

MEETING #11 – February 24

At a Workshop Meeting of the Madison Board of Supervisors on February 24, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at 302 Thrift Road:

PRESENT: James L. Arrington, Chairman
Jerry J. Butler, Vice-Chairman
J. Dave Allen, Member
Eddie Dean, Member
Pete J. Elliott, Member
Lisa Robertson, County Administrator
Jacqueline S. Frye, Secretary

ABSENT: V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney

Chairman Arrington called the meeting to order and established the presence of a quorum, noting that all members are present.

Chairman Arrington then commenced the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

1. Workshop Agenda Items:

a. Culpeper Soil & Water Conservation District (Presentation by Greg Wilchens):

Greg Wilchens, of the Culpeper Soil & Water Conservation District was present to provide an update on a grant that was submitted through the Department of Conservation to perform water quality improvements; the grant has a \$1,000.00 match for two (2) years for 'in kind' services, with a total grant amount of \$180,000.00.

Mr. Wilchens also advised there is an interest in upgrading the Madison Health Department's GIS format by providing septic information as follows:

- i) initiate cost share*
- ii) create and update data base*
- iii) create GIS data of all storm water BMP's*
- iv) provide level of an ordinance*

Additionally, he provided an overview of how the grant pertains to the Upper Hazel River Project and the local rivers that drain into the Hazel River.

In closing, Mr. Wilchens advised the outcome from the grant was to enhance the County and provide an overview of available services and an awareness of the costs involved.

Chairman Arrington asked if the above reference proposal will include alternative systems, to which Mr. Wilchens advised it will.

Mr. Wilchens also provided information on the water quality improvement fund and advised that the grant will be awarded in April 2011 for two (2) years - \$120,000.00 will be awarded for residential systems.

Supervisor Elliott questioned whether there will be funding allocated for the water study, to which Mr. Wilchens advised that the application will only include the Madison Health Department at this time; however, if additional funding becomes available, changes may be included.

Supervisor Elliott suggested that Dwayne Dixon, Sanitarian, be contacted for input and be provided with a list of information.

Mr. Wilchens advised the available list is public knowledge and there will be a thirty day (30) comment period for those who wish to provide input.

b. Proposed Law Enforcement Fee Schedule

The County Administrator advised the proposed law enforcement fee schedule could be adopted by Resolution or Ordinance. Additionally, she advised the Board to denote specifics for community and small events.

Supervisor Butler questioned:

- a) The fees paid by the school system;
- b) Whether overtime for law enforcement personnel is also paid by the County; and
- c) How to balance this issue.

The County Administrator advised the County is paying 'twice' with school events (i.e. funding allocated to the school system and also to the Sheriff's overtime budget line item).

Supervisor Dean advised the similarities between the aforementioned issue and the fees at the landfill, as the entities that perform work for the school system are not charged for debris that is hauled from school project sites.

Supervisor Butler questioned what becomes of any revenue that is made,

Supervisor Dean advised that any revenue is put into the local budget for individual schools or the central office budget, where there is a budget line item for these monies. In closing, he advised that usually, two (2) school activities will pay for the event itself.

Supervisor Elliott stated if an event charges a fee to the citizens, a fee for law enforcement should also be charged.

Chairman Arrington verbalized concerns as to how the Madison Chamber of Commerce is charged since the County does allocate funding to this organization.

The Sheriff advised that it takes about eight (8) deputies to cover the Taste of the Mountains Festival, as mandated by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Supervisor Dean stated he feels the State's precedence was 'poor', as they approved the transient occupancy tax for some localities and not for others.

Supervisor Allen explained the amendments that have been discussed and that a bill has been rejected.

Supervisor Elliott also advised that due to various cuts, the County may have to do things a bit differently.

The County Administrator explained the manner of overtime and the need for the budget line item to have adequate funding.

Supervisor Elliott suggested that all organizations be charged.

Supervisor Allen advised if an Ordinance is established to charge fees, each entity will have to pay accordingly.

Concerns were verbalized based on the fact that special use permits are 'blanketed' at the Young Farmer's Grounds.

The Sheriff asked if surrounding localities have any type of fee schedule similar to what is being discussed today. In closing, he stated he will continue to come before the Board as needed.

Chairman Arrington asked the County Administrator to check with the surrounding localities to see how they handle this same type of issue.

Supervisor Butler advised that Steve Hoffman was elected as the Chairman of the Central Virginia Regional Jail Board.

Supervisor Elliott asked if two (2) citizens are allowed to serve on the Shenandoah National Park's Blue Ridge Committee, and advised that he will check with James Ballard (current incumbent) to determine if this suggestion is viable.

c. Madison County Historical Society:

Doris Lackey, member of the Madison County Historical Society, was present and advised that the society will be selling a book on the "History of Madison County" – all proceeds from sales will go to the society and will be on sale at the Arcade beginning March 20, 2011 at a cost of \$20.00 per copy.

Ms. Lackey also advised the book contains information on:

- a) The community of Madison County;
- b) The business sector;
- c) Local Churches and schools; and
- d) Faces in history.

d. WJ Carpenter Site:

Mr. Jordan, owner of the WJ Carpenter property, was present and advised he feels the fee waiver on the rezoning application seems to present a huge issue; therefore, he offered to pay the fees associated with the current rezoning application. In closing, he stated he would like to present the application if deemed necessary.

Supervisor Butler asked if Mr. Jordan should apply for the rezoning application or should the Board leave things as they currently stand, as he feels there are additional concerns that have yet to be brought before the Board regarding this issue.

Mr. Jordan stated that he feels some citizens think there is 'special treatment' for the WJ Carpenter site, and he doesn't want to become a 'co-applicant' on this issue.

Chairman Arrington stated in his opinion, the County is suffering from 'bad press' and there was some misrepresentation on this issue.

Supervisor Butler stated the issue isn't about Supervisor Elliott, as he feels the rezoning proposal is a good business endeavor.

Supervisor Elliott advised there has also been an issue brought to light by Duct Rite Mechanical, Inc. Apparently, the applicant has requested to expand the building and there are setback concerns because the building is too close to the roadway. In closing, he stated the applicant would like to raise the building up one (1) level and will not change the existing footings; also, the applicant has attained a loan and cannot move forward.

Supervisor Butler stated there are also issues with the old video store in the Madison Plaza where the applicant would like to partition the store and has been advised that a site plan will be needed. In closing, he advised "it's difficult for a business to begin or expand here."

The County Administrator advised that she will look into the above referenced issues, as there are also concerns about putting a drive-thru window at the site.

d. Ntelos (Telephone Service Lines):

The County Administrator advised that Ntelos has offered to provide a quote for the installation of telephone service lines for County offices.

Robert Finks, Director of Emergency Communications, was present and provided an overview of the services offered by Ntelos versus what the County currently pays Verizon on a monthly basis for the same services. Apparently, their package will offer a savings on long distance that will be significantly lower than Verizon's costs. Also, there were concerns about a pay phone in the lobby of the Courthouse facility which costs about \$84.00 per month and whether this phone is necessary.

Supervisor Allen asked about connection fees and whether these fees will be waived.

Mr. Finks advised there will still be some Verizon lines; however, Ntelos will offer one hundred (100) lines and there will be no difference in the existing line service.

The County Administrator stated in her opinion, the County will save about half off the current costs being paid to Verizon.

Supervisor Dean questioned if there were any comments from the representatives of Advanced Network Services, Inc. on this issue.

Mr. Finks advised that representatives of Advanced Network Services currently work with Ntelos and they advised the proposed service is the same as what Verizon currently offers.

After discussion, the County Administrator advised that Ntelos will be contacted to schedule a changeover.

In closing, Mr. Finks advised the school system has changed providers and the service provided by Ntelos speeded up their entire system.

2. Adjournment:

With no further discussion or action being required by the Board, on motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Elliott, The Board voted to adjourn the meeting, with the following vote recorded:

James L. Arrington Aye

Jerry J. Butler	Aye
J. Dave Allen	Aye
Eddie Dean	Aye
Pete J. Elliott	Aye

James L. Arrington, Chairman
 Madison County Board of Supervisors

Lisa A. Robertson, County Administrator
 And Clerk to the Board

Date Adopted by the Board: April 12, 2011

Copies: James L. Arrington, Jerry J. Butler, J. Dave Allen, Eddie Dean,
 Pete J. Elliott, V. R. Shackelford, III & Constitutional Officers
