

County of Dinwiddie Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

Special Meeting – September 28, 2021, 6:00 PM

Eastside Enhancement Center

7301 B Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia

Supervisors Present:

Brenda Ebron-Bonner, *Chair*
Harrison A. Moody, *Vice Chair*
Dr. Mark E. Moore
Daniel D. Lee

Election District 5
Election District 1
Election District 2
Election District 4

Administration Present:

W. Kevin Massengill, *County Administrator*
Anne Howerton, *Deputy County Administrator, Fin. and Gen. Svcs.*
Tyler Southall, *County Attorney*

1. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Chavis was not present for roll call.

2. **ADMINISTRATOR & SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

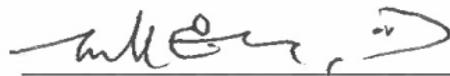
Mr. Massengill said what the Board of Supervisors wanted to do tonight is have a conversation with the School Board members about how we can continue to keep moving forward in this time of COVID. He mentioned that this would be a good time to talk about things we all mutually see as opportunities, as well as threats. With both Boards working on and in the midst of strategic planning, it only made sense to have tonight's conversation.

Dr. Weston said she wanted to thank all the Board members for the hard work they do and have been doing. She said she is so very happy and excited that the Boards have come together to have a meeting. She said the Schools are just one part of the system of Dinwiddie County. She recognizes that what the Schools choose to do affects the entire system and that is why having a conversation with the Board of Supervisors is so very important.

Dr. Moore read the following statements before any board member discussion took place:

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Mark E. Moore
District 2 Supervisor

09/28/2021
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Mr. Lee read the following statements before any board member discussion took place:

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Daniel D. Lee
District 4 Supervisor

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Mr. Massengill said before the members begin any discussion, he wanted to take a minute to give a little background where Dinwiddie County stands currently. He said from an Economic Development stand when he started with Dinwiddie County it was a challenge. However, the reputation of Dinwiddie County and the Public School system and how they run has been tremendous in his tenure. He talked a little about the census data for Dinwiddie County that had recently come out. He talked about the size and the ability and inability of the Sheriff's Department to cover Dinwiddie County at times. He talked a little about the number of single family homes being built in the County. He mentioned the interest of multi-family development and how it was beginning to happen in the County. The economic opportunity for Dinwiddie is promising if that happens, especially if the development is placed in the right location. We need to be very strategic in how we choose to move forward.

Mr. Moody said the agricultural feel of Dinwiddie County is very important. Many people in the County would like to keep the rural feel we have. Mr. Moody agreed with Mr. Massengill that multi-family units would bring business and industry to the County.

Dr. Moore said he agrees with Mr. Moody about multi-family units doing a lot for the County. However, there is a place for it. The issue Dinwiddie has before it adds multi-family is water and sewer capacity. It is limited and that will drive whether we can get businesses and industry to come to Dinwiddie County.

Mr. Lee talked about what kind of building has been going on in the last two years. Single family dwellings are going up everywhere. This causes school buses and our infrastructure to be pressed. We need for contractors to consider buying properties with the idea of possibly building a subdivision verses the single family dwellings that are populating the County.

There was some general conversation about the importance of multi-family units. How they are good for the young people getting out of college, the workforce that wants to live close to their jobs, and then there are our seniors who want to get out of the house-owning business because of all the maintenance that comes with it. They don't want to leave the County.

Mrs. Ebron-Bonner said she agrees with that. She also commented on the lack of concern landlords have for tenants in Dinwiddie County. That is another reason why having too many single family dwellings in the County is not good. That could also be a reason for not having too many multi-family units.

There was general conversation about the land in Dinwiddie County and whether it should be changed from one thing to another or rezoned so something else can be done with it.

Mr. Massengill began a conversation about broadband and how it got started and began moving in rural Counties. He highlighted how the Governor talked about putting money forward so that fiber can get to each home. This he said could be something that could change the landscape of living in a rural county.

Dr. Moore said because we are not the only county that wants to move in that direction, we as a board will have to decide if we want to get in line, so to speak, and get our name on the roll to have fiber placed throughout this county. He believes we will have to make a commitment for that and we should be thinking right now out of the box on whether that is something we want to do.

There was some general conversation about cell tower lack of reception and why that may happen or is occurring. The cell tower conversation also led to positive things concerning it and negative things concerning it. There are some virtual learners who enjoy it and some who do not.

Dr. Moore asked Dr. Weston about the Historic Southside School. There was some general conversation that was led by Dr. Weston concerning the use of the building. She talked about who is in it, where they were located, what percentage of the building is being used and what is the future of the building. With the space available, she talked about the possibility of other entities occupying space in the building

Mr. Massengill mentioned how he and Dr. Weston talked about the ball fields and how Parks and Recreation could use them and the County could help with improving them.

Mrs. Collins talked a little about the upcoming Dinwiddie County Comprehensive Plan Update kickoff work session. She mentioned briefly what it is and what it involves. She said the complete Comprehensive Land Use Plan document will take about one year to complete. She gave everyone a handout with information addressing the Comprehensive Plan, as well as a schedule which listed the dates when all meeting surrounding the Comprehensive Plan will take place. Also on the hand out were listed the topics and actions that will be addressed as well. She said the reason she is talking to the School Board is because they are a very important piece of the County's Comprehensive Plan. The School Board is one of the County's Stakeholder groups.

Mr. Massengill closed the meeting by saying it is important that the School Board and the youth in the community take an active role in helping complete the Comprehensive Pan.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Moody, seconded by Mr. Lee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

AYES: Mr. Moody, Dr. Moore, Mr. Chavis, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Ebron-Bonner
NAYS: None

Brenda Ebron-Bonner
Chair

ATTEST: _____
W. Kevin Massengill
County Administrator
Clerk to the Board

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