

VIRGINIA: AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE BOARD MEETING ROOM OF THE PAMPLIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2002, AT 7:00 P.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

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Edward A. Bracey, Jr., called the continuation meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He apologized for his tardiness and welcomed everyone to the public hearings.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FY 2002-2003 BUDGET – TAX RATES FOR 2003

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress Index on April 9, 2002 and the Dinwiddie Monitor on April 10, 2000, for the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia to conduct a Public Hearing to solicit public comment on the proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2002 and the proposed Tax Rates for 2002.

Mrs. Wendy Ralph, County Administrator, gave the following overview of the Proposed FY 2002 – 2003 Budget and Tax Rates for 2002

SUMMARY POINTS

- ◆ 5% overall increase in budget
- ◆ Tax rates remain the same
- ◆ 8.5% increase in local revenues; State revenues down 2%
- ◆ 9.5% increase in General Fund operational budget without CIP
- ◆ \$1,000,000 from fund balance for CIP
- ◆ \$1,000,000 additional local funds transfer to Schools represents 11% increase

PERSONNEL COSTS

- ◆ No cola or merit increase for state or County employees
- ◆ Increases shown in County departments due to adoption of revised pay & classification plan in March of 2002. (\$134,544 FY03)
- ◆ Increase in local transfer for schools for purpose of increasing beginning teacher salary to \$31,000

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- ◆ Increase in litigation – with growth in development = increase in building and zoning challenges

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

- ◆ Extra Help represents what Compensation Board will fund – 50% County

TREASURER

- ◆ Increase in printing & binding
- ◆ Increase in advertising & postage

DATA PROCESSING

- ◆ Increase for network server
- ◆ Internet service being finalized
- ◆ Website being developed

GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

- ◆ Open Shelf Filing System

SHERIFF

- ◆ Match provided for two school resource officers – Middle & High Schools
- ◆ DARE Officer funding eliminated
- ◆ Increase in vehicle repair
- ◆ Capital - Six (6) new cars

FIRE DEPARTMENTS & RESCUE SQUAD

- ◆ Contributions remain the same - \$20,000 per dept.
- ◆ \$30,000 again provided for capital items outside the abilities of the individual fire depts. And \$30,000 included for routine vehicle maintenance
- ◆ \$25,000 for utilities (\$5,000 per dept.)
- ◆ \$25,000 provided for repair & maintenance of buildings – (\$5,000 from unused utility funding)

DINWIDDIE EMS

- ◆ Increase for a second paid crew is included under Internal Services.
- ◆ Contingent upon review of statistics to determine if, when and where
- ◆ Contingent upon adoption of revised revenue recovery ordinance
- ◆ Public hearing date to be determined

JAIL

- ◆ One of the biggest increases in the budget
- ◆ Increase in medical services, food and operational expenses due to increasing population
- ◆ Funds are available should the Board decide to purchase outside space
- ◆ All options are still under review

Jail con't.

- ◆ Change in guidelines for State responsible inmates – increased cost to locality

CRATER JUVENILE DETENTION

- ◆ The other largest increase is the Crater Juvenile Detention Home
- ◆ Outside detention costs are \$125/day
- ◆ Also reflects a cut in state funding
- ◆ Moratorium on state support for expansion or new facilities

ANIMAL CONTROL

- ◆ Includes funding for replacement vehicle

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

- ◆ Funding for Division Chief in present budget but hiring postponed until July 1

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- ◆ Governor has proposed an additional \$5/ton on trash deposited in Virginia landfills
- ◆ Cost to Dinwiddie based on 2001 tonnage would be \$95,000 (not included)
- ◆ Continuing to pursue property for additional manned sites

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- ◆ Additional janitor for public safety building and historic courthouse
- ◆ Accompanying increase in supplies & equipment
- ◆ Increase in purchase of water – Rate increase for ARWA expansion – 5 million gallons for Dinwiddie

PLANNING & ZONING

- ◆ GIS position funding in FY02 but hiring postponed until July
- ◆ Route 1 & Route 460 corridor study included
- ◆ Increase for meeting expenses for members Board of Zoning Appeals

RECREATION

- ◆ Expenses for Eastside Enhancement Center shown as shift to new department
Increase in Admissions with increase in programs offered (flow through)

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

- 3% increase for outside agencies
Funding for the newly created South Central RC& D

TRANSFERS

- ◆ Capital Projects Fund includes \$1 million transfer for CIP to be presented for public hearing in June.
- ◆ \$20,000 transfer to OYCS
- ◆ \$20,000 transfer to VJCCCA
- ◆ The School Transfer request was reduced by \$300,000; however, the Schools are still receiving:
 - ◆ \$1,000,000 in new operational funds
 - ◆ \$230,000 for insurance
 - ◆ \$100,000 for capital projects (roof work)
 - ◆ \$20,569 increase in debt service

DEBT SERVICE

- ◆ Debt service payments for County projects increased by \$53,197. County picked up debt service local share of Airport improvements.
- ◆ Transfer from Meals Tax for School Debt Service is \$400,000.

E911

- ◆ Increase reflects addition of ten new dispatchers and full operation of new communication center
- ◆ Possibility of having to increase fee next year from \$2 to \$3 depending upon revenue generated from new lines

TAX RATES

The County Administrator gave the following overview of the proposed 2002 Tax Rates.

Unit Levy – All Districts - - \$100 Assessed Valuations

	Proposed
Real Estate	.77
Mobile Homes	.77
Mineral Lands	.77
Public Services	.77
Personal Property	4.90
Personal Property – Volunteer Vehicles	.25
Machinery Tools	3.30
Certified Pollution Control	3.30
Heavy Construction Machinery	3.30
Airplanes	.50

Mr. Bracey opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Tax Rates.

The following citizens came forward requesting that the Board reconsider fully funding the Appomattox Regional Library budget:

1. Charles Koutnik, Executive Director, Appomattox Regional Library, 245 E. Cawson Street, Hopewell, VA
2. Lee Nora Everett, 24309 Wedgewood Road, Petersburg, VA.
3. Betty H. Mayes, 18306 Pine Oak Lane, Dinwiddie, VA

The following citizens came forward requesting that the Board reconsider fully funding the Office on Youth Commission Services budget:

1. Odessa Winfield, 20201 Harris Drive, Sutherland, VA

2. Jessica Love, 27921 Perkins Road,
3. David Thompson, 21211 River Run Road, Petersburg, VA
4. Shekenya Chamblee, 15611 Baltimore Rd, DeWitt, VA
5. Barry Fox, 7716 Halifax Road, Carson, VA
6. Magnolia Rivers, 20109 River Road, Sutherland, VA

The following citizens came forward requesting that the Board reconsider fully funding the School Board budget:

1. Carol Fisher, 19405 Oxford Drive, Sutherland, VA
2. Lee Wise, P.O. Box 7, Dinwiddie, VA

Mr. Bracey closed the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Tax Rates at 8:04 P.M.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE – JOINT POWERS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT – PURCHASE OF ELECTRICAL POWER

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress Index on April 2, 2002 and April 9, 2002 for the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia to conduct a Public Hearing to solicit public comments regarding the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the entering into with other local governments a joint powers association agreement for the purchase of electrical power.

The County Administrator explained that the Board had taken action on the agreement as a resolution at a prior meeting. However, VACo does require an ordinance adoption for the county's participation in the Joint Powers Association Agreement for the purchase of electrical power.

Mr. Bracey opened the public hearing on the Joint Powers Association Agreement.

Mr. Barry Fox, 7716 Halifax Road, Carson, VA, cautioned the Board to keep a close eye on deregulation of businesses. He commented usually that means higher prices not lower prices.

Mr. Bracey closed the public hearing at 8:11 P.M.

Upon Motion of Mr. Clay, Seconded by Mr. Haraway, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey, voting "Aye", the following Ordinance is adopted.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT POWERS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the VML/VACo Virginia Power Steering Committee (the "Committee"), composed of representatives of the County of Dinwiddie and other local governments and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, has for over several decades negotiated on behalf of such governmental units a standard form contract for their purchase of electricity supply and delivery service from Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power") as a sole source provider; and

WHEREAS, political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia are authorized under Virginia law to exercise jointly powers that they otherwise are authorized to exercise independently, and the terms and conditions of such authorization are currently set forth in Sections 15.2-1300, et seq. of the Virginia Code (the "Joint Powers Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Electric Utility Restructuring Act (the "Restructuring Act") further authorizes municipalities and other political subdivisions in the Commonwealth to aggregate their electricity supply requirements for the purpose of their joint purchase of such requirements from licensed suppliers and the Restructuring Act provides that such aggregation shall not require licensure; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Public Procurement Act (the "Procurement Act") exempts from its competitive sealed bidding and competitive negotiation requirements (the "Requirements") the joint procurement by public bodies, utilizing competitive principles, of electric utility services purchased through member associations under the conditions set forth in the Procurement Act; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends that the aggregation and procurement of electric supply, electric delivery, and other energy-related services ("Energy Services") be effectuated as provided in the Joint Powers Association Agreement, a copy of which is attached to and made part of this Ordinance (the "Joint Powers Agreement"), in accordance with applicable provisions of the Procurement Act, such as the utilization of competitive principles pursuant to an exemption from the Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Committee also recommends that the other services provided by the Committee to its members be effectuated as provided in the Joint Powers Agreement, with such services consisting of (i) assistance in implementing standard form contracts for the purchase of services from incumbent electricity utilities, (ii) education of members regarding electricity procurement issues, (iii) monitoring of legal and regulatory developments affecting the provision of electricity service to local governments, and (iv) hiring of consultants and legal counsel to assist in its provisions of the foregoing services ("Steering Committee Services").

WHEREAS, it appearing to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Dinwiddie that the joint procurement of the Energy Services pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement and the provision of Steering Committee Services pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement is otherwise in the best interests of the County of Dinwiddie.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that:

(1) Competitive sealed bidding and competitive negotiation for the procurement of Energy Services are not fiscally advantageous to the public because the procurement process for Energy Services must be flexible enough to respond to quickly changing market conditions in which energy prices can fluctuate considerably on a daily or even hourly basis.

(2) The aggregation and joint procurement of the Energy Services pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement is hereby approved.

(3) The provision of Steering Committee Services pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement is hereby approved.

(4) The Joint Powers Agreement and the performance of the terms and conditions thereof on behalf of the County of Dinwiddie are hereby authorized and approved.

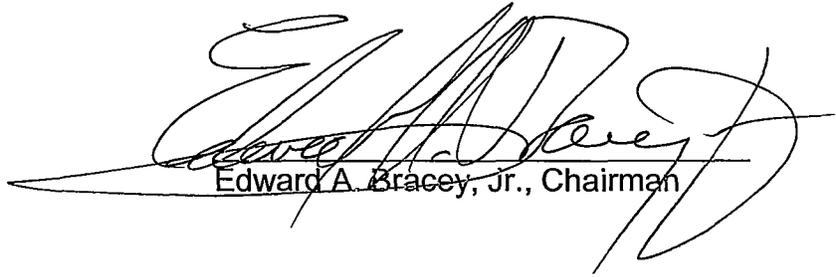
(5) The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of the County of Dinwiddie in substantially the form presented to this meeting.

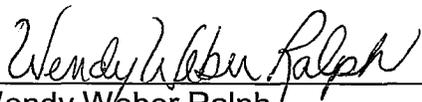
(6) The payment obligations the County of Dinwiddie pursuant to the provisions hereof and the Joint Powers Agreement shall be subject to annual appropriation of requisite funds therefore by the Board of Supervisors.

(7) This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption or passage.

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 8:14 P.M.


Edward A. Bracey, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: 
Wendy Weber Ralph
County Administrator

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