and appealing for additional funds. Let's say they missed the dead line by one (1) day, and if you listened very closely to the gentlemen, what he is really trying to tell you is they lost his paper. If that is the case, or he did not turn it in on time, there should be some way to help a student who is qualified even if they miss a dead line or something. I know there are rules and regulations but mistakes happen. Mr. Clay stated that in reference to the Library, he does not think that we have given the building away. If we did, he was not present. I think that we just talked to the local people, I do not think we had any agreement with the Appomattox Regional Library. I think maybe we need to work out a lease or something with the local people. I don't see giving the Clerk's Office to the Appomattox Regional Library.

IN RE: SURPLUS CARS -- REQUIREMENT TO REPAINT

Mrs. Ralph asked to add one thing to the approval of the use of the cars earlier, there was a stipulation, or a request from the Sheriff that those cars that are used be painted white. Mr. Bracey stated they always do that, don't they. Mrs. Ralph stated no. Mr. Moody asked if they would put a seal on them also. Mrs. Ralph stated yes. Mr. Clay stated that some of them need a governor on them.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that the School Board be required to paint the cars from the Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Department white.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Mr. Tickle, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Tickle, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody voting "aye", pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.1-344 (a) 1 - Discussion of employment, salaries, disciplining of public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body - Commissioner of the Revenue - Recreation - Planning and County Administration; and Section 2.1 - 344 (a) 5 - Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made. The meeting moved into Executive Session at 4:30 P.M. A vote having been made and approved the meeting reconvened into Open Session at 5:15 P.M.

IN RE: CERTIFICATION

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Bracey, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Tickle, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody voting "aye", the following 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: COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE -- APPROVAL TO HIRE

Mrs. Deborah M. Marston, Commissioner of the Revenue, came before the Board stating that they had before them a request to authorize the hiring of a position to fill a vacancy slot in her office. I respectfully request that you give me the authorization to hire her effective tomorrow. Mrs. Wendy Ralph asked Mrs. Marston to give the name, position and salary for the record. Mrs. Marston stated the position, person will be Rebecca Blake Winn, the position title will be Secretary III, Business Licenses and Land Use, the salary is going to be \$20,014.00, effective tomorrow, April 17th. Mr. Bracey asked where Ms. Winn resided? Mrs. Marston replied she was from McKenney, Virginia. Mr. Bracey made the comment, I assume this job was advertised properly, also I assume that more than one person was interviewed for this job. Is that right Mr. Chairman? Mrs. Marston stated that the Board had a copy of the advertisement. Mr. Moody asked did you have more than one (1) application? Mrs. Marston stated yes, twenty-one (21). Mr. Moody asked how many were interviewed? Mrs. Marston replied five (5). Mr. Moody asked was this the best qualified person? Mrs. Marston replied yes. Mr. Tickle asked Mrs. Marston how she selected the salary for person based on -- Mrs. Marston interrupted by stating it was already in the budget, that was the budgeted salary for the position and the person doing the job warrants that salary because your business license person and your land use person -- it is a job that merits that salary. This is the bottom of the scale. Mr. Tickle stated he had a further question - I take it if you - this person is coming on the lowest, if Mrs. Mann was there she would obtain that salary or more. That is the lowest part, you can not go any lower, Secretary III? Mrs. Marston stated for that line, no sir, I think that that is the bottom figure, as well as I remember. Mr. Tickle asked what a Secretary II do different from a Secretary III? Mrs. Marston stated in the grading I used the grade that is set by the State Compensation Board to use this - I just set the title for this position at that grade at which the prior person was at. Mr. Tickle stated doesn't a person grow into that job. Mrs. Marston stated I am sorry, what? Mr. Tickle continued you are bringing someone new, you don't always bring them in at -- if you have ten (10) levels you don't always bring them in at the tenth level. But could this person have been brought in at Secretary II, I'm searching, could there have been a Secretary II? Mrs. Marston stated if there was a new position for that, the reason we were trying to establish this person with the personnel already in the office and the duties of this person as we set it, we set it for this grade. I do not have a Secretary II, well I do have a Secretary II, but she is the new position that we just hired, which is totally different thing. Mr. Clay made a motion for adoption with the stipulation that since she was hired before our policy went into effect that we allow it. Also if the County is paying the money we use the County scale instead of the State scale, if the County is going to pay the entire salary from here on in. Mr. Bracey seconded the motion. Mr. Moody called for discussion. Mrs. Everett stated she has a real problem with County salary scale. Mr. Clay stated that if the salary does not suit them then they do not have to take the job; a lot of jobs have been turned down because they are not making as much money as they would like to make. I can not see the difference if we are going to pay the money then why have we got to do what the State says if we are paying the money. Dinwiddie County is paying the money, I don't

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see it. Mrs. Marston asked to address the Board - Mr. Bracey stated that there was a motion on the floor, there was a second, there was discussion - are we still in discussion Mr. Chairman? Mr. Moody replies yes sir, Mrs. Marston has the floor. Mrs. Marston just wanted to clarify one little point - because of her being a Constitutional Officer and the majority of her staff is on the State Scale, it was advised by your Administration that she use the same scale to keep her employees on the same level. Mr. Clay stated that he still sticks to his motion. Mrs. Marston stated she just wanted that for the record, that was all. Mr. Bracey stated one thing about it the staff is not elected, they work too. I would make this comment I am going to offer you a no vote Mr. Chairman - not because of Ms. Blake or Mrs. Blake I have nothing to do with that; but I am offering you a no vote due to the fact that some things in Mrs. Marston's office the attitude and how it was done, of this particular position, and I will have to offer you a no vote on this particular issue. Please let the record show, I don't know anything about the young lady, it is not against the young lady, it is about the whole process. We are being asked to hire somebody and put them on the payroll today, it seems like something went under the table, that someone was already hired before it ever got to us and the salary. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mrs. Marston stated if you will also reflect please, that this was given to you two (2) weeks ago to authorize. It was brought to you, your attention two (2) weeks ago. It is not being brought to you the day before the person is being hired. Mr. Moody acknowledged that he had the information two (2) weeks ago. Mr. Bracey stated that he did not receive it. I don't have anything to do with the other thing, I'm just said what I said and I mean it. Mr. Moody stated that he thought the whole Board had received this information. Mr. Clay stated he thought he had gotten something on it. Mr. Bracey stated I don't see why we need a conversation, you have a vote on the floor now Mr. Chairman, we don't need conversation. Mr. Moody stated that it was still in discussion period. Mr. Moody said he wanted to be sure to clarify all the issues. Mrs. Everett stated she could not support the motion with that requirement in it that they must be hired at the County scale. I think it would jeopardize the Sheriff's Department for example. Mrs. Marston stated you said for the future but not for this time, correct? Mr. Bracey stated he had no problem with that, pay. But as soon as we finish with this I will offer you a motion that these young ladies and the young ladies that work in here be moved up to the State standards. I understand about being a Constitutional Officer; I was elected by the citizens of this County to do the best that we can do for them. I think that our people deserve the same amount of credit and raise and what have you to compliment. I just don't see how we can bring these people in, listening to all this old funny stuff about this that and the other. What about these people who work for us daily. I sit right here, you have your motion, I'll offer you another motion that we need to upgrade our people to meet these great standards. Mr. Moody as the Chairman repeated the motion, in order to make sure he understood it. The motion was to approve the position with the State scale and future scales would be County. Mr. Tickle stated he assumed it was County approved salary, so the Board could set that salary, is that right? Mrs. Everett stated it is not a County salary scale it is a County approved salary? Mr. Clay stated which ever way, he did not have a problem with it. Mr. Tickle stated he liked County approved salary. Mrs. Everett says it does make a difference in the since that maybe a County approved salary would be the same as what the State had set for that position. Mr. Clay stated let's go with the County scale.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that Mrs. Deborah M. Marston, Commissioner of the Revenue is authorized to proceed with the hiring of Ms. Rebecca Blake Winn in the Secretary III (Business License and Land Use) position effective April 17, 1997, at a salary of \$20,014.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, that future - County funded positions be placed on the County salary scale.

Mrs. Marston then respectfully ask if she could have an extract of this whole proceeding. She will need this. Mrs. Marston stated she would like an separate extract in order that the County Administrator could sign off on it.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Tickle, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Tickle, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody voting "aye", the meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M. to be continued until 5:00 P.M., May 7, 1997 for an Executive Session at the Home Place Restaurant.

Harrison A. Moody  
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Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Wendy Weber Ralph  
Wendy Weber Ralph  
Interim/County Administrator

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