

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, DINWIDDIE, VIRGINIA ON THE 4TH DAY OF JUNE 1975 AT 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: M. I. HARGRAVE, JR., CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #3  
G. S. BENNETT, JR., VICE CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #1  
L. A. HODNETT ELECTION DISTRICT #2  
R. H. RUNDLE ELECTION DISTRICT #2  
A. S. CLAY ELECTION DISTRICT #4  
J. F. ANDREWS COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY  
ABSENT: C. L. MITCHELL SHERIFF

IN RE: MINUTES MAY 21, 1975

Upon motion of Mr. Hodnett, seconded by Mr. Rundle, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the minutes of the May 21st meeting were approved as presented.

IN RE: CLAIMS

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", be it ordered by the Board that the accounts against the following funds for the month of May 1975, be issued payable out of the respective accounts. General Fund - Checks numbering 75-718 through 75-780 amounting to \$20,072.73. Dog Fund - Checks numbering D-75-69 through D-75-81 amounting to \$1,400.74. Revenue Sharing - Check number RS-75-14 amounting to \$145.00.

IN RE: SALARY OF ELECTORAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Hargrave stated that the 1974 General Assembly required the County to pay the registrar and the electoral board salaries that were a great deal more than had been paid by the County in the past. In addition, the State said they would reimburse the counties for the salaries paid the registrar and the electoral board. The state has not funded the reimbursement for the electoral board members salaries, but has funded the reimbursement of the registrar's salaries. Mr. Hargrave requested the County Administrator to find out if the County was required to pay the electoral board the amount stated by the General Assembly, if they were not going to reimburse the counties.

IN RE: COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Mr. R. W. Bridgman asked the Board to consider his suggestion to attach a \$2.00 minimum and a \$10.00 maximum on personal property taxes filed after May 1st of each year. He feels this would generate an effort by the citizens to file on time, and certainly reduce the work load of the office of the Commissioner of the Revenue. The Board instructed Mr. Bridgman to check with the Commonwealth's Attorney as to the legality of such a proposal and submit more detailed information for the Board's review.

IN RE: TREASURER

Mr. F. E. Jones presented his report for the month of May 1975.

Mr. Hargrave expressed concern about the amount of cash in the County's checking account available for deposit to earn interest. He suggested that if all departments could furnish Mr. Jones with a monthly expenditure report in advance, Mr. Jones could better utilize these funds on hand. Mr. Jones agreed that the departmental expenditures usually remain stable and such reports would be helpful. The

Board approved, and the chairman then instructed the County Administrator to communicate such a procedure to the departments involved.

IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. James L. Blaha presented his report for the month of May 1975.

IN RE: DOG WARDEN

Mr. G. T. Hughes presented his report for the month of May 1975.

IN RE: SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. T. W. Newsom stated that the school session was closing today, and it had been a good year.

He would have a financial report for the Board at a later meeting.

IN RE: DIRECTOR OF WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Robert Ritchie advised that the water and sewer situation was about the same as reported last month. He stated that the plans were still with the Health Department and he hoped to be soon hearing from the Farmer's Home Administration.

IN RE: FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

Mrs. Margaret Jones, Director, appeared before the Board to present an up to date review on the Foster Grandparent Program. She thanked the Supervisors for their generous support in the past and hoped it would continue. She felt that the actual grandparents involved could best present the program and its benefits. Mrs. Azzie Jones and Mrs. Mattie Parker gave an account of their participation in the program and stated how grateful they were for the County's support.

IN RE: DISTRICT 19 MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION

Mrs. Nancy Martin, one of two representatives from Dinwiddie County to the District 19 Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board and Dinwiddie County's representative to the Southside Area Mental Hygiene Clinic, appeared to present a review of the program's progress and request the Board's approval to submit an application for state funding.

Mr. Doug Leavell, Director, Mrs. Audrey Mitchell, Executive Director, Mr. George Robinson, the County's other representative on the District 19 Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board and Mr. Chuck Bowden, Director of the Southside Area Mental Hygiene Clinic also were present to answer any questions.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the following resolution was adopted:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, that in accordance with Chapter 10 Title 37.1-198 of the Code of Virginia, approval is granted to the Planning District 19 Community Health and Mental Retardation Board to seek funding for the following services:

1. Administration
2. Developmental Activity Center operation by Petersburg Association for Retarded Citizens.

3. Mobilizer/Advocate Project operated jointly by the Sussex Association for Retarded Citizens, and the Greensville-Emporia Association for Retarded Citizens.

4. Southside Shelter Workshop Inc.

5. Work Activity Center operated by the Greensville-Emporia Association for Retarded Citizens.

IN RE: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Mrs. King B. Talley appeared before the Board to present 4 State Local Hospitalization applications. She also stated that a 24 hour duty to receive child abuse calls had been started in accordance with State requirements effective June 1, 1975.

Mrs. Talley then asked the Board to consider the Department's recommendation that the SLH funds be used for family planning purposes without strict adherence to the State income level. This was suggested since income levels were the only measure they had for financial eligibility but frequently it was not a realistic measure for a family's resources.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the SLH applications of Samuel Mason and Steven Cudjoe were denied. Mrs. Talley recommended denial.

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the SLH applications of Barbara Winbush and Etta Prosis were approved. Mrs. Talley recommended approval.

Mr. Bennett felt that an income level cut off on SLH applications should be established. Mrs. Talley suggested drawing up a minimum-maximum range of income levels. The Board agreed, and the Chairman instructed Mrs. Talley to proceed with her suggestion.

IN RE: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. R. V. Lancaster, III, Resident Engineer, appeared before the Board to discuss any problems or needs of the Supervisors.

The traffic hazards at the Intersection of Route U. S. 1 and Route 670 and the Intersection of Route 1 and 460 were again brought to the attention of the Highway Department. It was the Board's feeling that these areas constituted a major traffic problem and felt a revaluation was necessary.

Upon motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rundle, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the Board requested the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation to reevaluate the placement of warning lights at the Intersection of Route 460 and U. S. 1, and the placement of identification markers at the Intersection of Route 1 and 670.

Mr. Hargrave asked Mr. Lancaster to have the Highway Department examine the blind curve on the left of Route 626, just north of its intersection with Route 734. In response to Mr. Bennett's inquiry, Mr. Lancaster stated that the priority for paving unpaved roads was determined by the traffic count every two years. This traffic count was now being conducted in Dinwiddie County and the results should be available this fall.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF MR. H. L. CLAY, AND THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. E. B. TITMUS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

The terms on the School Board of Mr. G. C. Martin, District #2 and Mr. E. B. Titmus, District #1, expire June 30, 1975. The Board must reappoint these two men or appoint two new people for a term of 4 years.

The following people spoke in favor of reappointing Mr. G. C. Martin: Mr. Neal A. Barnes, Mrs. Polly Thrower, Mrs. Polly Winfield, Mr. Robert Ritchie, Mr. A. J. Eubank.

It was the feeling of Mr. Hodnett and Mr. Rundle, who represent District #2, that there was a need for a change. There was some sentiment among those people in attendance that the decision on the reappointment of Mr. Martin be delayed until the June 18th meeting. The chairman responded by saying that all Board members had agreed that this item be placed upon the agenda for this Board meeting and it was his feeling, and he felt the feeling of the other Board members, that it would cause less turmoil by concluding this matter at this Board meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Hodnett, seconded by Mr. Rundle, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Bennett voting "aye", Mr. Clay and Mr. Hargrave voting "nay", Mr. H. L. Clay was appointed to the School Board from District #2 for a term of 4 years expiring June 30, 1979.

Upon motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", Mr. E. B. Titmus was reappointed to the School Board from District #1 for a term of 4 years expiring June 30, 1979.

IN RE: CRATER JUVENILE DETENTION HOME

The County Administrator advised the Board that an additional \$50,516.00 advance was needed by the Crater Juvenile Detention Home for the completion of its construction. The construction has moved faster than was anticipated. This advance was thought to be needed in the next fiscal year, but the detention home should be completed by the first of August. On November 6, 1974, the Board advanced \$47,310.00; added to the \$50,516.00, makes a total advance of \$97,826.00. It is anticipated that the total cost to Dinwiddie upon receipt of proper Federal and State Grants will be \$58,420.00. This means that Dinwiddie County will be reimbursed in the amount of \$39,406.00.

An operating advance of \$3,943.00 is needed to fund the acquisition of office equipment, office supplies, and the hiring of personnel.

Upon motion of Mr. Hodnett, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the Board approved the appropriation of \$50,516.00 to the Crater Juvenile Detention Home for construction cost and approved the appropriation of \$3,943.00 to the Crater Juvenile Detention Home for the operating account.

IN RE: SURVEY

The County Administrator submitted a letter from James H. Hening, Jr., of Moseley Hening Associates containing 4 proposals from engineers agreeing to survey the County Courthouse property and adjacent property. Of these 4, William J. Schmitz Associates Incorporated of Richmond was the lowest bidder. It was the general feeling of the Board that local surveyors should be contacted before a decision is made.

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the Board postponed a decision on the survey proposals until the June 18th meeting so that proposals can be obtained from local surveyors.

IN RE: COUNTY WELL

Upon receipt of a recent letter from Mr. John I. Capito of the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, the County was made aware that it was in violation of Sections of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Water Works Regulations, which require metering of total water production by December 31, 1976.

Since further information was desired and there was no immediate need for action, the Board decided to delay further discussion at this time.

IN RE: FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST

Mr. Bennett brought before the Board several requests by the local fire departments. Their main concern was installment of radios on hand. The County Administrator informed him that the antenna for the new frequency was anticipated to be ready by June 11th and the radios could be installed at this time. The Board instructed the County Administrator to check into the maintenance of these radios as to whether they could be included in the present contract or serviced on an annual basis without a contract.

The representatives of the fire departments requested that the purchase of two tank trucks be considered since Ford and Dinwiddie were in such dire need. The Board stated that this was being considered and instructed the Dinwiddie Volunteer Fire Department and the Ford Volunteer Fire Department to secure bids on two tanker trucks.

IN RE: FEDERAL GRANT FOR FORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Bob Mengel, Chief, Dinwiddie Volunteer Fire Department advised the Board that a grant for the purchase of the Ford Volunteer Fire Department's plectrons was possible through the Virginia Division of Forestry. The County would be required to match the grant on a 50-50 basis. The supervisors stated that this was agreeable to them and appropriate action would be taken when necessary.

IN RE: REVENUE SHARING, AUDITING, ETC.

Mr. Daniel A. Robinson of Daniel A. Robinson & Associates, at the request of the Board, appeared to discuss Revenue Sharing, auditing and related financial activities of the County. Mr. Robinson is presently serving the County as its financial consultant on Revenue Sharing including working with Robert Fitzgerald, the County's Attorney in its suit against the office of Revenue Sharing.

Mr. Robinson emphasized the following items in the discussion with the Board.

1. With certain changes in bookkeeping procedures, the County could, in his estimation, have increased the amount received from Revenue Sharing for the fiscal year 1975-76 at least 25 to 30%.

2. There were several areas of the County audit that were not as concise as they should be. One item in particular stood out and that was the failure of the audit to show the portion of County debt assumed by the City of Petersburg as the result of annexation.

3. If his firm was retained by the Board to do the audit for the entire County, he would not only do the audit, but constantly work with the appropriate officials to insure that the proper accounting and financial procedures were followed.

Mr. Robinson suggested that an amended form RS-12 be filed with the office of Revenue Sharing in the hopes of increasing the amount received for the fiscal year 1975-76. The chances of changing this figure was very remote, but if the office of Revenue Sharing accepted the amended RS-12 it could increase the County's share by 25 to 30%.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the Board instructed Mr. Robinson to file an amended Form RS-12 for the auditing period of 1973-74 (Entitlement Period 6) with the office of Revenue Sharing.

IN RE: DANIEL A. ROBINSON & ASSOCIATES HIRED AS AUDITORS

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye"

the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, the Treasurer, and the County Administrator, have evaluated the auditing services rendered to the County by V. L. Parker and Company and Daniel A. Robinson and Associates, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is duplication of work in several areas, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Daniel A. Robinson and Associates serves as Financial Consultant for the County on its Revenue Sharing, and works with Attorney, Robert Fitzgerald in the County's suit against the office of Revenue Sharing, and

WHEREAS, V. Lee Parker and Company has audited the books of Dinwiddie County for a number of years, and has been retained by resolution dated February 19, 1975 to audit the books for the fiscal year 1974-75.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, that the resolution adopted at the Board meeting on February 19, 1975 retaining the firm of V. Lee Parker and Co., to audit the books of Dinwiddie County for the fiscal year 1974-75 is hereby revoked, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, that the firm of Daniel A. Robinson and Associates, is hereby employed to perform all auditing and related financial services for the fiscal year 1974-75 for the County.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the Board moved into executive session at 6:00 P.M.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hodnett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
W.C. KNOTT

  
M. I. HARGRAVE, JR., CHAIRMAN