

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY HELD AT THE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING OF SAID COUNTY ON THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 1973 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT: M. I. HARGRAVE, JR., CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #4
S. E. WINN, VICE CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #1
R. H. RUNDLE ELECTION DISTRICT #2
G. A. CROWDER ELECTION DISTRICT #3
T. H. TUNSTALL ELECTION DISTRICT #5

B. M. HEATH SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
J. F. ANDREWS COMMONWEALTH'S
ATTORNEY

Due to the large crowd in attendance, the Chairman, M. I. Hargrave, Jr., ordered the meeting transferred to the Circuit Courtroom in the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. in the Courthouse.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Tunstall, seconded by Mr. Winn, all members voting "aye", the minutes of the April 4th meeting were approved as presented.

IN RE: 1973 REASSESSMENT COMPLAINTS

A group of County citizens numbering approximately 150, appeared before the Board to express their dissatisfaction with the recently completed reassessment of real estate in Dinwiddie County.

Several people spoke about the appraisals on their property being too high. But the main concern of most of the citizens present was that the land of the large timber companies was not appraised on the same schedule that individual property owners' land was appraised. On numerous occasions it was pointed out that the property of large timber companies was appraised a great deal lower than adjoining property, even though the timber was very much in the same stage of growth.

Mr. Hargrave, Chairman, explained that the appraisal made on the timber company's land was done by Mr. Jack Russell, who was sent out from Richmond to assist the regular assessor, Mr. John T. Martin. All of the Board members stated they were not aware of the iniquities of the appraisal, especially concerning the appraisal of the timber company's land. It was the Board's desire, and certainly the Board of Assessor's desire to have a reassessment that was fair and equal to all.

The following people spoke relative to the reassessment and registered their complaints. Mr. Robert Ragsdale, Mr. J. E. Williams, Mr. J. P. Gilliam, Mr. L. A. Inge, Mr. James M. Thrower, Mr. Floyd Abernathy, Mr. John Ragsdale, Mr. J. E. Edwards, Mr. Robert Ritchie, Mr. Charlie Hawkins, Mr. Terry Speights, Mr. Tommy Oliver, Mr. Hugh Smith, Mr. Garland Watkins, former member of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Ed Dancy, Mr. B. Z. Clarke, Jr., Mr. Edward Boswell, Mr. Willard Walker, and Mrs. James M. Thrower.

The Chairman asked the Commonwealth's Attorney to find out what the Board's position is on this reassessment, and what action the Board could take to correct any iniquities in the appraisal.

After further discussion, Mr. Tunstall moved, Mr. Winn, seconded and all members of the Board voted "aye", that a careful and detailed investigation of the iniquities that exist in the 1973 reassessment of the real estate in Dinwiddie County be investigated by the Commonwealth's Attorney and include in this investigation the reason why Mr. Jack Russell was dismissed from his job of assisting Mr. John T. Martin in appraising the property in Dinwiddie County.

Mr. Hargrave recessed the meeting at 9:50 and reconvened the meeting at 10:10 P.M.

IN RE: CLAIMS

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Crowder, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Tunstall, Mr. Winn and Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", it is ordered by the Board that the accounts against the following funds for the month of March 1973, be issued payable out of the respective accounts. General Fund - Checks numbering 73- through 73- amounting to

IN RE: LINE OF DUTY ACT

At the last Board meeting, on April 4th, the County Administrator had presented to the Board a copy of the Line of Duty Act that came into effect in 1972.

This act would pay to the beneficiary of a rescue squadman or fireman \$10,000.00 upon the death of a volunteer fireman or rescue squadman. In order for this benefit to accrue to these volunteers, the Board of Supervisors must designate in an ordinance the volunteer groups that represent the County.

The Board stated that they had read this over and felt that it was beneficial to Dinwiddie County to have such an ordinance.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Tunstall, all members voting "aye", the Commonwealth's Attorney and the County Administrator were instructed to draw up an ordinance putting into effect the Line of Duty Act in Dinwiddie County.

IN RE: MANDATORY CONNECTION RESOLUTION - DINWIDDIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. M. G. Rainey, Jr., Chairman, and Mr. Robert Ritchie, Director, of the Dinwiddie County Water Authority, presented to the Board of Supervisors the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY DINWIDDIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY:

1. It is hereby found and determined that there are no public water or sewerage facilities in the service area of the Authority, that portions of the service area have been and are being developed for residential and commercial purposes using individual wells for domestic water and individual septic tanks or outdoor privies for sewage disposal, that a number of such wells have been found to be contaminated, that wells which are not contaminated frequently fail to produce water of acceptable quality or adequate quantity for domestic use, that by virtue of soil conditions many septic tanks do not function properly, that outdoor privies are an unsatisfactory means of sewage disposal under any conditions and that the public health and welfare of the inhabitants of the service area require that all building for residential, commercial or industrial use having access to the public water and sewerage facilities of the Authority be required to be connected to and use such facilities. It is further found and determined that the only practical way to finance needed public water and sewerage facilities is to require maximum use thereof.

2. The owner, tenant or occupant of any building used for residential, commercial or industrial purposes located on land abutting upon a street or other public way containing a water line or sanitary sewer of the Authority at a distance of not more than 300 feet from such building shall connect such building to such water line or sanitary sewer as soon as the same are available for use and shall cease to use any other source of water supply for domestic use or any other method of sewage disposal.

3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be presented forthwith to the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County which is hereby requested to concur with the requirement for mandatory water and sewer connection set forth herein.

Mr. Rundle said he was under the impression that an exemption for hardship would be included in this resolution. The Commonwealth's Attorney, Mr. James F. Andrews, told the Board if they would give him what exemptions they wanted, he would be glad to include them in the resolution.

A number of people present were prepared to speak against this mandatory connection resolution.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Crowder, all members voting "aye", the Board of Supervisors agreed to hold the regular scheduled May 16th meeting of the Board of Supervisors in the Dinwiddie High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. to consider the resolution for mandatory connection presented by the Dinwiddie County Water Authority and further that this meeting be properly advertised.

Mr. Hargrave declared a recess at 11:08. The meeting reconvened at 11:13 P.M.

IN RE: W. M. LEONARD BOAT RAMP LAKE CHESDIN

Mr. W. M. Leonard, operator of Leonard's Marina, complained to the Board that there were not any sanitary facilities at the boat ramp owned by the State Department of Game and Inland Fisheries located on Lake Chesdin. He stated that before he could open for business he was required to construct shower and restroom facilities and he felt the State should be required to do the same thing.

Mr. Hargrave told Mr. Leonard that the County has been trying for sometime to get the State to comply with the agreement made between the Board of Supervisors and the Commission of Game & Inland Fisheries to provide a concession stand and sanitary facilities there at the boat ramp on Lake Chesdin. The boat ramp area has become a disgrace not only to the Commission of Game & Inland Fisheries, but to the County of Dinwiddie.

The County Administrator informed the Board that he had discussed the situation with Mr. Jack Hoffman earlier in the day. Mr. Hoffman stated that the Commission was hiring an engineer who would be coming to work May 1st, and this would be the first project he would work on. Of course, the County had on numerous occasions, both by telephone and by letter, been informed that this project would soon be strated.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Crowder, all members voting "aye", the Board of Supervisors directed the County Administrator to inform the Commission of Game & Inland Fisheries that within the next 30 days work should be begun on providing proper sanitary facilities and a concession building for the boat ramp on Lake Chesdin, and further, if, this wasn't done, that they would request that the boat ramp facilities be closed.

IN RE: 1973-74 SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET

Mr. T. W. Newsom, Superintendent Schools, presented to the Board of Supervisors the budget for the year 1973-74.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Crowder, all members voting "aye", the Board acknowledged receipt of this budget.

Mr. Newsom asked that the Board approved the entire budget, but if they were not in a position to do so tonight, he would like very much for them to approve the salary scale so that contracts for teachers for the next school year may be drawn up.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Winn, all members voting "aye", the proposed salary scale ranging from \$7,400.00 to \$10,600.00 in 15 steps was approved as a minimum scale with the Board having the option to raise this amount if they saw fit to do so.

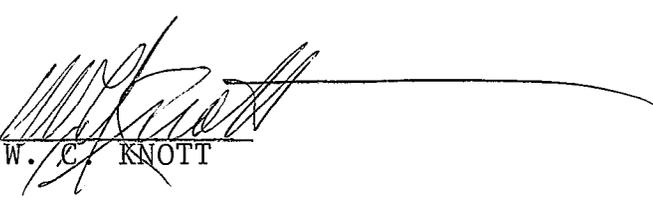
IN RE: HIGHWAY PROJECT BRIDGE OVER SEABOARD COASTLINE RAILROAD
ON ROUTE 619

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Tunstall, all members voting "aye", the Board of Supervisors endorsed the construction of a bridge over the Seaboard Coastline Railroad on Route 619.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board the meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight.


MILTON T. HARGRAVE, JR., CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


W. C. KNOTT