

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE BOARD MEETING ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, DINWIDDIE, VIRGINIA ON THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 1985 AT 7:30 P.M.

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

ABSENT: B.M. HEATH SHERIFF

IN RE: PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE--G.S. BENNETT, JR.

The Chairman presented a plaque to Mr. G.S. Bennett, Jr. on behalf of the County for his service as Chairman for the 1984 calendar year.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. H. Clay, seconded by Mr. A. Clay, Mr. Clay, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the minutes of the March 6, 1985 regular meeting and the March 14, 1985 special meeting were approved as presented.

IN RE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS--WATER & SEWER FUND

Upon motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. H. Clay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Clay, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the Treasurer was authorized to transfer \$196.17 from the General Fund to the Water & Sewer Fund.

IN RE: CLAIMS

Upon motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. H. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Clay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hargrave 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 85-423 through 85-543, amounting to \$106,322.26; County Construction Fund check #CCF-85-3 in the amount of \$7,449.28; Law Library Fund-check #LF-85-3 in the amount of \$9.04; and Water & Sewer Fund check #W&S-85-2 in the amount of \$196.17.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING--1985-86 REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

This being the time and place as advertised in the Progress-Index on Wednesday, March 6, 1985 and Wednesday, March 13, 1985 for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the uses of \$60,000 in Revenue Sharing funds for fiscal year 1985-86.

The amount of \$60,000 represents the last payment to the County in the federal fiscal year ending September 30, 1985. Should the Revenue Sharing Program be renewed, the County could receive \$250,000. The County Administrator stated this information should be available by the time the County's budget is prepared, and the public hearing for the budget would include the additional Revenue Sharing funds.

Mr. Fred Sahl questioned if the Board used the Revenue Sharing funds in the operating budget of the County. Mr. Hargrave stated in the past, the funds were used to provide capital improvements and now they are passed to the School Board budget. Mr. Sahl stated he just asked to make sure the Board was aware of the effect of the loss of the funds if they are now used in the operating budget of the County.

There being no other comments, the public hearing was closed.

IN RE: DISCUSSION OF LEASH LAW

Mrs. Pamela Mosconi of River Road, appeared before the Board to discuss problems she is having with dogs running loose in her neighborhood. She stated she had contacted the Dog Warden, his Assistant, the Sheriff and the County Administrator complaining about the dogs coming into her yard.

Mrs. Mosconi indicated her first complaint was about dogs destroying her shrubbery and trees. She then distributed a picture of where one of the dogs bit her daughter while she was riding a bike. She added that it has also affected her emotionally. She stated she holds the owner of the dog responsible as well as the County and urged the Board to adopt a leash law.

Mr. Hargrave asked if Mrs. Mosconi had contacted the dog's owner. She indicated her husband had talked with a neighbor before about his dog digging holes in her yard and the neighbor kept the dog tied up about three days and let him go. She said these dogs have not had shots and do not have dog tags.

Mr. Robertson stated Mrs. Mosconi called him, and he was irritated to learn that the owner was allowed to keep the dog tied at home instead of being confined by a responsible agency for the required time. He stated he talked with the County Administrator and the dog will be picked up and confined by a responsible agency for the remainder of the time required.

Mrs. Shirley Price of Henshaw Village also spoke concerning the leash law. She stated she has three small dogs and her yard is fenced. One of her dogs was attacked by a neighbor's dog who jumped her fence. The neighbor paid the veterinarian bill but she felt the neighbor should have to keep his dog confined too. She indicated that she called the Dog Warden several times and the only contact she had was a notice he had been by to check her tags.

She added that she was told there was nothing that could be done without a leash law.

Mr. Hargrave stated that the Animal Warden receives his messages from the Dispatcher at the Sheriff's Department. With over 500 square miles to cover, he does not spend a lot of time in the office, but he does get the phone number and location. He then makes a concerted effort to return all calls or leave a door hanger indicating he has been to someone's house.

Mrs. Price asked isn't there something that could be done even if the dog is licensed and tagged.

Mr. Hargrave indicated he felt that she as the owner of the damaged dog would have recourse against the other dog's owner. He added that there have been discussions of the leash law before and the majority of the people at that time did not want it. Since then, the Board has looked at certain areas of the County and are still trying to understand the benefit. He assured Mrs. Price that the Board does recognize the problem.

Mr. Robertson stated that apparently this problem exists more in District II. He feels the citizens should be able to walk and ride without being bothered by animals, and it is especially distasteful when someone is bitten. At the present time, a citizen does have recourse against the neighbor but no one likes to get involved. He stated he was willing to consider a leash law for District II if the citizens want it and the County is willing to appropriate the funds needed to enforce it. He indicated he did not feel the present system and personnel can handle 500 square miles.

Mr. Donald Andrews stated that he agreed with Mr. Robertson. However, he feels the main problem is stray dogs and the Board needs to educate the citizens in the County. He stated the Dog Warden needs assistance to help take care of the problem during the month that the dogs are confined.

Mr. Robertson suggested that additional help be hired to assist the Animal Warden during the month of May.

Mr. A. Clay stated he would be in favor of hiring additional help in May. Mr. H. Clay stated he would support the additional help if it was concentrated in the subdivisions where they are having these problems.

Upon motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. H. Clay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Clay, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the County Administrator is authorized to hire two additional persons to assist the Animal Warden in checking licenses during the month of May.

IN RE: DISCUSSION OF RECREATION AREA ACROSS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. W.C. Scheid, Director of Planning, presented a development plan for the recreation area across from the high school with an estimated cost for each element.

The facilities would include:

1. Baseball field with lights.
2. Service center to include storage, restrooms and concessions.
3. Tot lot.
4. Picnic shelters.
5. Two basketball courts with lights and fencing.
6. Jogging trails.
7. Entrance road extension.
8. Additional parking areas.
9. Lighting for track and multi-purpose field.
10. Water and sewer for service center.

Some additional considerations are:

1. Obtain clearance from AT&T to excavate/fill on their easement through the proposed baseball field.
2. Properly locate access road extension.
3. Convey title of land, less driver education range, from school board to board of supervisors.
4. Have pre-application conference with Division of Outdoor Recreation to determine eligibility.

Mr. Scheid concluded saying that this list was not meant to be all inclusive.

He stated that if the Board goes with the whole package, they could get 50/50 financing through the Department of Outdoor Recreation. He added that there are other eligible items he did not include in this list.

The County's 50% could be through soft match such as donated labor, materials and contributions from civic organizations.

Mr. Scheid stated that the baseball field alone is not eligible for funding. The school board would have to deed the property to the County and develop a county facility.

Mr. H. Clay asked how long it would take to get State approval.

Mr. Scheid indicated a pre-application would have to be developed with Crater Planning District Commission. Then a final application be filed with the Division of Outdoor Recreation. They meet quarterly and prioritize projects with the funding available.

Mr. H. Clay asked if Mr. Scheid had held any exploratory discussions with the civic organizations. Mr. Scheid indicated he had not because he didn't want to be presumptuous.

IN RE: LANDFILL DEPARTMENT--AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE NEW PICKUP TRUCK

The County Administrator stated that at the last meeting the Board authorized the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Animal Warden. At that time, they discussed the fact that a new truck would be needed for the Landfill Department and the State contract price of \$8500 provides a considerable savings for the County.

Upon motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the purchase of a 1985 Dodge pickup was authorized from the State contract for the Landfill Department.

IN RE: PRESENTATION OF 1985-86 SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET

Dr. Richard L. Vaughn, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Board with copies of the 1985-86 School Board budget and asked the Board to let him know when they wanted to meet to discuss it.

IN RE: BINGO & RAFFLE PERMIT--DEWITT, DINWIDDIE, ROCKY RUN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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

WHEREAS, the DeWitt, Dinwiddie, Rocky Run Athletic Association has made application to the Board of Supervisors for a Bingo & Raffle permit for calendar year 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Association has paid the \$10 application fee and meets the requirements of the State Code of Virginia;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia that a Bingo and Raffle Permit be granted to the DeWitt, Dinwiddie, Rocky Run Athletic Association for calendar year 1985.

IN RE: MCKENNEY VFD--DISCUSSION OF 1985-86 BUDGET

Mr. Chuck Mansfield, Mayor, Town of McKenney and Mr. G. L. Abernathy, Chief, McKenney VFD presented the 1985-86 budget request for the McKenney VFD.

Included in the budget is a request for an appropriation of \$62,850 for a new pumper.

Mr. H. Clay asked how much the Town was going to contribute towards the purchase. Mr. Mansfield stated they were asking for all of it from the County.

IN RE: CARSON VFD--DISCUSSION OF 1985-86 BUDGET

Mr. Joe Rogers, Chief, Carson VFD, appeared before the Board to present the 1985-86 budget request for the fire department.

He indicated that the same appropriation from the Board as last year would be sufficient for 1985-86; however, he had 2 additional proposals.

1. That Dinwiddie County write a letter to C&P Telephone Company agreeing to title, license, and insure a surplus van for the Carson VFD. An additional \$600 is requested to equip the van.

2. The Prince George Board has appropriated funds for the Carson VFD fire house expansion with the understanding that the volunteer fire department would do the painting and interior work. Mr. Rogers stated he did not have an estimate on the work at this time, but he would like to approach the Board for assistance when he gets an estimate on the cost.

IN RE: CARSON VFD--SURPLUS C&P TELEPHONE VAN

Upon motion of Mr. H. Clay, seconded by Mr. Robertson, Mr. Clay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the County Administrator was authorized to coordinate with Prince George County for the titling, licensing and insuring of a C&P Telephone Co. surplus van for the Carson VFD.

IN RE: DONALD ANDREWS--RECREATION SITE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Donald Andrews, an adjacent property owner to the recreation site across from the high school, stated that he supports the recreational development but urged the Board to coordinate with the adjacent property owners. He stated that traffic, lights and noise were problems that should be addressed.

He also stated that he felt the purchase of a county sticker should be made more convenient to the citizens who want to pay their taxes and abide by the law. He suggested selling them earlier or including a form in the tax mailings.

IN RE: DINWIDDIE VFD--DISCUSSION OF 1985-86 BUDGET

Mr. Bob Mengel, Chief, Dinwiddie VFD, appeared before the Board to present the 1985-86 budget request for the Dinwiddie VFD. Included in this request is a \$50,000 building expansion to be used as a meeting room. The County has a plan drawn by an architect for the addition, but Mr. Mengel stated they were working on another variation of that plan to better suit their needs.

IN RE: FRED SAHL--NOTTOWAY COUNTY TAX COMPARISON

Mr. Fred Sahl presented an article from the Blackstone Courier comparing the taxes of Nottoway County with Dinwiddie. He stated Nottoway's rates are much lower and he asked the Board for an explanation at a later date. He added that the cost per pupil for education was considerably higher in Dinwiddie County.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Mr. H. Clay, seconded by Mr. Robertson, Mr. Clay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", pursuant to Sec. 2.1-344 (6) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, the Board moved into Executive Session at 9:10 P.M. to discuss legal matters. The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 11:00 P.M.

IN RE: NAMOZINE VFD--DISCUSSION OF 1985-86 BUDGET

Mr. Bill Queen, Chief, Namozine VFD, appeared before the Board to present the department's 1985-86 budget request. Mr. Donald Porter, Treasurer, noted that the main increase in their budget is electricity.

Included in this request is a \$275,000 appropriation for a new fire house. Mr. Donald Porter provided a rough sketch of the proposed building for the Board's consideration.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Mr. H. Clay, seconded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", pursuant to Sec. 2.1-344 (6) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, the Board moved into Executive Session at 11:31 P.M. to discuss legal matters. The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 12:01 A.M.

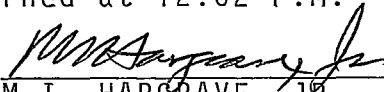
IN RE: INFORMATION

The following information was presented to the Board at this meeting:

1. Letter from the Virginia Fire Commission announcing a public session to be held March 21, 1985 at Prince Edward Courthouse.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clay, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hargrave voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 P.M.


M.I. HARGRAVE, JR., CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: 
W.G. KNOTT