

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE BOARD MEETING ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, DINWIDDIE, VIRGINIA ON THE 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1983 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT: STEVE WEBER, CHAIRMAN	ELECTION DISTRICT #2
G.S. BENNETT, JR., VICE-CHAIRMAN	ELECTION DISTRICT #1
G.E. ROBERTSON, JR.	ELECTION DISTRICT #2
M.I. HARGRAVE, JR.	ELECTION DISTRICT #3
A.S. CLAY	ELECTION DISTRICT #4
L.G. ELDER	COUNTY ATTORNEY
CLAIBORNE FISHER	DEPUTY SHERIFF

IN RE: INVOCATION

The Reverend J.H. Goode, Pastor, Little Zion Baptist Church, presented the Invocation.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Robertson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Weber voting "aye", the minutes of the February 2, 1983 meeting were approved as presented.

IN RE: CLAIMS

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia that the following claims be approved: General Fund checks-numbering 83-227 through 83-365 amounting to \$109,279.84; Water & Sewer Fund-check #W&S-83-1 in the amount of 29,748.27; Johnsongrass Control Fund-checks numbering JGC-83-1 and 2 amounting to \$1,049.56; and Library Fund checks-numbering LF-83-3 and 4 amounting to \$563.24.

IN RE: DINWIDDIE EMERGENCY FOOD BANK

Reverend J.H. Goode, Pastor, Little Zion Baptist Church, appeared before the Board to discuss the operation of an emergency food bank in the County for the needy. He stated it would be operated by the churches in the County and the food would be purchased for 10¢ a pound at the Central Food Bank in Richmond. He indicated they would have to pick it up themselves in Richmond and deliver it to those in need. He reviewed the guidelines for eligibility stating applicants would be recommended by the Dinwiddie Pastors and the Social Services Department. His immediate problem is that they have no place for storage and this was his request to the Board of Supervisors. Reverend Goode stated he had looked at the old jail and he could provide the manpower to clean it up. Reverend Goode stated the funding comes from the churches in Dinwiddie and other social clubs.

Mr. Robertson asked if the program included the unemployed because that was one of his concerns. Reverend Goode stated it would because high unemployment was a major concern this year. Mr. Robertson asked if Reverend Goode had determined how many he could handle with the funds he had and what amount of funds he had at the present time. Reverend Goode stated he really didn't know. He did have some churches committed. Reverend Goode stated they would have to depend on volunteer service to pick up the food in Richmond and again he would call upon the churches and the Missionary Society. Mr. Robertson stated it was a fine idea.

Mr. Hargrave asked if this program was connected to the cheese and butter program. Reverend Goode stated no, the food bank is endorsed but not funded by the federal government. He added they could get the cheese and butter and dispense it. Mr. Bennett asked about cleaning up the jail. Reverend Goode felt the Youth

Club could clean it up. Mr. Bennett asked if the County Administrator saw any problems with using the jail. The County Administrator stated he would like an opportunity to discuss it with the Sheriff to see if he needed it for storage. Mr. Hargrave asked if this program would relieve the Social Services Department from having to dispense cheese and butter. Mr. Clay stated it would depend on the size of his operation, but he felt Reverend Goode was trying to reach the emergency cases. Also he was looking at the food at the Food Bank rather than cheese and butter. Reverend Goode indicated they wanted to assist more if they could and hoped to grow larger and take on cheese and butter. Mr. Hargrave stated the jail needs cleaning up. It has some supplies in it but it seems like an ideal place. Reverend Goode stated they didn't want to put the food just anywhere. They felt it would be secure there. Mr. Clay asked if the Board would act pending the Sheriff's permission, because they wanted to start March 1. Mr. Robertson asked if any of the food is perishable. Reverend Goode stated later on it would be but not until they get a refrigerator. He stated the Richmond Food Bank sets guidelines and they wanted to follow them.

Mr. Clay moved that the old jail building be provided for use as a local Emergency Food Bank pending the Sheriff's approval. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. Mr. Clay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Weber voted "aye".

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING--P-83-1--HAUSER & ELMORE

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress-Index on Wednesday, February 2, 1983 and Wednesday, February 9, 1983 for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing to consider for adoption an ordinance to amend the Dinwiddie County Zoning Ordinance by changing the district classification of Section 69, Parcel 8 and Section 69A, Parcel (2)5 from Agricultural, General A-2 to Business, General B-2.

The Director of Planning appeared before the Board to present the application. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their January 12, 1983 meeting.

Mr. Tucker Ramsey, representing the applicants, Paul Hauser, Jr., and Ann H. Elmore, appeared in support of the application and to answer any questions they might have. Mr. Clay stated it had operated as a business ten to fifteen years before and he felt it should be rezoned.

No one appeared in opposition.

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

BE IT ORDAINED by the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors that the Dinwiddie County zoning ordinance be amended by changing the District Classification of Section 69, Parcel 8 and Section 69A, Parcel (2)5 from agricultural, general, A-2 to business, general, B-2. Said parcels are generally located on the west side of U.S. Route 1 at its intersection with Route 650 in DeWitt and are bounded to the rear by the Seaboard Coastline Railroad tracks. A building on the property was operated as the Little Pig BBQ.

In all other respects said zoning ordinance is hereby reordained.

IN RE: POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING--A-83-1--GOVERNMENTAL OFFICES

The Director of Planning asked that the public hearing on amendment A-83-1 be cancelled. He stated the Planning Commission heard the application at their last meeting but in his haste to get it before the Board, he did not legally advertise the hearing. While there was no opposition at the Planning Commission meeting, to meet the legal technicality, he asked that it be cancelled.

Mr. Robertson moved that a public hearing on amendment A-83-1 be cancelled. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. Mr. Robertson,

Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Clay, Mr. Weber voted "aye".

IN RE: REAPPOINTMENT--PETERSBURG-DINWIDDIE COUNTY AIRPORT & INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY

Upon motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Weber voting "aye", Mr. Loid Hodnett was reappointed to the Petersburg-Dinwiddie County Airport and Industrial Authority, term expiring January 31, 1986.

IN RE: REAPPOINTMENTS--DINWIDDIE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Upon motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Weber voting "aye", Mr. J.P. Derby and Mr. W.D. Allen were reappointed to the Dinwiddie Industrial Development Authority, terms expiring February 28, 1987.

IN RE: SCHOOL BOARD--INSTALLATION OF CABINETS

Dr. R.L. Vaughn, Superintendent of Schools, appeared before the Board to discuss the installation of cabinets for the School Board office. Earlier, the Board viewed the lower level of the building that is being used for a file room. The items need to be stored in an orderly fashion, and they are also a fire hazard.

Dr. Vaughn stated they had been looking for some time for something to use as files. They had not found any metal shelves that were closed. However, Mr. Hargrave had given him some material on metal shelves that he would investigate. He obtained the following bids on putting in wooden shelves:

Gravitte's Cabinet Shop	\$4025
Builders Supply	4703
Dave's Cabinet Shop	4300

Mr. Hargrave asked if there were funds available in the School Capital Outlay budget. Dr. Vaughn stated funds would have to be diverted. Mr. Hargrave asked if there were funds available to be diverted. Dr. Vaughn stated he wasn't sure because he was reworking the present year budget now. Mr. Clay stated he would like to see Dr. Vaughn look into the metal shelves and bring his recommendation back at the next meeting. He felt the bids on the wooden cabinets would hold until then. Mr. Weber stated that he would like them to look into using the shop class at the High School.

Dr. Vaughn stated he would look into these alternatives and report back to the Board.

IN RE: REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Dr. R.L. Vaughn, Superintendent of Schools, advised the Board that Dr. Charles Ashby was serving his second term as Chairman of the Regional School Board Association and the annual meeting would again be held in Dinwiddie County. He stated it would be March 3, 1983 at the Southside Elementary School and the Board would be receiving invitations.

IN RE: BINGO & RAFFLE PERMIT--NORTHSIDE PTO

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

WHEREAS, the Northside PTO has made application to the Board of Supervisors for a Bingo & Raffle Permit for calendar year 1983; and

WHEREAS, the PTO meets the requirements as set forth in Sec. 18.1-340 of the Code of Virginia and has filed the required

\$10.00 fee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia that the Northside PTO is hereby granted a Bingo & Raffle Permit for the calendar year 1983.

IN RE: SHOOTING RANGE PERMIT--JAMES C. RANDOLPH

The Director of Planning presented an application for a Shooting Range permit for James C. Randolph. Because the State Code requires that the application lie for 28 days, he requested that action be postponed until the March 16, 1983 meeting.

Mr. Robertson asked him to describe the location. Mr. Scheid stated it was on Halifax Road near Ream's substation. Mr. Bennett asked what the purpose of the range was. Mr. Scheid indicated it would be a private rifle and pistol range.

Mr. Robertson questioned the building that was only 50 feet away. Mr. Scheid stated the building was a shed located behind the place they would be shooting from.

Mr. Robertson then asked whose residence was 400 feet away. He wondered if the noise would bother them. Mr. Hargrave asked the zoning of the property. Mr. Scheid stated it was A-2. There are no constraints on the range, except the approval of a permit. Mr. Weber felt the people near the range should be notified. He stated he wanted to be real careful since this appeared to be the first shooting range in the County. Mr. Hargrave stated they had one at Greenway's Store. Also, those organizations holding turkey shoots are supposed to apply for one. Mr. Weber asked that Mr. Scheid request Mr. Randolph be present at the March 16, 1983 meeting. Mr. Scheid stated he would also contact the surrounding neighbors.

IN RE: CABLETELEVISION CONSULTANT

The County Administrator stated that at the last meeting, cabletelevision was discussed and they were in the process of negotiating with the one applicant to try and reach an agreement. He met last Tuesday, February 8, 1983, with the applicant. Mr. Robertson, Denny Morris, Wendy Quesenberry, and the County Attorney were present. He felt the meeting was enlightening and he was encouraged by Mr. Bland's comments. He was accumulating information and needed a few more items from the applicant to submit for review by a consultant. He felt the consultant was needed to determine whether the applicant could financially construct the system and if the system he proposed was adequate and had capabilities similar to systems in other areas. He felt they should have a package to submit to a firm next week. Two proposals were received from consultants and he recommended Warren L. Braun. He suggested he and the County Attorney contact Mr. Braun to review the information and come back on March 2 with answers to the questions and whether to go forward with a public hearing on March 16, 1983. Mr. Robertson asked if they should move to advertise the public hearing for March 16. The County Administrator stated he would like to come back at the March 2 meeting and confirm it. They could determine if they wanted to proceed with the public hearing at that time. Mr. Robertson asked if they could cancel the advertisement should they decide to cancel the public hearing. The County Administrator stated it could be arranged.

Upon motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Weber voting "aye", the County Administrator is authorized to advertise a public hearing to receive public input on cabletelevision for March 16, 1983 at 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Bennett asked which consultant the County Administrator was referring to. The County Administrator stated the one who quoted his cost per day. Mr. Bennett asked if the money would be provided by the successful applicant. The County Administrator indicated that was correct, from the \$5,000 fee. Mr. Hargrave asked if they were going to obtain cable t.v. contracts satisfactory with

other localities aside from the consultant. The County Administrator stated the County Attorney was gathering them, and emphasized he felt the need for a consultant because neither he nor the County Attorney are experts in the field and need someone to tell them whether the cabletelevision proposal they have will be adequate for the County.

Mr. Hargrave asked if the cabletelevision consultants were furnished a copy of the county's ordinance and if they had any comments. The County Administrator stated they did receive a copy and there were no comments.

Mr. Weber indicated he was pleased with where they are at with cabletelevision. He stated he started working on it when he was elected and there was a lot more red tape to it than he thought. But they have a good applicant and he is looking forward to having a good system.

IN RE: RENEWAL OF VEPCO CONTRACT

The County Administrator stated that the county's contract with VEPCO expired June 30, 1982. The Va. Assoc. of Counties and the Virginia Municipal League have been working for all localities to negotiate a contract which they have finalized. The rates given are for three years until June 30, 1985. He added there is an approximate increase of 25% over the three year period.

Mr. Robertson indicated that there was really no alternative.

The County Administrator stated that the localities do not come under the SCC so they can negotiate a contract for the whole state and come out much better.

Mr. Hargrave asked what the change in all the building rates would be. The County Administrator stated he had not computed that because it fluctuates a great deal. He provided the change on streetlights because that remains fairly constant. He added the increase in rates is retroactive to July 1, 1982.

Mr. Hargrave stated it was going to be a chunk of money, probably \$300,000 to \$400,000.

The County Administrator stated that Southside Electric has not recognized the negotiating procedure with localities. They recently increased their rate and it is being discussed as to whether it can be enforced. He added the January bill is being held in limbo and the County Attorney is discussing it with the Attorney General's office.

Upon motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Weber voting "aye", the Chairman is authorized to execute the contract with the Virginia Electric Power Company, effective July 1, 1982.

IN RE: LAND USE DISCUSSION

Mr. Robertson stated that at the Board's request, the Commissioner of Revenue put together figures on Land Use. He indicated that he had also put together some facts and alternatives with the purpose of getting them out for the Board and citizens to look at, and stimulate discussion. If the facts bear out his argument, fine; if not, fine. His job will be done.

Mr. Robertson proceeded with the following report:

LAND USE FACTS

1. Deferred Tax Per Year	\$405,000
2. Total Acreage in County	320,819
3. Average Farm Size	188 acres
4. Total Landowners in Land Use	888
5. Total Landowners under 600 Acres	824
6. Total Landowners over 600 acres	64
7. Largest Number of Acres in Land Use	Between 40 & 50,000 acres
8. Deferred Tax, Agricultural	\$ 71,000

9. Deferred Tax, Timber	\$332,000
10. Deferred Tax, Open Space	\$ 486
11. Agric. Savings (1¢ = \$35,000) (\$71,000)	2¢ per hundred
12. Timber savings (1¢=\$35,000) (\$332,000)	9.5¢ per hundred
13. Tax Rate with Land Use (Real Estate)	81¢ per hundred
14. Tax Rate without Land Use (Real Estate)	69.5¢ per hundred
15. Tax Rate with Land Use (Personal Property)	\$5.40 per hundred
16. Tax Rate Without Land Use (Personal Property)	\$3.40 per hundred

#### ALTERNATIVES

1. Amend Land Use Ordinance to include agricultural land only and reduce taxes as follows:
 

Real Estate	72¢ per hundred
or	
Personal Property	\$3.40 per hundred
or	
Eliminate Machinery & Tool Tax	
or	
Combination of above,	
2. Repeal Land Use ordinance and adjust all taxes appropriately.
3. Have citizen input meeting and react to the majority.
4. Limit number of acres that could be put into land use to 750 acres.  
\*Would probably take at least two (2) years as General Assembly would have to grant authority. Not recommended as we need immediate relief.
5. Leave ordinance as is and let homeowners continue to pay for land use to the tune of \$405,000+ per year. Needless to say, this is not my recommendation.

Mr. Robertson stated that he felt the personal property rate is hurting the County. He added that during the redistricting, he remembered the population was 22,000 and the average was 3.17 per household. Therefore, 7000 homes are paying more taxes to provide tax relief for 888 people in Land Use. He felt that was a little lopsided.

After reviewing the facts, Mr. Robertson stated he didn't know how to approach a motion. In the city, they have a first reading, the citizens have input and then they have a second reading. He recommended no final action until the March 16 meeting to allow the citizens to have input. He stated his prime concern was to get the facts to the people. He wasn't saying they were right or wrong. If they felt anything should be done, he welcomed their suggestions. He wanted to correct the burden on the homeowner and now the Agricultural community.

The Chairman then asked for comments from the Board.

Mr. Hargrave commented that the deferred tax would not be as high as shown with the removal of Land Use. He then stated that at the time Land Use legislation was passed by the State, the Board spent a great deal of time talking and trying to understand it. They held several public input sessions with State and other jurisdiction representatives. He did not feel all the members of the present Board have looked at the basis for the tax as it is stated in the legislation. In 1979, 25 states had Land Use, now 48 states have it. In 1979, 52 or 54 counties adopted it and one was waivering. Now 56 counties have adopted it and only one has returned it. Thirteen cities, including Peterwburg, have adopted it. He then read the basis of the law from the State manual.

He added that we have had Land Use taxes forever. When the State law passed 100% valuation, then it was assessed at fair market value and it jumped up. He stated he is a homeowner and has lost to have Land Use. The pressure of development causes people to break up and sell their land. Contrary to belief he stated, assessment at 100% raised land over 100% while buildings went up 17%; just due to market value. They don't make any more land. When Land Use went in, land fell off but buildings went up. But, the net result in reassessment is that the increase in land has been 3 to 2 over the increase in a house. Where timber land has gone up 3 parts, the home has gone up 2 parts. He added there are states that buy out

the difference in value to maintain it in that use. A one acre house and lot takes 1½ acres out of another use. If we stay in Land Use, we will never have not being in it to compare to. Land Use removes the pressure on the owner of overvalued land for the use he puts it to and removes the pressure to sell. The happiest land belongs to the people in this room. There is enough land pressed into the hands of cold organizations as neighbors. Land Use removes that pressure to sell and allows him to use it as he wishes.

He summarized saying the key factor is that we have always been in Land Use except one year. There has been a 3 to 2 impact. He doesn't think Land Use is something to decide in a popular manner. People can't understand it fully and it would be a wrong way to lead the Board.

He asked that the Board members go back and be reminded of the basis on which it is done. He would share information and meet with anyone at anytime but he didn't feel it was a decision for a mass of people.

Mr. Clay stated it was a fair tax if you look at both sides. People cause expenses and services, not land. He stated he didn't think things have changed that much since it went into effect. He would, therefore, prefer to see it remain as it is.

Mr. Bennett stated that he wanted to make sure everyone understood that if land use were taken away, it could result in 69.5¢ real estate and \$5.40 personal property, OR 81¢ real estate and \$3.40 personal property, not both. He felt they had too many people looking at Land Use on December 5 only. He stated we have to look at it over a period of time. He tried to look down the road and agricultural use is important in the County, and we should encourage preservation. But timber preservation is important too. He stated that if Agriculture is right, why isn't timber right. Before, he thought there was a movement to limit the acreage allowed in Land Use. He stated he had mixed feelings. He feels the Land Use concept is right and he had not changed his mind. But they were getting a lot of figures to look at.

Mr. Weber stated he never felt the County needs Land Use and he is still against it. He indicated he would go along with agricultural only. He can't see forestry and big timber companies having their taxes deferred when people on fixed incomes do not. He doesn't feel Land Use will be in the County much longer. He stated he didn't have anything against farming but they have tax breaks on other things. He would go along with agricultural only. Under agricultural, an individual can have 19 acres of timber. This is an awful large amount to someone on a 100 x 200 lot. He stated he was against timber companies getting a break. He would never vote for deferred taxes on one group of people. That was not equal.

Mr. Raymond McCants stated he could go along with Land Use for Agricultural, not individual timber owners. They asked the Commissioner of Revenue for information at the last meeting and it was in the minutes word for word.

Mr. Carl Crowder stated that there were 7,000 homeowners. Why is it desirable for them to subsidize big companies who have no interest in the County except profit. The Board should consider the citizens. Mr. Hargrave stated he didn't see it as subsidizing. He sees it as taxation according to what it is used for. He stated the values are numbers arrived at by the State--SLEAC. The value is according to its capacity to produce. The value is like a house which is competitive on the market. More can be made. Land near the road front is valued at what it might do, not what it can actually do. Mr. Crowder asked how many of the 50 counties under Land Use have big timber companies like Dinwiddie. He felt Dinwiddie probably is the larger. Mr. Hargrave stated they would look at it if the State changes. He felt all taxes should be uniform. The machinery and tool tax is unfair because the neighboring counties don't have it.

Mr. Steve Burton stated unfortunately, it appeared to be a battle between the big company and the small community. Some individuals own a lot of timber too. Land Use is for fairness, not just big companies. They can't tax people improperly. He felt the people in the Northern end who require the services should pay the taxes. He stated people can't continue to own farm land if taxes keep going higher. They should try to cut taxes. He stated Land Use is fairness. Tax those receiving the services. Rather than look at Land Use, try to cut expenses. The people will have to sell out and big companies will buy.

Mr. Weber stated he was against Land Use. He doesn't feel it is fair. The big timber companies are a business out to make a profit. It's unfair to the small man. He would go along with Agricultural only. He knows the farmers are losing, but that's their business too. Let's tax all equally. He stated they work on the budget, week after week, and the schools get cut. He felt unless they get business in, taxes will go up. He felt here is one way to help. The personal property tax is ridiculous. He felt this is what we need.

Mr. John Smith stated they continue to make Land Use a political and emotional issue. It was stated individuals subsidize the timber Companies. He felt this is not true. 75% of the budget goes to schools. He failed to see how Continental Can benefits from that but he does. He stated he lived one mile off the road and his house and lot is assessed same as land on the road. He stated he didn't mind because he has a son. He felt he would never pay for his education. But he requires no services for the rest of his land. Even less is required for timber.

Mr. Edward Titmus indicated that Mr. Smith covered most of what he wanted to ask. He asked if there was any way that the Board can find out how the tax money is spent. It is certainly right that Continental Can is not responsible for educating children. All the streetlights are in the Northern end where the homeowners are. As long as Continental Can gets to use 45% of the roads, let's see who is really responsible for the expenses and see if they get their share of the taxes. He did feel they ought to see if the Northern end is subsidizing Continental Can, W.D. Allen and himself or are they subsidizing the Northern end. Mr. Weber indicated many in the Northern end feel they are paying their share and more. He did not feel they need Land Use. Mr. Titmus stated he was only asking if there was any way to work up the figures to see who was being subsidized.

Mrs. Ann Scarborough stated she was not in favor of Land Use. She indicated that studies were available at the time Land Use was adopted and wondered whether there were any new studies to show a change in opinion. She stated a great many localities were not happy then. The homeowner was being shortchanged. She asked if there were any new studies. Mr. Hargrave showed her one publication he had received. Mr. Robertson stated 54 counties have Land Use and there were a lot of bills on it in the General Assembly. It would lead one to believe other people need some change. Mr. Robertson stated there were 100 people at Longwood. The concern there was to limit acres that could put into Land Use. They represented the Piedmont area.

Mrs. Scarborough then asked if the Board had any possible ways to offset the loss of revenue because of Land Use. Mr. Robertson stated they had not started working on the budget. They can either increase taxes or reduce spending and he was in favor of reducing expenditures. He felt they might be able to operate the County without either by looking at Land Use. He stated there are places they can cut. He chose this way to get it to the people. He felt the input was enlightening. It is up to the citizens to bring their feelings to the Board. Maybe they feel there should be some changing. He stated it was not his intent to bring the matter up again. He would put the matter to rest unless the citizens come forward to do something.

Mrs. Gladys Brown stated she has a farm in District 2. Before Land Use, taxes were very high. The farm products brought the same as other areas of the County but she was paying twice as much in taxes. She felt people nearer Petersburg benefit the most. They could run a census and find how many children came from farms. She felt you would find many more from 100 x 200 lots. Mr. Robertson stated it had been mentioned several times that the Northern end of the County requires the services. He stated he and Mr. Weber represent 9,000 people or 1500 to 2000 homes. He indicated that not all the Northern end has homes. He stated Land Use was not benefitting the proper people. Only farmers should be benefitting. He would like to put away the North versus the South. His intention is for everybody. Land Use is costing the farmer more than he is gaining.

Mr. Bill Phillips stated that he owns a small farm. He wanted to reiterate what Mr. Hargrave said. He is not under Land Use. In 1982, he found his income was 1% of valuation of property and taxes consumed 90% of his profit.

Mr. Bennett stated if you removed Land Use, it may not raise taxes, but it would raise it somewhere. We are not losing \$405,000 because we don't have it.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Weber voting "aye", pursuant to Sec. 2.1-344(6) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, the Board moved into Executive Session at 10:00 P.M. to discuss legal matters. The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:35 P.M.

IN RE: MEETING WITH LEGISLATORS

Mr. Hargrave asked the members if they wanted to meet with the legislators. The General Assembly will adjourn on the 26th. The members all wanted to if there was a need. The County Administrator was asked if he felt there was a need to meet on any legislation affecting the County. He stated the County was selected to respond to various bills. There were a few that affect the County a great deal. Among those are the bill dealing with teacher salaries; and appeals to the Compensation Board. He stated he had sent information to the legislators on the effect of the bill dealing with teacher salaries along with other information on education.

After a general discussion, the County Administrator was asked to talk with the Legislators and if they had any concerns they wanted to discuss, the Board would be glad to meet at a location convenient to them.

IN RE: BUDGET SESSION

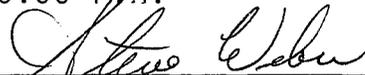
Mr. Hargrave stated he would like to meet with the School Board on the budget. The County Administrator stated he had his figures together whenever the Board was ready to meet. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to meet after the day meeting on March 2, 1983 to discuss the budget.

IN RE: ELIMINATION OF DOE SEASON

Mr. Bennett stated that he and Mr. Hargrave had received input on eliminating doe season in the County. He asked that each member talk to the hunt clubs in their area to see what their feelings were. The County Administrator suggested that a representative from the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries appear at a meeting to explain how the limits on doe kills are set for the County.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Weber voting "aye", the meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M.

  
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STEVE WEBER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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W.C. KNOTT