

VIRGINIA: AT THE CONTINUATION MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IN DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 2002, AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: EDWARD A. BRACEY, JR., CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #4
Arrived 5:13 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: PHYLLIS KATZ COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Edward A. Bracey, Jr., called the continuation meeting to order at 4:10 P.M.

IN RE: REVENUE RECOVERY WORK SESSION

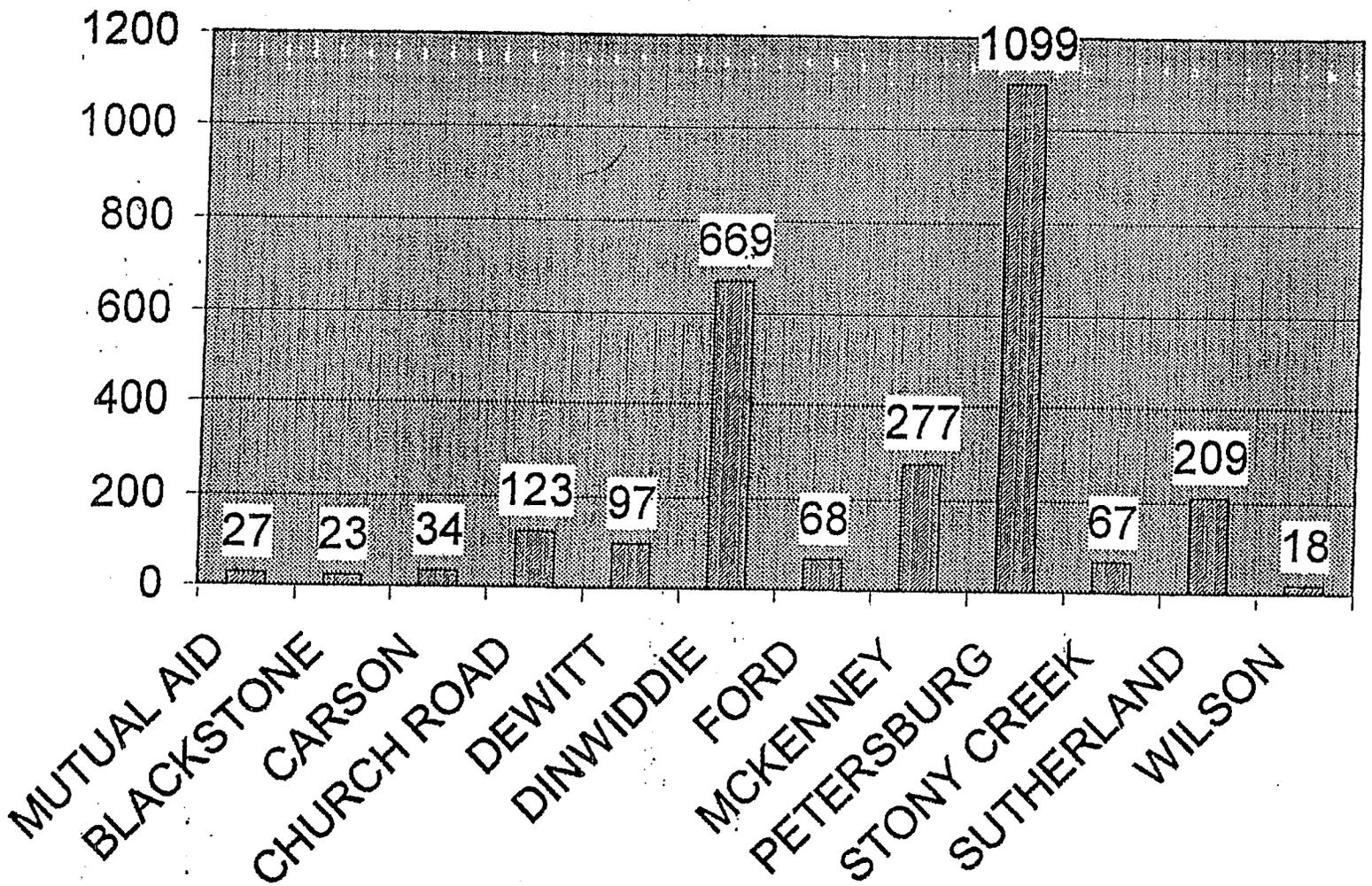
The County Administrator stated we are having the work session to supply the information and answers to the questions that were brought forth from previous meetings.

Mr. David Jolly, Director of Public Safety, presented the following information:

- The first item is the statistical data from both calendar year 2001 and 2002. I have enclosed, by location in the County, the distribution of calls for calendar year 2001. In addition, I have provided six months of data from 2002. Within this data, I broke the information down by time of day, day of week and where the transport unit has responded from to answer those calls. Lastly, I included a realistic run load by the four locations that we could run transport services from.

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Rescue Calls 2001



EMS Call Recap for January - June 2002

Day of Week	January-02	February-02	March-02	April-02	May-02	June-02	Total	%
Monday	30	40	25	32	37	27	191	13.83%
Tuesday	33	36	29	23	38	28	187	13.54%
Wednesday	23	37	23	49	46	27	205	14.84%
Thursday	40	29	27	31	37	24	188	13.61%
Friday	26	33	45	33	46	31	214	15.50%
Saturday	32	28	44	29	29	41	203	14.70%
Sunday	35	35	31	30	34	28	193	13.98%
Total for Month	219	238	224	227	267	206	1381	

Day Calls	139	153	136	124	158	119	829	60.03%
Night Calls	80	85	88	103	109	87	552	39.97%

Location call answered from							Total	%
Dinwiddie	144	167	147	161	175	131	925	66.98%
Ford	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0.36%
McKenney	11	5	3	3	5	3	30	2.17%
Namozine	49	58	67	48	73	64	359	26.00%
Dinwiddie Rescue	15	8	7	10	14	8	62	4.49%

Day calls are from 6:00 AM until 5:59 PM
 Night calls are from 6:00 PM until 5:59 AM

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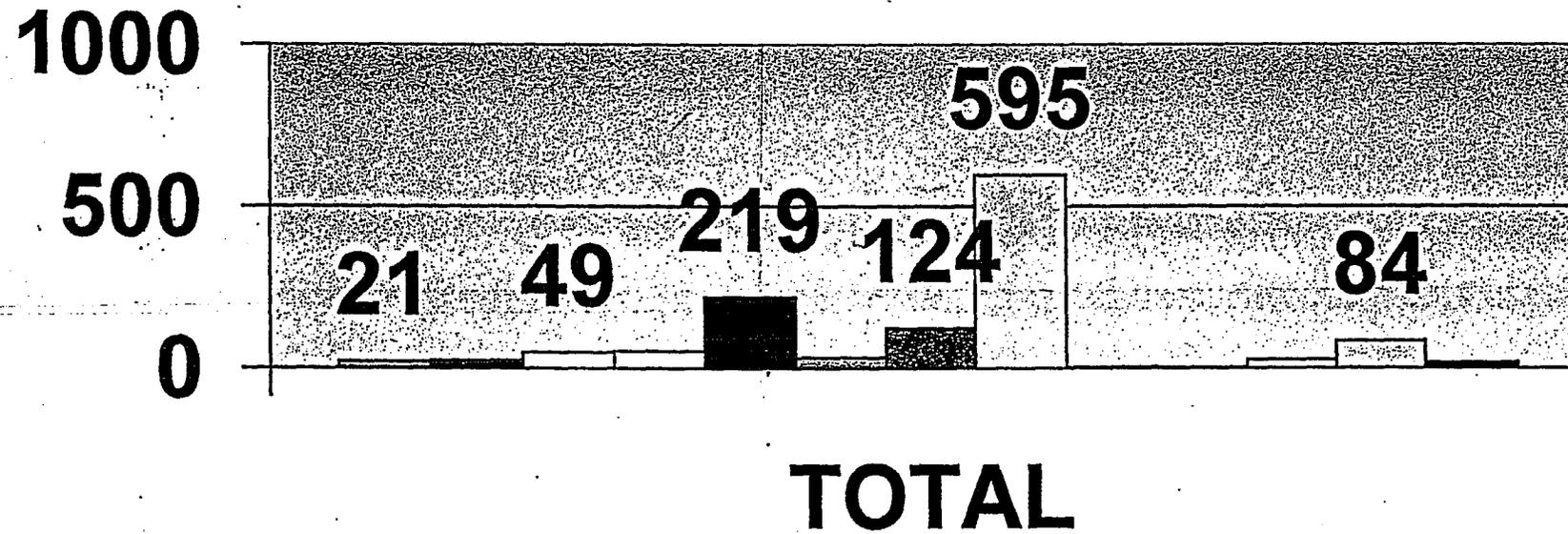
Blackstone	7	4	1	2	5	2		21
Carson	6	5	3	3	6	1		24
Church Road	9	14	5	10	8	3		49
Dewitt	8	5	5	12	11	12		53
Dinwiddie	32	48	25	35	46	33		219
Ford	7	4	2	6	7	7		33
McKenney	24	15	10	25	35	15		124
Petersburg	102	88	73	109	118	105		595
Prince George	0	1	1	1	1	0		4
Rawlings	0	0	1	0	0	0		1
Stony Creek	0	4	2	11	5	5		27
Sutherland	15	13	14	9	17	16		84
Wilsons	1	4	1	3	3	4		16

Breakdown of Calls by Areas of the County

January - June 2002

Dinwiddie Area		296	23.68%
Dinwiddie	219		
Dewitt	53		
Carson	24		
Namozine Area		641	51.28%
Petersburg	595		
Prince George	4		
1/2 of Sutherland	42		
Ford Area		161	12.88%
1/2 Sutherland	42		
Church Road	49		
Ford	33		
Wilson	16		
Blackstone	21		
McKenney Area		151	12.08%
McKenney	124		
Stony Creek	27		

CALLS BY AREA OF COUNTY JAN - JUNE 2002



■ Blackstone	■ Carson	□ Church Rd	□ Dewitt	■ Dinwiddie	■ Ford	■ McKenney
■ Petersburg	■ Prince George	■ Rawlings	□ Stony Creek	■ Sutherland	■ Wilsons	

At the conclusion, the Board asked for additional information to include statistics on the time of day the call was received, and define what hours are included in day and night. Mr. Bowman asked if we could contract with an outside vendor.

- The next section provides information on the ability to pay scale that has been developed. We have spoken to both Chesterfield and Colonial Heights. We have included a proposed chart and samples of several forms that we could use to develop the final format for an applicant to apply for hardship status.

CHESTERFIELD FIRE & EMS REVENUE RECOVERY ABILITY TO PAY SCALE

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME / FAMILY SIZE

DISC	Consumer Amount	Consumer Pymt. %	1	2	3	4	5	6 (Over)
	Enter Amount Owed							
0%	\$0.00	100%	25,500	34,200	42,900	51,600	60,300	69,000
5%	\$0.00	95%	24,500	32,900	41,300	49,700	58,000	66,400
10%	\$0.00	90%	23,600	31,600	39,700	47,700	55,800	63,800
15%	\$0.00	85%	22,600	30,300	38,000	45,800	53,500	61,200
20%	\$0.00	80%	21,700	29,000	36,400	43,800	51,200	58,600
25%	\$0.00	75%	20,700	27,800	34,800	41,900	48,900	56,000
30%	\$0.00	70%	19,700	26,500	33,200	39,900	46,700	53,400
35%	\$0.00	65%	18,800	25,200	31,600	38,000	44,400	50,800
40%	\$0.00	60%	17,800	23,900	30,000	36,000	42,100	48,200
45%	\$0.00	55%	16,900	22,600	28,300	34,100	39,800	45,600
50%	\$0.00	50%	15,900	21,300	26,700	32,200	37,600	43,000
55%	\$0.00	45%	14,900	20,000	25,100	30,200	35,300	40,400
60%	\$0.00	40%	14,000	18,700	23,500	28,300	33,000	37,800
65%	\$0.00	35%	13,000	17,400	21,900	26,300	30,800	35,200
70%	\$0.00	30%	12,000	16,200	20,300	24,400	28,500	32,600
75%	\$0.00	25%	11,100	14,900	18,600	22,400	26,200	30,000
80%	\$0.00	20%	10,100	13,600	17,000	20,500	23,900	27,400
85%	\$0.00	15%	9,200	12,300	15,400	18,500	21,700	24,800
90%	\$0.00	10%	8,200	11,000	13,800	16,600	19,400	22,200
95%	\$0.00	5%	7,200	9,700	12,200	14,600	17,100	19,600
99%	\$0.00	1%	6,280	8,420	10,560	12,700	14,840	16,980

It was pointed out that the questionnaire used by Chesterfield appears to be the simplest form to obtain the necessary income information. There was discussion about whether or not there would be any action pursued beyond the 3 invoices an individual would receive for services not covered by insurance. Up to this point, the position of the Board would be not to pursue collection of unpaid fees through a collection agency. It was decided that during the first year the issue would be evaluated and a decision on any further collection would be postponed until a later date.

Mr. Bracey stated since a person will now be paying for the service, will they be able to request the specific hospital or doctor to be transported to? Mr. Jolly stated the policy in effect now is to take the patient to the nearest medical facility. The purpose is to keep the ambulances in service in Dinwiddie County. If we have more than one ambulance in service and the provider feels like they can manage transporting the patient to the patient's requested hospital, then we will transport them to that facility. However, the insurance company is going to evaluate if that transport was medically necessary to a hospital other than the closest hospital.

- We have done the research on the subscription program and have included in the ordinance a proposed fee of \$59.00. Included in this section are the letter, brochure and sign-up forms from both Chesterfield and Colonial Heights. It is our recommendation to implement a subscription program that would be on an annual year, beginning January 1, 2003.
- Lastly, is the proposed ordinance for your consideration. After speaking with several different groups and jurisdictions we are proposing one fee for transport, \$385.00, instead of the original submittal of two fees. We believe this will simplify the process and make it better understood by both the citizens as well as providers.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY TO IMPOSE A FEE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TO AUTHORIZE FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH FEES

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has appropriated tax revenues for the provision of Emergency Medical Services to the residents of Dinwiddie County;

AND WHEREAS, many of such residents have health plans or insurance that covers the cost of such services;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes that the revenue recovery of the cost of such emergency medical services is in the best interests of all taxpayers of the County.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors under the authority granted to it under §32.1-111.14 of the Code of Virginia that as of _____, 2003, the following fees will be imposed for emergency medical services:

Basic and Advanced Life Support	\$385.00
EMS Transport	\$ 7.50 per mile from
patient pick-up to hospital	
Annual Subscription Fee	\$ 59.00

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the County Administrator is authorized to enter into a contract with Diversified Ambulance Billing, Inc. for the billing of such fees on behalf of the County.

It was the consensus of the Board members to go ahead with the Revenue Recovery public hearing on October 30, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. However, they requested that the Public Safety Director narrow down the peak periods of the evening in which EMS calls are made so a determination could be made whether or not to add another full time EMS crew.

IN RE: AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL STATE – REVENUE RECOVERY

The County Administrator stated a draft copy of the agreement with Central State for Revenue Recovery was enclosed in your packets. The purpose of the agreement is to provide emergency medical services to the Facilities' employees, patients, clients/residents, contractors, and visitors. The County will bill the third party payers of employees and patients who have coverage for the emergency transport services under rates established by the County. In return Central State agrees to pay a subscription fee based on an estimated number of patients who are not covered by Medicaid, Medicare, Private Insurance or other third party coverage (non-covered patients). The subscription fee per patient will be \$59 per person. This will be based on an estimated average annual campus census. The census will not include short-term jail transfers who normally stay less than one week. The current estimated number of long-term non-covered patients is 267. The County will bill the employees and visitors who are transported for emergency services and who have health care coverage the costs of the emergency transport not paid for by a third party payer. In addition, to the annual capitation rate, every six months beginning on January 1, 2003, the number of patient transports during the preceding six months or any portion thereof for which the costs of the transport were not reimbursed by a health care plan will be multiplied by the subscription fee of \$59 per patient. The amount of this calculation will be remitted to the County no later than forty-five days after the Facilities and the County agrees that calculation is correct. The County Administrator stated at this time we are asking for authorization to execute this agreement.

Upon Motion of Mr. Bowman, Seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey voting "Aye", the County Administrator was authorized to execute the agreement between the County and the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services for Emergency Medical Services.

IN RE: RECESS FOR DINNER

The Board took a recess for dinner from 6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

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

**Privacy of Individuals - §2.2-3711 A. 4 of the Code of Virginia –
County Citizen**

Mr. Haraway seconded the motion. Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey, voting "Aye", the Board moved into the Closed Meeting at 6:35 P.M.

A vote having been made and approved the meeting reconvened into Open Session at 6:46 P.M.

IN RE: CERTIFICATION

Whereas, this Board convened in a closed meeting under § 2.2-3711 A.4 – Privacy of Individuals - County Citizen

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. Moody, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey, voting "Aye", this Certification Resolution was adopted.

IN RE: DINWIDDIE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD - BUDGET

The Public Safety Director included a copy of the FY 2003 budget submitted by Dinwiddie Volunteer Rescue Squad in the Board packet. In keeping with the current policy, quarterly contributions would be re-instated for DVRS. After a brief discussion, the Board instructed staff to investigate the fuel usage compared to the number of calls being answered. The Board was also advised that DVRS was receiving a new ambulance.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

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

Personnel - §2.2-3711 A. 1 of the Code of Virginia – Candidates for Assistant County Administrator

Legal - §2.2-3711 A. 7 of the Code of Virginia – Litigation

Mr. Haraway seconded the motion. Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey, voting "Aye", the Board moved into the Closed Meeting at 6:50 P.M.

A vote having been made and approved the meeting reconvened into Open Session at 7:12 P.M.

IN RE: CERTIFICATION

Whereas, this Board convened in a closed meeting under § 2.2-3711 A.1 Personnel - Candidates for Assistant County Administrator; § 2.2-3711 A.7 – Legal – Litigation.

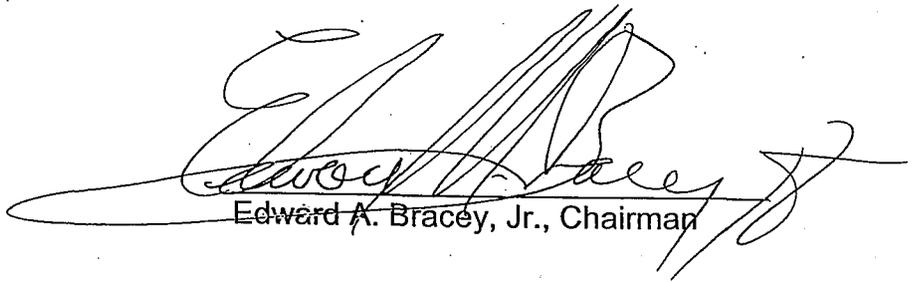
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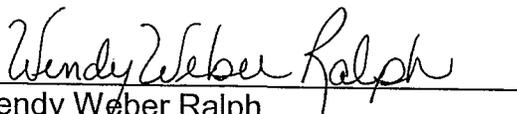
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Upon Motion of Mr. Clay, Seconded by Mr. Moody, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey, voting "Aye", this Certification Resolution was adopted.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon Motion of Mr. Clay, Seconded by Mr. Moody, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey voting "Aye", the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.


Edward A. Bracey, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: 
Wendy Weber Ralph
County Administrator

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