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VIRGINIA: AT THE CONTINUATION MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE STAFF MEETING ROOM OF THE OPERATIONS BUILDING AT PAMPLIN PARK IN DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2002, AT 7:30 A.M.

PRESENT:	EDWARD A. BRACEY, JR., CHAIRMAN	ELECTION DISTRICT #4
(Absent)	ROBERT L. BOWMAN, IV, VICE-CHAIR	ELECTION DISTRICT #3
	HARRISON A. MOODY	ELECTION DISTRICT #1
	DONALD L. HARAWAY	ELECTION DISTRICT #2
	AUBREY S. CLAY,	ELECTION DISTRICT #5

Mr. Edward A. Bracey, Jr., called the continuation meeting to order at 8:06 A.M.

IN RE: RETREAT SESSION

Mrs. Wendy W. Ralph, County Administrator, introduced Mr. Art Mead, Facilitator, who is the Assistant Director of the Southwest Virginia Office, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia.

Mr. Mead spent a brief period of time discussing the following items:

- A perspective on the relationship between a board and its administrator.
 1. Do & Don't Tips List
- Insight into the management styles of chief administrators.
 1. Continuum of Management styles
 2. You Might Be A Dictator
 3. Empowerment Mantra & True Delegation
- Leadership: Inherent to Virginia County Government is the challenge of bringing all the players together in pursuit of common goals.
 1. Traits of Leadership versus Management
- New Public-Private Partnership Law (2002 state legislation): A potential tool with new features that might offer advantages in Dinwiddie County's specific mix of needs/goals.
- Conservation Easements: The Land Trust of Virginia provides a good example of a legitimate and practical mechanism to pursue preservation within the County.

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Mr. Mead remarked, "Upon one's first visit to Dinwiddie County, a striking characteristic is the agricultural setting steeped in the historic legacy of its historic homes as exemplified by Carson and numerous other parts of the jurisdiction. The county's approach to the renovation of its public buildings has certainly reinforced this charm."

IN RE: DISCUSSION ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Mead presented the following items from the County Administrator to the Board for discussion.

- **Master Planning** – Can we pursue an update to our Master Plan for county facilities/buildings? a. Jail overcrowding – the contract with Southside Regional Jail is a just a temporary measure to a growing problem. b. Social Services Building expansion – an addition and roof replacement estimated to cost \$314,300 is included in the FY2003 CIP plan. Should we add on or revisit our idea of a Human Services Building to include the Social Services building as well as the Health Department? There is additional property around the Courthouse as well as the Dinwiddie fire station. c. Administration building – Relocation of the school board office so our Planning/Building Departments will have adequate space to operate. d. Old Bank Building and adjacent parking lot – this area is our only parking for the Historic Courthouse and Dinwiddie Library. When should we make this purchase? e. Use of Historic Courthouse – we have a request from the Historical Society for two offices. Should we begin with this group as the anchor and pursue volunteers to keep the building open? Will we allow that group to make the decisions on how and what items are displayed? f. A central garage/maintenance facility has been mentioned during the past years. Are you interested in pursuing this with the School Board? Are you interested in pursuing this on your own?
- **Planning/zoning/building** – A common goal of most Board members has been to strengthen the zoning and subdivision ordinance to control/manage growth and to "raise the bar" on residential development. Another request has been to get started on the "bullets" in Chapter XI of the Comp Plan, which is the "Policies, Goals and Objectives" section. (a copy was provided). There are several projects that can be gleaned from the pages of this section, which will be itemized and passed along to the Planning Commission for a recommendation to the Board. However, the projects will take resources—financial and personnel—and staff will need to know the Board's desire on committing the resources to these projects. Another suggestion has been a Planning Academy that involves the community as well because it's going to take a strong commitment from the Board on some very unpopular decisions to move forward.

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- **Industrial Development** – It is apparent that a goal of the Board is to establish an industrial park because it has been approved and we are in the planning stage now. But the next question is how aggressive do you want us to be as a County in pursuing industrial development? Then, do you want us to concentrate on major industry or pursue smaller retail business as well? How strongly do you feel about the role of tourism and to what extent are you willing to commit resources, both financial and personnel?
- **Recreation** – Other than the Eastside Community Enhancement Center, all your recreational property is controlled by the School system. Do you want to develop additional recreational areas/parks, which are County owned and controlled?
- **Education** – Mr. Mead will be providing statistics on how Dinwiddie compares to other localities on SOL's and since some of you have commented on considering a fixed % for our budget allocation to the schools, we can discuss how that might work in Dinwiddie. The issue of new schools vs. using existing buildings can and should probably wait until the school study is complete.
- **Public Safety** – Basically, what level of service do you want to provide? I think you have been both attentive and generous in meeting the building and equipment needs of the volunteer agencies. But, unfortunately, this is not enough if there are no personnel to respond to a call. It is evident that our volunteer resources are dwindling and at least one department has submitted a request for paid fire personnel. A suggestion has been to place cross-trained personnel in both fire and EMS in each station to supplement the volunteers. If the Board can decide what level of service you wish to pursue, the staff can provide a recommended plan with proposed costs.

IN RE: RESPONSE FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The Board held a discussion on each of the above items and reached a general consensus on the following:

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Major emphasis should be on development of an industrial Park
- Development of retail businesses (hotel/restaurant) – major interchanges
- Tourism – lower priority at this time – work with historical society to establish a community based study

PLANNING/ZONING/BUILDING

- Zoning and land use regulations need to be strengthened

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- Desire to improve quality of housing
- Board should give Planning Commission direction
- A planning academy with citizen involvement was suggested – e.g. 1 day per week for 2 months
- Quality of Life is important to industrial development

RECREATION

- Additional fields/recreation area should be developed near new and/or renovated schools

MASTER PLANNING

- Pursue getting a price on updating County's Master Plan
- Jail population – pursue other options with Southside Regional Jail
- Social Services Building expansion – include in Master Plan update
- Central maintenance/garage facility – agreeable to pursue discussion with School Board
- Administration Building office space – review after School study is complete
- Bank building and adjacent parking – pursue purchase

EDUCATION

- Consider percentage allocation to schools early on in budget process

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Concern about adding onto Namozine VFD when it may not be in the best location to serve the area of growth
- The level of services is difficult to define at this time – There is a commitment to providing another EMS unit; however, the need for paid fire personnel is still uncertain

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon Motion of Mr. Clay, Seconded by Mr. Moody, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bracey voting "Aye", the meeting adjourned at 3:46 P.M.

Edward A. Bracey, Jr., Chairman

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ATTEST: _____
Wendy Weber Ralph
County Administrator

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