

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD
IN THE BOARD MEETING ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
DINWIDDIE, VIRGINIA ON THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1986 AT
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: A.S. CLAY, CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #4
G.S. BENNETT, JR. ELECTION DISTRICT #1
H.L. CLAY, JR. ELECTION DISTRICT #2
M.I. HARGRAVE, JR. ELECTION DISTRICT #3

B.M. HEATH SHERIFF

ABSENT: G.E. ROBERTSON, JR., VICE-CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #2
T.O. RAINEY, III COUNTY ATTORNEY

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. H. Clay, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay voting "aye", the minutes of the February 5, 1986 regular meeting and the February 10, 1986 special meeting were approved as presented.

IN RE: CLAIMS

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia that the following claims be approved and funds appropriated for same:

General Fund checks-numbering 86-220 through 86-360 amounting to \$147,060.50; Water & Sewer Fund checks-numbering W&S-86-2 through 4 amounting to \$79,059.13; Law Library Fund check #LF-86-1 in the amount of \$301.07; County Construction Fund check #CCF-86-1 in the amount of \$18,351.20; Radio Fund check #Radio-86-1 in the amount of \$246.00.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING--A-86-2--DINWIDDIE COUNTY CODE

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress-Index on Wednesday, February 5, 1986 and Wednesday, February 12, 1986 for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing to consider for adoption an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the County of Dinwiddie, Virginia; establishing the same; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective.

The County Administrator stated this recodification is the first since enactment of the Code in 1970. He indicated that under Section 14-17(a), "trailer and semi-trailer" would be taken out.

Mr. Bill Jones, Treasurer, stated there are two sections that have been brought into compliance with the State Code which directly affect the operation of his office.

Section 19-2 states if taxes are not paid on or before the due date prescribed in such subsection, "there shall be added thereto a penalty in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the taxes due or ten dollars whichever is greater." In addition to such penalty, interest at the rate of ten (10%) percent per annum "beginning on the first day after such due date, shall be added to the amount of taxes due."

Mr. Jones pointed out the present ordinance authorizes a penalty in the amount of ten percent of taxes due and interest at the rate of 10% per annum; beginning on the 1st day of the month next following the month in which such taxes become due". He stated

he was concerned about the change in the penalty because people with taxes under \$100 would owe \$10 penalty no matter how small their tax bill was. He added changing the beginning date to start adding interest would cause some difficulty in the work required in his office.

Mr. Jones stated he had checked with surrounding localities and only one was using 10% or \$10, whichever is greater for assessing a penalty with interest beginning the next day.

Mr. Hargrave asked Mr. Jones if he had researched the State Code to determine if the County was authorized to continue assessing the penalty and adding interest as it has been doing. Mr. Jones stated the Code gives the method under which to operate unless an ordinance is enacted by the governing body otherwise.

Mr. Hargrave asked Mr. Jones to enumerate his differences with the Code and check with the County Attorney to determine if the County is allowed by law to continue as required by the present ordinance.

Mr. Jones stated he felt the change in the ordinance would be tough on the citizens. Mr. Bennett stated that when you borrow money, interest begins right away. Maybe this will be an incentive for people to pay their taxes.

Mr. Jones stated the accountability of the tax bill will be difficult for his office, by having to assess the penalty the next day.

Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Jones if he knew the difference in the amount of money that would be collected by the change. Mr. Jones stated he didn't think it was a large amount. Mr. Bennett stated he would like to understand the change a little better before making a decision.

Mr. H. Clay asked if a decision had to be made at this time. The County Administrator stated a decision did not have to be made now, and unless a major change was made, it would not require another public hearing.

Upon motion of Mr. H. Clay, seconded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Clay voting "aye", action on amendment A-86-2, recodification of the County Code, was tabled.

IN RE: SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS--BASEBALL FIELD CONSTRUCTION

Dr. Richard L. Vaughn, Supt. of Schools, appeared before the Board to request authorization to proceed with the construction of the new baseball field across from the high school. The next step includes obtaining bids for extending the roadway, preparing a parking area, fencing and lights. He also requested authorization to obtain bids for lighting the football field.

Dr. Vaughn stated when the bids are received, he will return to the Board for approval. He requested authorization to proceed with the extension of the road and the parking lot without having to return to the Board for approval. He did not feel these items would exceed the original estimate of \$2,000 for the road and \$5,500 for the parking area.

Mr. Hargrave asked if the land has been surveyed and if the coaches have seen and agreed upon the layout of the proposed fields. Dr. Vaughn stated the land has been re-surveyed. The Director of Planning stated the coaches have approved the layout of the fields.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia that the School Board be authorized to proceed with obtaining bids for extending the road, preparing a parking lot,

fencing and lighting for the baseball field across from the high school, including lighting for the football field; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia that the School Board be authorized to proceed with the extension of the road and the parking area without having to return to the Board unless the costs exceed the original estimate of \$2,000 for the road and \$5,500 for the parking lot.

IN RE: SCHOOL BOARD--GRANT FOR IN-SERVICE PROJECT

Dr. Richard L. Vaughn, Superintendent of Schools, stated that the School Board has received a grant from the Department of Education in the amount of \$15,181 for an in-service project with math and science teachers from Dinwiddie, Petersburg, Prince George and Sussex. He stated the funds will be expended by May 31, 1986 at which time 100% reimbursement will be requested from the State.

He requested authorization from the Board to administer the project and expend these funds.

Upon motion of Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay voting "aye", the School Board was authorized to administer a project for in-service training for math and science teachers and expend grant funds in the amount of \$15,181 to be 100% reimbursed by the Department of Education.

IN RE: SHERIFF--AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE (5) POLICE CARS

Sheriff B.M. Heath appeared before the Board to request authorization to purchase (5) police vehicles off state contract as follows:

Contract #1316-WAB-Chevrolet Caprice - Full size, four door sedans with the following options:

Two-tone Sheriff's colors, power windows, power door locks, spotlight, roof wiring package.

Sheriff Heath stated he did not need the AM/FM radio.

Upon motion of Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. H. Clay, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay voting "aye", the Sheriff was authorized to purchase five (5) police vehicles from the 1986 state contract as requested.

IN RE: DISCUSSION OF COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD SERVICES

Karen Wilkins appeared before the Board to discuss a recent car accident and her concern for the adequacy of rescue squad services in the County. The accident occurred on February 8, 1986 near the intersection of Rt. 650 and U.S. #1 in DeWitt. Six victims were involved. She stated that the call for the rescue squad was made at 10:15 A.M. and it was 11:32 A.M. before assistance arrived. She stated her grandfather was involved in the accident and was pronounced dead at 12:10 P.M. at the hospital. She stated she was very upset about the delay in response. She understood only one rescue vehicle was on duty at the time and was at Petersburg General Hospital on another call. She did not understand why another Rescue Squad, i.e. Southside or Ettrick-Matoaca, was not contacted sooner.

Mr. H. Clay related the facts as the Dinwiddie Rescue Squad had received the calls and responded. He stated the squad is severely handicapped by the shortage of personnel and welcomes anyone who would like to join.

The following typed recap of call times taken from the recording machine in the Dispatcher's Office was distributed by the Sheriff:

Dispatcher Jones' reactions in regards to motor vehicle accident at the Intersection of Rt. 650 and U.S. Rt. 1, February 8, 1986:

10:44 A.M. Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Department Dispatcher received call advising of traffic accident at Rt. 650 and U.S. Rt. 1 in front of Beville's Store. The calling party gave phone number, 469-3887.

10:45 A.M. State Police Unit 855 notified of accident. Rescue Squad Unit 2 called in reference to location. (Dispatcher aware of Rescue Unit 2 in process of handling another call.) Rescue Unit 2 stated they were at the Rescue Squad Building Northbound on U.S. Route 1.

10:46 A.M. A series of telephone calls to the Rescue Squad. Line busy each time. 10:46 A.M. - 10:48 A.M. All calls to rescue squad members.

10:48 A.M. State Unit 855 advised Dispatcher of two injured persons at accident on U.S. Route 1 and Rt. 650.

10:49 A.M. Fifth call to Rescue Squad member. Line busy. Sixth call to Rescue Squad member, David Thompson. Person who answered stated he was not at home.

10:50 A.M. Rescue Unit 2 advised of another call awaiting them.

10:51 A.M. David Thompson paged over the radio system. Seventh telephone call to Bob Rawlings. Person who answered stated he was out of town.

10:52 A.M. Eighth telephone call to Donnie. Person who answered stated he was at his mother's. George Perkins called over radio and advised Dispatcher that he would drive the ambulance if he could find another member on the Rescue Squad.

10:53 A.M. State Unit 855 advised Dispatcher there were three people injured in the accident. Two very serious. Dispatcher had conversation with Rescue Unit 2 in reference to previous call.

10:54 A.M. Ninth telephone call to J.C. Ayscue, member of the Rescue Squad. Talked with him for several minutes in an attempt to locate someone in Rescue Squad who could assist with call.

10:55 A.M. Another State Unit dispatched in reference to another call.

10:56 A.M. Telephone conversation with Maynard Williams in reference to wrecker call.

10:58 A.M. Called Mary Wallace in reference to rescue call. Called David Thompson in reference to rescue call.

10:59 A.M. Conversation with State Unit in reference to another call.

11:00 A.M. Called Gentry's in reference to rescue call. No answer.

11:02 A.M. Advised J.C. Ayscue that Dispatcher was calling Southside Emergency Crew.

11:04 A.M. Southside Emergency Crew called.

Mr. Hargrave stated the membership numbers of the Rescue Squad has been a concern of the Board for some time. The fire departments are faced with the same problems. He stated he felt everyone should give a few years to volunteer units. The best way to help is to encourage others to participate.

Mr. Wayne Gwaltney spoke as a past member of the Rescue Squad. He felt the problem is the strict training requirements established by the State.

Mr. A. Clay agreed too much training is required. He stated he hoped this incident was a one time occurrence and the Board appreciated the services of the Rescue Squad.

Mr. Kenny Milton spoke as a past member of the Rescue Squad. He stated training was definitely a problem but the Board of Supervisors could not solve it by themselves. He called upon those present to join together to start working towards a solution.

Mr. Punk Reese stated he served as a rescue squad member for several years. When his doctor called for a transport for him to Chippenham Hospital, he was told only one unit was available and it could not leave the County. Mr. H. Clay stated if the unit had responded, it would have left the County uncovered. Mr. Milton added that State law requires the Rescue Squad to transport to the nearest hospital. He then suggested that all those in attendance meet to discuss possible solutions and come back with recommendations for the Board.

IN RE: RECESS

The Chairman declared a short recess at 8:58 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 9:17 P.M.

IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE--DISCUSSION OF WINDOWS

The County Administrator discussed with the Board the existing windows in the Clerk's Office. It was decided that the first approach would be to remove the storm windows from the outside to determine what conditions existed.

IN RE: CABLETELEVISION

The County Administrator stated that the cabletelevision agreement with Dinwiddie Cable TV has been executed and the company has been asked to complete all requirements of the ordinance by March 21, 1986.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

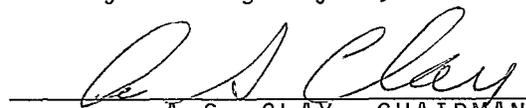
Upon motion of Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Clay voting "aye", pursuant to Sec. 2.1-344 (1) and (6) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, the Board moved into Executive Session at 9:23 P.M. to discuss legal and personnel matters. The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 11:14 P.M.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. H. Clay, seconded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Clay voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

ATTEST:


W.C. KNOTT


A.S. CLAY, CHAIRMAN

