

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY HELD AT THE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING OF SAID COUNTY ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY 1973 AT 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: M. I. HARGRAVE, JR., CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #4  
R. H. RUNDLE ELECTION DISTRICT #2  
G. A. CROWDER ELECTION DISTRICT #3  
T. H. TUNSTALL ELECTION DISTRICT #5  
C. L. MITCHELL SHERIFF

ABSENT: S. E. WINN, VICE CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #1  
J. F. ANDREWS COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Tunstall, all members present voting "aye", the minutes of the April 18th meeting were approved as presented.

IN RE: PAYMENT OF SALARIES & DOG CLAIMS

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Tunstall, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Tunstall, Mr. Crowder and Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", it is ordered by the Board that the accounts against the following funds for the month of April 1973, be issued payable out of the respective accounts. General Fund - Checks numbering 73-519 through 73-588 amounting to \$16,119.70. Dog Fund - Checks numbering D-73-29 through D-73-37 amounting to \$703.83.

IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. James L. Blaha, Building Inspector, presented his report for the month of April 1973.

IN RE: TREASURER

Mr. F. E. Jones, Treasurer, presented his report for the month of April 1973.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Mrs. King B. Talley, Director Department of Social Services presented to the Board Mr. Robert C. Douglas, a new social worker with her organization.

IN RE: SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. T. W. Newsom, Superintendent Schools, gave a brief summary of the 1973-74 school budget. In response to questioning from the Board, he stated that there were no funds in this budget for the Vocational School. He did not anticipate any need for funds during the next fiscal year because he did not feel the Vocational School would progress to that point.

IN RE: COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Mr. R. W. Bridgman, Commissioner of the Revenue, presented to the Board of Supervisors, the final figures from the 6 year reassessment concluded April 30, 1973. Mr. Bridgman's report showed that real estate in the County was appraised at \$123,237,575.00.

The Board of Supervisors has applied a 20% assessed value on this real estate and this figure is \$24,647,515.00. The Board has yet to determine the tax rate for this 1973 tax year.

IN RE: REASSESSMENT INVESTIGATION - COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

At the last Board meeting on April 18th., the Board had asked the Commonwealth's Attorney, through a resolution, to investigate the eniquities in the recently completed reassessment and why Mr. Jack Russell was fired or left the employment of the State Taxation Department. Mr. James F. Andrews, Commonwealth's Attorney, was unable to be at this Board meeting, due to the fact that he was in court, therefore, the Chairman of the Board asked the County Administrator to read the following letter from Mr. Andrews:

"This is to comply with your directive of April 18th, that I report concerning apparent inconsistencies in the current real estate reassessment.

The disparities between the appraisals of lands belonging to individuals and to certain timber corporations came to the attention of the Board of Assessors only a few days ago. As you know, Mr. Martin handled the bulk of the appraisals for the Board. However, a Mr. Russell, who was Mr. Martin's field supervisors, was here during a part of last year to assist. Not only did Mr. Russell appraise a considerable amount of the corporate timberland, but the Board discovered that he had reworked the cards on appraisals of such land which Mr. Martin had done. Moreover, they found that he had disregarded the guideline of acreage values which they had established and had set up his own lower values. (Mr. Russell is no longer with the Department of Taxation, having resigned for personal reasons.)

The Board has now undertaken to review all the appraisals of the corporate timberland owners and seem confident that they can bring them in line before their report is submitted on April 30th!"

/s/ James F. Andrews

IN RE: Mr. A. W. Chappell, Sr., Mr. Robert Ragsdale, and Mr. Hugh Smith, appeared to discuss the recent reassessment with the Board of Supervisors. The Board was in agreement that if there were enough complaints from the citizens of the County, they would request that the Circuit Court Judge appoint a Board of Equalization.

IN RE: DOG WARDEN

Mr. A. W. Chappell presented his report for the month of April 1973.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Crowder, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Tunstall and Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the claim of Mr. A. R. Wells for 13 pigs, \$216.00 was approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Tunstall, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Tunstall, Mr. Crowder and Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the claim of Mr. A. M. Moody for one heifer, \$200.00 was approved.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Mr. R. V. Lancaster, III and Mr. B. C. Medlock, representing the Department of Highways, appeared before the Board to discuss road matters.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Crowder, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Tunstall, Mr. Hargrave, voting "aye", the Board agreed to go into executive session immediately following this meeting to discuss pending litigation against the Board of Supervisors and to work on the budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Tunstall, all members voting "aye", the meeting adjourned at 3:13 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
W. C. KNOTT

MILTON I. HARGRAVE, JR., CHAIRMAN