

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 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2002, AT 4:00 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

Mr. Edward A. Bracey, Jr., called the continuation meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – A-02-11 – REVENUE RECOVERY

This being the time and place as advertised in the Dinwiddie Monitor on October 16, 2002 and October 23, 2002, for the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia to conduct a Public Hearing to solicit public comments regarding the imposition of fees for the delivery of emergency medical services and transportation to hospitals.

The County Administrator stated we held one public hearing already and many work sessions to supply information and answers to the questions that were brought forth from the Board and concerned citizens. Mr. David Jolly, Director of Public Safety, is going to give a power point presentation and answer any further questions or concerns anyone might have. Mrs. Ralph pointed out that no action could be taken tonight because there are fees involved.

Mr. David Jolly, Director of Public Safety, came forward and gave the following Revenue Recovery power point presentation:

EMS Calls by Day of Week

January thru 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%

EMS Calls by Hour of Day

January thru June 2002

Time of Day	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total Calls	% of Total Calls
2400-0059	7	6	6	11	7	4	41	2.97%
0100-0159	4	5	10	4	8	2	33	2.39%
0200-0259	5	6	3	6	8	5	33	2.39%
0300-0359	3	3	3	4	7	6	26	1.88%
0400-0459*	0	3	5	3	10	3	24	1.74%
0500-0559	6	7	5	7	6	4	35	2.53%
0600-0659	7	3	10	4	7	8	39	2.82%
0700-0759	9	9	12	9	7	8	54	3.91%
0800-0859	13	7	14	17	11	9	71	5.14%
0900-0959	13	9	7	14	14	14	71	5.14%
1000-1059	16	14	15	9	13	10	77	5.58%
1100-1159	10	19	8	6	12	10	65	4.71%
1200-1259	7	21	13	12	19	8	80	5.79%
1300-1359	13	6	12	7	13	11	62	4.49%
1400-1459	14	13	15	13	15	7	77	5.58%
1500-1559	15	22	6	11	14	11	79	5.72%
1600-1659	11	12	13	10	14	8	68	4.92%
1700-1759**	11	18	11	12	19	15	86	6.23%
1800-1859	10	17	9	10	12	9	67	4.85%
1900-1959	5	7	10	13	12	14	61	4.42%
2000-2059	7	8	11	14	14	13	67	4.85%
2100-2159	10	10	13	17	9	6	65	4.71%
2200-2259	16	2	9	9	8	11	55	3.98%
2300-2359	7	11	4	5	8	10	45	3.26%

Total for Month	219	238	224	227	267	206	1381
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Highest Hour
Lowest Hour

Breakdown of EMS Calls by Postal Districts

January thru June 2002

	January	February	March	April	May	June	
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

Location where Ambulance Responded from

Location call answered from	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	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%

* Ford does not currently have an ambulance housed in their building

Revenue Recovery Key Points

- All billing for an ambulance transport will go to an individual's insurance company
- If an individual does not have insurance and/or the insurance company determines that the transport was not medically necessary, a bill will be sent to the individual.

Ability to Pay

DINWIDDIE 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

If a person is unable to pay the fee:

- Should contact billing company who will investigate the purpose of the bill to see that it has been filed properly,
- After review, if needed, will have the individual submit the information on the questionnaire and apply the sliding scale, if applicable.
- Will work with individual in setting up a payment plan.

Subscription Plan

- Plan will cost \$59 per year. The year will be from January to December.
- Will cover everyone in the household.
- Will cover all bills that are not covered by third party insurance.

Proposed Ordinance

Mr. Jolly stated lastly, is the proposed ordinance. 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.

These surrounding Cities and Counties have or are in the process of implementing Revenue Recovery.

- Colonial Heights
- Chesterfield County
- Southside Rescue – South Hill
- Petersburg
- Nottoway (Currently being implemented)

Mr. Jolly asked the Board members or citizens if they had any additional questions.

Mr. Bracey opened the public hearing.

The following citizens spoke in support of Revenue Recovery:

1. Robert Belcher, 26516 Flank Road, Petersburg, Virginia
2. Bill Van Gills, 16810 Wilkinson Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia
3. Danny Jarrell, 10084 Amber Drive, Virginia
4. Jennifer Reese, 20321 White Oak Road, Sutherland, Virginia

The following citizens spoke in opposition to the Revenue Recovery:

1. Sheri Roberts, 17314 Old Cryors Road, McKenney, Virginia
2. Junious W. Tucker, 20417 Depot Road, McKenney, Virginia

Mr. William Brown, 26016 Troublefield Road, stated a member of his church wants to know if he pays the \$59 subscription fee would that child who does not live in his house but he pays child support and carries them on his insurance policy be covered? Mr. Jolly replied he honestly did not know. But he did feel the subscription fee would cover only the household or address where the person lives. Mr. Jolly stated he would ask the subscription company and let him know.

Mrs. Anne Scarborough, Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia stated she felt \$7.50 per mile for transporting the patient to the hospital was too high, especially for the southern and western portions of the county. She commented that the Board should reduce the mileage cost to the citizens. Are we going to be hiring personnel with ALS training or will we have to pay to train them? Mr. Jolly stated the county has: 8 Full-time providers, 5 Paramedics 3 Cardiac Technicians; 18 Part-time providers, 5 Paramedics, 6 Cardiac Technicians, and 7 Basic EMT's for a total of 26 providers. The full-time units always have an ALS provider.

Mr. Bracey closed the public hearing.

He asked the Board if they had any comments or questions.

Mr. Moody commented he felt the \$7.50 per mile for transport was rather high too. Mr. Jolly stated we derived that amount from the billing company. That is what Medicaid pays for transporting patients. He asked if the County or the

Billing Company would send out the Subscription information to the citizens? Mr. Jolly stated the County would send that information out. Mr. Moody asked if the \$59 subscription fee would cover the \$7.50 mileage fee? Mr. Jolly replied yes.

Mr. Haraway stated under paragraph 3 of the Revenue Recovery Recap that he received 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? One of the responses was, 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. Mr. Haraway commented he felt our purpose should be to keep the ambulances in service in Dinwiddie County. Private companies can be hired to transport patients to other facilities. Mr. Jolly interjected the rest of the paragraph also addressed that issue which was the policy will remain the same, which is to take the patient to the nearest medical facility. The purpose is to keep the ambulances in service in Dinwiddie County. The insurance company is going to evaluate if that transport was medically necessary to a hospital other than the closest hospital.

Mr. Clay stated he felt the patients should be taken to the nearest hospital.

Mr. Bracey pointed out that there are a lot of people in the Bolster Store area who use the hospital in Emporia, which is closer to them than Southside Regional. Would they be taken to Emporia or Southside Regional? Mr. Jolly replied the south side of Route 40 is the cut-off point for the determination now.

Mr. Bracey remarked Revenue Recovery would be on the agenda for the meeting November 6, 2002 for action to be taken.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon Motion of Mr. Moody, Seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey voting "Aye", the meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M. to be continued to Wednesday, November 6, 2002, at 5:30 P.M. in the Multi-purpose Room for a closed session for acquisition of property, and at 6:30 P.M. there will be a work session with VDOT to discuss the six-year plan in the Board Meeting Room.

Edward A. Bracey, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Wendy Weber Ralph
County Administrator

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