

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE COURTROOM, DINWIDDIE COURTHOUSE DINWIDDIE, VIRGINIA ON THE 15TH DAY OF MAY 1974 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT: M. I. HARGRAVE, JR., CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #3  
S. E. WINN, VICE CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #1  
G. A. CROWDER ELECTION DISTRICT #2  
R. H. RUNDLE ELECTION DISTRICT #2  
T. H. TUNSTALL ELECTION DISTRICT #4  
C. L. MITCHELL SHERIFF  
J. F. ANDREWS COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Winn, all members voting "aye", the minutes of the May 1, 1974 meeting were approved as presented.

IN RE: CLAIMS

Upon motion of Mr. Winn, seconded by Mr. Tunstall, Mr. Winn, Mr. Tunstall, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", it is ordered by the Board that the accounts against the following funds for the month of April 1974, be issued payable out of the respective accounts. General Fund - Checks numbering 74-620 through 74-708 amounting to \$11,961.98. LEAA Grant Fund - Check number 74-1 amounting to \$1,606.85. Revenue Sharing Fund Checks numbering RS-74-9 amounting to \$11,312.50.

IN RE: PRESENTATION OF 1974-75 BUDGET

The County Administrator presented to the Board of Supervisors a budget for the fiscal year 1974-75, totaling \$7,019,152.00. He reviewed with the Board the categories in which major increases and expenses occurred. In order to balance this budget, a tax rate increase from \$3.00 per \$100.00 assessed value to \$3.70 per \$100.00 assessed value was needed. At the conclusion of his presentation, the County Administrator asked the Board of Supervisors to authorize the advertisement of this proposed budget and proposed tax rate.

Mr. Rundle and Mr. Hargrave outlined various aspects of the budget including the amount of surplus anticipated at the end of this fiscal year, \$250,000.00. Both stated there was a possibility that the tax rate could be reduced provided some of the surplus was used in the next fiscal year budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Tunstall, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Tunstall, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Winn, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the County Administrator was instructed to advertise the proposed 1974-75 fiscal year budget as presented and the tax rate of \$3.70 per \$100.00 assessed value.

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IN RE: PRESENTATION BY RECREATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Mr. Bill Trinkle, Chairman of the Dinwiddie County Recreation Study Committee presented to the Board information that his committee had secured through surveys and research. He then presented Mr. Bill Morgan, a member of the recreation study committee, who discussed in detail the committee's report to the Board.

Both Mr. Trinkle and Mr. Morgan suggested that the committee be desolved and an advisory committee appointed. The Board was of the opinion that these members of the study committee had gained valuable experience and they should be retained on any future recreation committee.

Mr. Trinkle, Mr. Morgan and the Board discussed at length how best the County should participate in a recreation program for this coming summer.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Crowder, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Winn, Mr. Tunstall, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the Board of Supervisors established a recreation program for the coming summer months under the following guidelines:

1. The School Board would be the agency of the County that would supervise this summer recreational program.

2. Money appropriated would go to the School Board for disbursement at their discretion.

3. Any improvements made to recreational facilities at schools would be approved by the School Board.

4. An amount of \$6,000.00 plus the salary of a director of recreation is appropriated for the period May 15 to July 1, 1974.

5. The Board of Supervisors has included in its budget for the 1974-75 fiscal year, \$10,000.00 for recreation programs.

IN RE: DISCUSSION OF DOG SITUATION IN THE COUNTY

At the previous meeting, the Board of Supervisors had decided to set aside a large portion of the May 15th meeting to discuss the dog situation that exists in Dinwiddie County, and to ask the citizens of the County to come forth and state their reasons for (1) Supporting the present ordinance that allows dogs to run free throughout the County, or (2) To designate areas in the County that dogs are to be restricted, or (3) To restrict dogs throughout the entire County.

Several people spoke in favor of confinement of dogs, in particular sections of the County and others spoke against confining dogs at all. Mrs. Ann Scarborough outlined several conditions that the Board should consider if it decided to confine dogs, and several regardless if they decided to confine or let them continue to roam. At the completion of the discussion, a show of hands indicated that 23 were against confining dogs at all. Seventeen were in favor of restricting the number of dogs to two that were allowed in populated areas. Seven people voted in favor of confinement to designated areas.

Several meetings back, the SPCA had submitted to the Board, rules that they desired the Dinwiddie County Dog Warden to abide by. The Board thought most of them were reasonable, and suggested that the SPCA and the Dog Warden come to some agreement on abiding by these rules. Mr. Kerry L. Giannotti, representing the Dinwiddie SPCA, stated that the Dog Warden was not abiding by the rules that the SPCA had submitted to the Board and that he was not abiding by the animals and fowl ordinance of Dinwiddie County. In addition to these violations he cited the inhumane treatment of dogs by the Dog Warden. At the conclusion of his remarks, he asked that the Board of Supervisors demand the resignation of the Dog Warden. The Chairman responded by stating that the accusations made by Mr. Giannotti would be discussed and appropriate action taken.

At the conclusion of the dog discussion, the Chairman declared a ten minute recess at 10:30 P.M.

IN RE: LEW JONES VILLAGE SUBDIVISION WATER SYSTEM

At the last Board meeting, Mr. Carl Mason, developer of Lew Jones Village Subdivision, appeared before the Board to request that he be granted permission to install a water system in his subdivision. He presented the plans and specifications of his water system, along with a letter from Mr. W. Allen Carter, Branch Manager of VACO Inc. in South Hill stating the system was adequate. The Board of Supervisors indicated they wished their engineering firm of R. Stuart Royer & Associates to review this water system to determine if it met the standards that the Board must use as stated in 15.1-343 of the Code of Virginia. Mr. Mason told the Board that the State Health Department would review this system and he felt that that was sufficient to meet the County's standards. The Board instructed the County Administrator to consult the State Health Department to find out how

extensive their review would be and if they would satisfy the County's requirements.

The Chairman called upon the County Administrator to advise the Board of his findings. The County Administrator told the Board that he had talked with Mr. Underhill of the State Health Department and he assured him that the State Health Department not only would look at this water system from the sanitary stand point, but also at the adequacy of the pumps, pipes and well capacity.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Winn, all members voting "aye", the water system to be installed in the Lew Jones Subdivision was approved in accordance with Section 15.1-341 and 343 of the Code of Virginia.

IN RE: LEW JONES VILLAGE SUBDIVISION SEWER SYSTEM

The County Administrator advised the Board that Mr. Mason desired to put a central sewer system in his subdivision. Since the Farmer's Home Administration was financing the bulk of the construction in Mr. Mason's subdivision, that they needed a resolution from the Board stating the Board's concurrence with the installation of a central sewer system in Lew Jones Village Subdivision.

Upon motion of Mr. Tunstall, seconded by Mr. Winn, all members voting "aye", the Board agreed that it would be beneficial to all if Mr. Mason would install a central sewer system in Lew Jones Village Subdivision and instructed the County Administrator to convey this resolution to the Farmer's Home Administration and Mr. Mason.

IN RE: CONSTRUCTION OF DOG POUND

The Board, having heard this evening several comments about the lack of adequate facilities in Dinwiddie County to house dogs picked up by the Warden, discussed the matter of constructing a dog pound. The money budgeted for the pound was in the coming fiscal year, but it was thought that work should begin now on assembling information that would lead to bids being accepted.

Upon motion of Mr. Tunstall, seconded by Mr. Winn, all members voting "aye", the County Administrator was authorized to proceed with securing information about the location, design and approximate cost of a dog pound.

IN RE: DISCUSSION OF SPCA CHARGES WITH DOG WARDEN

The Board felt that the matter regarding the SPCA charges against the Dog Warden should be discussed this evening and all means taken to resolve the differences. Some of the charges against Mr. Chappell are as follows:

1. Disposing of dogs by shooting them rather than giving them nebutal injections.
2. Not keeping dogs the proper length of time before disposing of them.
3. The dog pound presently provided by the County and maintained by Mr. Chappell was not adequate.
4. That Mr. Chappell had not contacted the SPCA about dogs available for adoption.
5. That the Dog Warden treated dogs in an inhumane manner.

Mr. Chappell responded to the Board by stating that he had talked with several veterinarians and that disposing of dogs by shooting them was the most humane way to do so. His experience with giving them an injection was that the dog did not die immediately and some lingered for as long as 15 to 20 minutes. He realized the dog pound was not adequate and he was glad to see the Board take action to construct a new one. In addition, Mr. Chappell stated he would be more than happy to have the Board instruct him not to shoot any more dogs.

There ensued a long discussion in which the Board of Supervisors reviewed with Mr. Chappell his responsibilities. The Commonwealth's Attorney reviewed the State Code and the County Ordinance relative to complaints registered by the SPCA and by other citizens attending tonight's meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Winn, seconded by Mr. Crowder, all members voting "aye", the Board of Supervisors instructed Mr. Chappell to follow the Code of Virginia and the Ordinance of Dinwiddie County in carrying out his duties as Dog Warden, and gave him the following additional instructions.

1. The Dog Warden shall not shoot any more dogs after capture.

2. The Dog Warden shall list and describe each dog captured, pass the information on to the County Administrator's Office and the County Administrator will have the SPCA come in and pick up this list.

3. Dogs shall not be disposed of after being retained the proper period of time by shooting. The County Administrator shall contact the SPCA to arrange with them disposal of dogs. If this is not satisfactory, then the County Administrator shall seek other means of disposing of dogs.

And further, (1) The Commonwealth's Attorney shall furnish to the Dog Warden and the Board of Supervisors appropriated State Laws and County Ordinances regarding dogs.

(2) The County Administrator shall obtain information on a tranquilizer gun.

(3) The County Administrator shall send to the SPCA a copy of that portion of tonight's Board minutes that pertained to the dog situation.

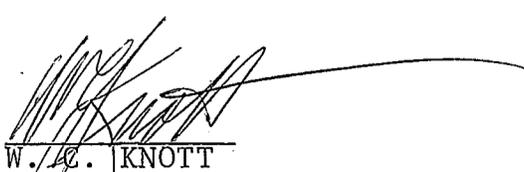
IN RE: COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Mr. R. W. Bridgman advised the Board that he would be attending a meeting on June 6th to discuss mobilehome taxation. He asked the Board to give him any comments they might have by the June 5th Board meeting.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Winn, seconded by Mr. Crowder, all members voting "aye", the meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
W. C. KNOTT

  
M. I. WARGRAVE JR., CHAIRMAN