

VIRGINIA: AT THE CONTINUATION MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM OF THE PAMPLIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE 16TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2002, AT 11:00 A.M.

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

OTHER: JACK CATLETT COUNTY ATTORNEY

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Mr. Edward A. Bracey, Jr., Chairman, called the continuation meeting to order at 11:06 A.M.

**IN RE: REVIEW OF ONGOING PROJECTS**

Mrs. Wendy Ralph, Interim County Administrator, gave the following overview of ongoing projects:

**COMMUNICATIONS/E911 DISPATCH**

July 1985 – Adopted .55 cents tax  
Streets named, houses numbered, equipment purchased  
Early 1990's until present – continue to address problems with dispatch  
Agreement with Sheriff to provide County funded positions

Dispatchers were hired, but EMD not provided  
1999 Retreat – discussed updating equipment  
1994 – part-time daylight crew hired  
1995 – 24-hour crew hired  
Daylight crew at Namozine

April 2000 – increased tax to \$2.00  
August 2001 – Sheriff requested separating fire & rescue dispatch  
State Police announced localities must receive wireless calls by July 2002  
New equipment needed – 90-day lead time  
Wireless providers need 6 month lead time

Applied for Phase II funding  
Applied for new frequencies  
Researched options for location of new equipment  
Presented bids on renovation of old VFD  
We have 2 choices

Stop project because of cost  
Proceed with understanding there will be additional cost – building, equipment, personnel  
If we move forward, must decide on location  
Old VFD options  
Eastside options  
Total picture – costs/savings

Mrs. Ralph stated her concern has been and continues to be the liability of the County if something were to happen under the existing arrangements with the Sheriff. She asked Mr. Donald Faison, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, to present the options to locate the Public Safety Building at Eastside and the Old Company One VFD.



Mr. Faison presented the plans for both locations and discussed the cost involved and the pros and cons for each site. He asked the Board if they were looking mainly at cost or location. The Board concurred it was the cost. The options presented for Eastside would be more expensive.

After a lot of discussion about the plans and costs of each option Mrs. Ralph asked if the Board wanted to stop now or if they wanted to move forward with the project. The Board members stated we promised the County a service and we need to provide that service. However, they wanted the public to understand the costs involved by the Sheriff requesting that his five (5) State-funded positions remain at the Sheriff's Department location. At such time that the existing equipment located in the Sheriff's Department needs to be replaced, and/or the Sheriff feels he needs personnel beyond the five allocated by the Compensation Board, then the Sheriff needs to understand the Dispatchers will be combined at the new Dispatch Center.

Mr. Faison commented that he would like to negotiate the price of the Old VFD with the low bidder to see if he could get a lower price.

The Board members discussed their concerns regarding the quality of the materials and the expectations of the Citizens to have a functional building rather than a building that looks good and costs a lot of money.

**IN RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH  
LOW BIDDER FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AT  
THE OLD VFD**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, hereby authorizes the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent to enter into negotiations with the low bidder Specialty Mechanical Co., to see what can be done to lower the bid price for the renovation of the Old DVFD building.

**IN RE: REVIEW OF ONGOING PROJECTS - CONT**

Mrs. Ralph continued her review of the ongoing projects.

**2<sup>nd</sup> FULL TIME CREW**

Darvills couple presented case

Board instructed staff to proceed with putting on 2<sup>nd</sup> – 24-hour crew

Ambulance purchased and delivered

Applications solicited and reviewed

Revenue Recovery Program presented

We have 2 choices –

Continue with present crew

Hire new crew and continue with Revenue Recovery

Revenue Recovery recommendations: Advertise ordinance to implement subscription program and include provision for sliding scale fees

Put together information to show where unit will be needed

The Board asked Mr. David Jolly, Public Safety Director, which part of the County most of the calls came from and who provided the services. He gave the following stats:

FY 2001 RESCUE CALLS – TOTAL CALLS 2,753

CALLS	VFD
895	NAMOZINE
641	DINWIDDIE
340	MCKENNEY
307	FORD

The Board asked if we had requested or received mutual aid from any of the other counties. Mr. Jolly responded we received mutual aid 463 times. He was asked how many times we were asked to give mutual aid. He commented he didn't have that count. He stated we assisted when we could but we don't have enough people or units to cover our own County.

Mrs. Ralph asked the Board if they still wanted to put the second full time crew and unit on.

Mr. Haraway stated we promised the citizens we were going to add the second unit and he felt the Board should do it. The Board agreed.

**IN RE: LUNCH RECESS**

Mr. Bracey called for a lunch recess at 12:29 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 1:02 P.M.

**IN RE: CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Haraway stated I move to close this meeting in order to discuss matters exempt under section:

- **Personnel Matters, § 2.2-3711 A.1, of the Code of Virginia,** (candidates for employment OR the assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, discipline, salaries, compensation, resignation of employees) Administrative Staff and Code Compliance

Mr. Clay seconded the motion. Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey, voting "Aye", the Board moved into the Closed Meeting at 1:03 P.M.

A vote having been made and approved the meeting reconvened into Open Session at 1:57 P.M.

**IN RE: CERTIFICATION**

**Whereas**, this Board convened in a closed meeting under § 2.2-3711 A.1, for the purpose of Personnel – Administrative Staff and Code Compliance

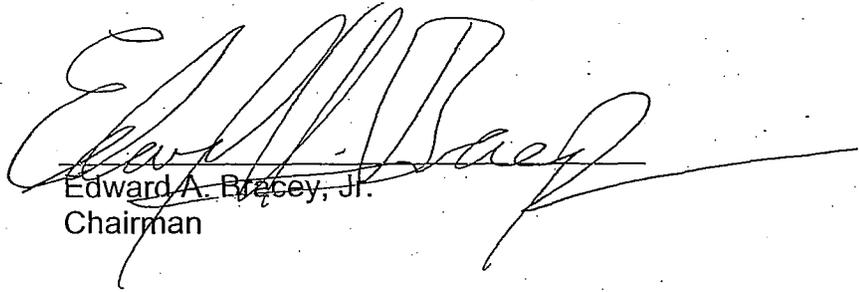
**And whereas**, no member has made a statement that there was a departure from the lawful purpose of such closed meeting or the matters identified in the motion were discussed.

**Now be it certified**, that only those matters as were identified in the motion were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting.

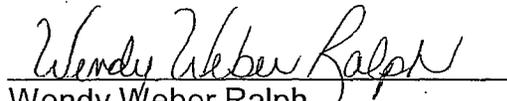
Upon Motion of Mr. Clay, Seconded by Mr. Haraway, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey, voting "Aye", this Certification Resolution was adopted.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon Motion of Mr. Clay, Seconded by Mr. Haraway, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey, voting "Aye", the meeting adjourned at 1:58 P.M.



Edward A. Bracey, Jr.  
Chairman



Wendy Weber Ralph  
Interim County Administrator

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