

VIRGINIA: AT THE CONTINUATION MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE PAMPLIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE 29TH DAY OF MARCH, 2000, AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: AUBREY S. CLAY, CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #5
HARRISON A. MOODY, VICE-CHAIR ELECTION DISTRICT #1
DONALD L. HARAWAY ELECTION DISTRICT #2
ROBERT L. BOWMAN, IV ELECTION DISTRICT #3
EDWARD A. BRACEY, JR. ELECTION DISTRICT #4

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Aubrey S. Clay, Chairman, called the continuation meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

IN RE: OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Clay stated he would like to set a couple of "Ground Rules" for tonight's Public Hearings. Mr. Clay stated first, he would like to point out that there are three (3) Public Hearings scheduled. The first being on the proposed E-911 tax increase; followed by the hearing on the proposed tax rates for this year, and; finally, the Public Hearing on the fiscal year 2001 budget. The sign up in the back has a number assigned to each Public Hearing; please sign your name along with the corresponding number for which hearing you wish to speak under.

Mr. Clay continued that additionally, he wanted to remind everyone that three (3) minutes are allotted per speaker in order to allow everyone the opportunity to speak. As usual, a little bit of extra time will be allotted for the speaker to finish what they have to say, but please keep the time limit in mind. Also, any questions will be recorded and responded to by Administration in the next few working days.

Mr. Clay concluded the opening remarks by stating that finally, he thought it was important to note that tonight is solely for the purpose of hearing the public's input; there will not be a vote taken tonight. The earliest the Board of Supervisors can vote on the matters before them this evening, is during next Wednesday's regular meeting – April 5, 2000. He thanked the citizens for coming out this evening and he stated he appreciated their cooperation.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARINGS – ADVERTISEMENT STATEMENT

This being the time and place as advertised in the Dinwiddie Monitor on March 15, 2000 and March 22, 2000, for the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia to conduct a Public Hearing to solicit public comments regarding an increase of the E-911 tax from \$.55 per month to \$2.00 per month.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING –A-00-4 – E911 TAX INCREASE

Mr. David M. Jolly, Director of Public Safety came forward giving a brief presentation on the need to increase the E-911 tax from \$.55 per month to \$2.00 per month. The presentation provided the following information:

E-911 COMMUNICATIONS HISTORY

- System and tax approved in early 90's
- Street naming and house numbering completed in 1994/95
- E-911 system purchased and installed
- County General Fund provided for start up costs
- Maintenance of system funded through 9-1-1 collections to date

COMMUNICATIONS OVERVIEW

- Current radio system is over 10 years old
- System does not meet the needs of the Emergency Service Personnel or the County
- Some of the current radios are no longer manufactured
- Have locations which radio's will not work

E-911 AND COMMUNICATIONS

- The computer (CAD) system does not help with the delivery of fire and EMS services
- System was installed with law enforcement as concern
- One dispatcher has to wait for other dispatcher to finish talking.....

COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNS

- Lacks the ability to talk between agencies
- Lacks the ability to talk once out of the vehicle
- Cannot talk from unit to unit across the County

E-911.....

- Callers first contact with the Emergency Team in time of need is the dispatcher
- If that contact is negative the other members have an uphill climb to deliver service

OPTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

- Do Nothing, Leave as is
- Give the Sheriff's Office the request for additional staff
- Dispatch the Fire and EMS and Leave in Sheriff's Office
- Relocate the Communications Center to Fire Station and Dispatch for Fire and EMS
- Relocate and Dispatch Fire, Rescue and Law Enforcement

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Relocate center to current Dinwiddie Fire Station and dispatch Fire and EMS
- Keep current system in place at the Sheriff's Office
- Raise 911 tax from \$.55 to \$2.00 per phone line
- Staff the center with full and part time employees
- Place the center within the Public Safety Department

E-911 CELLULAR PHONES

- 75 cents/month per cellular phone
- Money collected by State
- Calls answered by State Police
- Will have to accept calls within next 24 months at the local level
- Current facility does not have space needed to accomplish this task

E-911 TAX SURVEY

<u>JURISDICTION</u>	<u>E-911 TAX</u>
Petersburg	2.00
Colonial Heights	2.00
Chesterfield	2.00
Prince George	2.00
Brunswick	2.00
Amelia	1.00
Nottoway	1.12
Sussex	2.17
Dinwiddie	.55

E-911 REVENUE PROJECTED

- 15,200 Phone Lines (Does not include cellular phones)
- X \$2.00 per Phone
- Equals \$30,400 Per Month
- 12 Months/Year
- \$364,800.00 Per Year

E-911 PROPOSED BUDGET

- Debt service/Equipment – Estimated at \$110,000 per year
- Personnel Costs – Estimated at \$210,000 per year
- E-911 Phone Service (Bell Atlantic, GTE) – \$40,000 per year

Mr. Jolly concluded his presentation by thanking the Board and citizens stating together we can make a difference. He stated he would address any questions the Board might have regarding his presentation.

There being no questions from the Board, Mr. Clay opened the Public Hearing on A-00-4 for the proposed E-911 Tax Increase.

The following citizens came forward to address the Board:

1. Walter Love, 27921 Perkins Road, Petersburg, came forward stating when he came tonight he was opposed to the E-911 tax increase; however, after hearing Mr. Jolly's presentation he sees the need for improvements. He did feel that the Board should or could re-examine the matter and raise this tax in increments rather than making it such a drastic increase.
2. Anne Scarborough, Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, stated she no longer needed to speak because Mr. Jolly had covered her concerns in his presentation.
3. Forrest P. Clay, Jr., 18603 White Oak Road, Dinwiddie, stated he no longer needed to speak on this hearing.
4. Wayne Varga, 15601 Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, came forward stating his concern was that many families have multiple telephone lines and he felt that the tax should be per household and not per phone line. He felt this would make the tax per household equal and not put a burden on families with multiple lines.

Mr. Clay closed the Public Hearing on A-00-4 for the E-911 Tax Increase.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARINGS – ADVERTISEMENT STATEMENT

This also being the time and place as advertised in the Dinwiddie Monitor on March 22, 2000, for the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia to conduct a Public Hearing to solicit public comment on the proposed tax levies for the year 2000 and proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2000.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 2000 TAX RATES AND FY 2001 BUDGET

Mr. Long gave the following overview of the proposed 2000 Tax Rates.

TAX RATES FOR 2000

- Real Estate tax rates are proposed to increase from .74 to .79 per \$100 of value
- All other tax rates remain the same
- Proposed tax increase is to provide salary increases for school personnel
- \$3,000 pay increase per school teacher; 5% for all other school personnel
- Board of Supervisors is transferring an additional \$1.3 million to the School Budget to provide for these increases, including benefits
- Two significant events have occurred since the real estate tax was advertised:
 1. The Commissioner of the Revenue increased real estate value projections
 2. School Board re-evaluated its state and local revenues and provided information on salary increase options. The option for \$3,000 per teacher was chosen as the most feasible within the revenue projections provided
 3. starting salary for teachers will be \$28,045
- The two aforementioned actions have decreased the general fund requirements, which results in a balanced budget with the option for the Board to reduce the proposed rate by 2 cents
- We need to clarify, however.....
- This reduction assumes that the remainder of the budget is unchanged. For example, the General Assembly has already changed the percentage increase for State Employees from 2.25% to 3.25% in December and Health Insurance premiums have increased. Also, all other County departments were cut significantly to meet the School needs
- TAX RATES AS PROPOSED

■ Real Estate	\$.79
■ Mobile Homes	.79
■ Mineral Lands	.79
■ Public Services	.79
■ Personal Property	4.90
■ Personal Property - Volunteers	.25

■ Machinery & Tools	3.30
■ Heavy Construction Equipment	3.30
■ Airplanes	.50

Mr. Long continued by presenting the following overview of the proposed 2000-2001 Budget:

FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET

- Total Budget \$60,973,886
- General Fund \$20,341,666
- School Fund \$25,896,864
- Debt Service \$ 4,969,860

REVENUES

- Main increase to local revenue projections have been made in real estate and machinery and tools tax
- As projected, TXI/Chaparral Steel will bring approximately \$1.3 million in new tax revenues this year
- These numbers are included in revenue projections and will gradually increase over time
- There is some concern, however, that some values in other areas have decreased and some values still have not been finalized, making projections difficult

EXPENDITURES

- County personnel are proposed to receive a 2.5% COLA increase in July, with the possibility of another 2.5% contingent upon a successful performance evaluation
- State employees are scheduled to receive a 3.25% increase in December
- Agency requests are funded at 4%

CAPITAL OUTLAY

- Approximately \$500,000 has been budgeted from the undesignated fund balance for the following capital items:
 - Six (6) new Sheriff's vehicles -- \$132,000
 - New vehicle for administration and/or public safety -- \$20,000
 - AS-400 Computer upgrade -- \$80,000
 - Guns, Radios, etc for Sheriff -- \$48,000
 - Transfer station improvement -- \$15,000
 - Comp plan revisions/update -- \$60,000
 - Grant match for ambulance -- \$20,000

MISCELLANEOUS

- 10% increase for Fire Departments
- Crater Juvenile Detention Home:
 - Costs continue to rise; in the past three budget years, this cost has risen from \$45,000 to \$150,000

- General Properties – Maintenance, fuel, and utilities have increased significantly
- Three additional buildings will be added to maintain and provide utilities for this year:
 - Dinwiddie Branch Library
 - Historic Courthouse Building
 - Eastside Community Enhancement Center
- Self-insurance – Since the County moved to group insurance, the self-insurance fund has been used to pay the premiums for both policies for the County and the School System
- We previously stated the fund would be depleted, and that has now occurred
- \$100,000 transfer is required this year for sufficient funding. This will completely deplete the fund, and starting next year we will need \$366,000 to make up the difference
- E-911 Fund – the Board plans to let these funds build until they make a decision as to the direction they believe is best to serve the citizens in upgrading emergency communications
- This, of course, was the original intent of the fund, and it has been used for that purpose since its inception
- School Fund – As previously stated, the School board transfer is up approximately \$1.3 million from last year
- \$137,000 in additional debt service. In the following budget year, the County will have to make up at least an additional \$200,000 dependent upon the State's continued funding for construction and lottery money
- Schools have \$100,000 for capital projects
- Total local appropriation of funds for schools is \$9.8 million
- CDBG/IPR Grants – Staff was able to draw down \$288,000 in State funds for 9 homes in Dinwiddie County this year, with the hope to be just as successful next year
- Capital Projects Fund -- \$1.5 million
 - This represents \$1 million to complete the two ongoing fire station/EMS projects and the \$500,000 allocated to the Eastside Community Enhancement Center

Mr. Long stated he would entertain any questions from the Board regarding his presentation.

Mr. Haraway asked about the statement that all other County departments were cut significantly to meet the School needs.

Mr. Long stated maybe it would have been better if he has stated majority.

Ms. Wendy Weber Ralph, Assistant County Administrator, stated the cuts were from the department's requests for this budget.

Mr. Haraway repeated from their requests.

Ms. Ralph stated that is correct.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2000 TAX RATES

There being no additional questions from the Board Mr. Clay opened the Public Hearing for the 2000 Tax Rates.

The following citizens came forward to address the Board:

1. Anne Scarborough, Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, came forward stating she was opposed to the 5¢ tax increase and asking the Board to reconsider. She stated the Board had always told her that industry in the County would keep our taxes the same or reduce it. Well the industry is here and now there is going to be an increase. She felt something was wrong. She also voiced that the general reassessment was going to raise the real estate tax amount citizens were currently paying and the increase would be making the matter worse. She stated out of 95 counties in Virginia 69 had lower real estate taxes than Dinwiddie County! She further stated she would like to see the tax on airplanes increased. These are a luxury, flying yachts and they should be taxed before homes, which are not a luxury but a necessity.
2. Vincent Lewis, 17315 Wilkinson Road, Dinwiddie, came forward stating he felt Ms. Scarborough had done a good job in covering a lot of the thoughts he had but added he felt the tax increase is unjust to the homeowners of Dinwiddie County and he was opposed to it. With all the industry and construction in Dinwiddie County, adding additional revenue, he felt some of the government agencies could tighten their belts as they are asking the citizens to do.
3. Teresa Keezel, was no longer present.
4. Forrest P. Clay, Jr., 18603 White Oak Road, Dinwiddie, came forward voicing he was opposed to the E-911 tax increase being on every telephone line and also spoke in opposition of the real estate tax increase.

No additional citizens wished to speak regarding the proposed 2000 Tax Rates; therefore, Mr. Clay closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Clay again stated no action would be taken on the Tax Rates until the April 5th meeting, which is the regular night meeting at 7:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2001 BUDGET

Mr. Clay opened the Public Hearing on the 2000-2001 Proposed Budget.

The following citizens came forward to address the Board:

1. Angela Orrell, 16563 Cantree Road, McKenney, came forward voicing support for the School Board and their request for additional funds for teacher salaries.

2. Cornelia Roberts, 20313 Baskerville Mill Road, and representative of Dinwiddie County Library / Appomattox Regional Library Board, came forward thanking the Board for their support during this past year and in the upcoming year. She stated she would be leaving the Board in June and thanked the County for allowing her to serve.
3. Anne Scarborough, Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie came forward suggesting ways the School Board might fund teacher raises without asking the County for so much.

Ms. Scarborough also suggested the County look into the legal fees being paid and see if this could not be cut to a reasonable amount.

4. Granville Maitland, 13410 Butterwood Lane, came forward stating he appreciated what the County had been doing in helping the Appomattox River Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mr. Maitland also stated he was surprised by the lack of a full-time assistant in the Registrar's office. He stated with Mrs. Elizabeth Jeter's, the current Registrar, age in mind, the Board should understand the need to train personnel to fill this position upon Mrs. Jeter's retirement.

5. Tony Delorme, P. O. Box 2135, Chesterfield, came forward stating he was the statewide organizing coordinator for the Virginia Association of Public Schools Classified Employees. They represent the non-instructional hourly paid support personnel in many of the public school divisions throughout the Commonwealth. Those classified employees of Dinwiddie County Public Schools are members of Local 572 and are currently represented by them. He continued that he had come before them this evening to urge them to approve the School Board's budget request for the 2000/2001 school year, "exactly as presented" unless of course, they would prefer to recommend and approve a "greater" amount – to which he was certain they would not object!!
6. James Maitland, Chairman of the School Board, came forward stating that anyone who has any misinformation is welcome to come to the School Board Meeting and ask his question(s). He continued that the School Board would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their support in attempting to address the needs of the school system in the FY 2001 Budget. In the fall, during their meeting, the Board of Supervisors had asked the School Board to submit a budget that met the needs of the school system. These needs were given to the Board of Supervisors, after adoption by the School Board, in February 2000. He stated the School Board did not wish to seem ungrateful but they felt that they did need to express that while this is a major step they still have many unmet needs.
7. Dayle Thomas, 15011 Brick Road, Carson, came forward stating the teacher salaries in Dinwiddie County were in need of additional funds. She stated she had left the City of Colonial Heights seventeen (17) years ago when there was a \$300.00 salary difference between them and Dinwiddie County. She continued that difference is now \$6,000.00. She asked the Board to consider additional funds for teacher salaries.
8. Elizabeth Jeter, Registrar for Dinwiddie County, came forward requesting the Board reconsider her request for a full-time assistant. She stated Mr. Maitland was correct that she was aging and would not be there forever. She felt she needed to train someone to take her place before she retired.

9. Samuel Shands, Sheriff for Dinwiddie County, came forward stating he would like to get on the bandwagon for money. He stated he had a dispatcher who had been with Dinwiddie County for fourteen (14) years and was still not making \$23,000.00. He felt he was training dispatchers for other localities because as soon as they were trained they left and went to surrounding counties, which paid considerably more.

There being no additional citizens signed up or wishing to address the Board on the budget, Mr. Clay closed the Public Hearing on the FY 2001 Budget.

Mr. Clay again reminded those in attendance that no action would be taken tonight but would be taken at the April 5th meeting. He stated the Board would take the concerns and requests voiced tonight into consideration.

IN RE: RECESS

Mr. Clay called for a five (5) minute recess at 8:51 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 9:03 P.M.

IN RE: SCHOOL BOARD – SURPLUS VEHICLES

Mr. Long stated he had included in the packet a list of vehicles from the School Board, which they have stated to be junk. They have requested to take sealed bids from salvage companies for the disposal of these vehicles.

Mr. Bracey questioned the legality of disposing of County property in this manner.

Ms. Ralph assured Mr. Bracey the legality would be checked before any County property was disposed of.

Upon Motion of Mr. Haraway, Seconded by Mr. Moody, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay voting "Aye",

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia that authorization is granted for the School Board to solicit sealed bids for the disposal of the following vehicles:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER</u>
1985	Dodge Caravan	2B4FK41G7FR324498
1987	Olds – Cutlass	1G3AJ1131HD361595
1992	Ford	2FACP72WINX229336
1991	Ford	2FACP72F4MX12769 – already transferred
1991	Ford	2FACP72F0MX14770

Authorization is also granted for Administration to sign for the transfer of title for said vehicles to the successful bidder.

**IN RE: SOCIAL SERVICES – INTERIOR PAINTING/KICK PLATES
– BID RESULTS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Mr. Long stated also included in the packets were bid results for work to the Social Services Building. Ms. Peggy McElveen, Director of Social Services requested Mr. Donald W. Faison, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds obtain these bids with the understanding that the State will reimburse the County for these expenditures. Mr. Long asked Ms. McElveen if that was correct?

Ms. McElveen stated 80/20% as usual.

Mr. Long stated the bids received are as follows:

M. P. BARDEN & SONS, INC.	\$1,225.00
W. W. NASH & SONS, INC.	\$1,923.00
R. M. HARRIS & SONS	\$3,000.00
G. M. CLEMENTS COMPANY, INC.	\$3,010.00

Upon Motion of Mr. Bracey, Seconded by Mr. Moody, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay voting "Aye",

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia that authorization is granted for Administration to accept the low bid of \$1225.00 from M. P. Barden & Sons, Inc. for interior painting and miscellaneous repairs to the doors and frames in the Dinwiddie County Social Services Building with 80% of said cost being reimbursed from the State and the 20% appropriated from the Social Services budget.

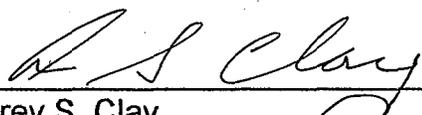
IN RE: PERSONNEL POLICIES

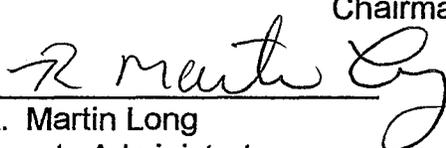
Mr. Long stated he had included in the Board's packet, under separate cover, a copy of the proposed Policies and Procedures for Dinwiddie County. He requested the Board review this document and let him know if they saw any item or items, which needed additional attention. He also asked if the Board wanted a workshop to discuss the document.

Mr. Long further stated that the EMS Committee had requested a copy of Dinwiddie County's Policies and Procedures and he was going to release a copy of the proposed document to them under a cover letter stating these had not been adopted by the Board at this time.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

After a short discussion regarding questions on the proposed Tax Rates and Budget Mr. Haraway made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Moody, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay voting "Aye", Mr. Bracey "Abstaining", to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. to be continued at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 5, 2000, in the multipurpose room for the purpose of a budget workshop and Closed Session.


Aubrey S. Clay
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: 
R. Martin Long
County Administrator

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