

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY HELD AT THE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING OF SAID COUNTY ON THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1972 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT: M. I. HARGRAVE, JR., CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #4
R. H. RUNDLE ELECTION DISTRICT #2
G. A. CROWDER ELECTION DISTRICT #3
T. H. TUNSTALL ELECTION DISTRICT #5

J. E. LEWIS DEPUTY SHERIFF
J. F. ANDREWS COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

ABSENT: S. E. WINN ELECTION DISTRICT #1

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Tunstall all members voting "aye", the minutes of the November 1st meeting were approved as presented.

IN RE: CLAIMS

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Crowder, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Hargrave and Mr. Tunstall voting "aye", it is ordered by the Board that the accounts against the following funds for the month of October 1972, be issued payable out of the respective accounts. General Fund - Checks numbering 72-1457 through 72-1534 amounting to \$35,203.28.

IN RE: RAILROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY

At the last meeting Mr. H. C. Wells, County Forester and Mr. Charles Sterley, District Forester, appeared before the Board to request that they adopt a resolution opposing the repealing of House Bill 56-426 which would require railroads to keep its right-of-way clear and free from weeds, grass, and decayed timber. At that time Mr. Tunstall requested that the railroads appear and state their side of the story.

The County Administrator told the Board that he had contacted the N & W Railroad and the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and they had stated they would have a representative at this meeting, but no one was here and he assumed they did not wish to oppose this resolution. Mr. H. C. Wells was in attendance and he urged the Board to pass this resolution.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Crowder, all members voting "aye", the following resolution was adopted by the Board.

WHEREAS, Section 56-426 of the Code of Virginia requires that "Every railroad company shall keep its right-of-way clear and free from weeds, grass, and decayed timber, which from their nature and condition are combustible material, liable to take and communicate fire from passing trains to abutting or adjacent property." and

WHEREAS, thereis before the 1973 session of the Virginia General Assembly House Bill #895 which would repeal Section 56-426, thus permitting the railroads to create and maintain a right-of-way condition which would create a dangerous fire hazard to adjacent property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors does urge the repsective members of the General Assembly of Virginia to vote against House Bill No. 895 and retain Section 56-426 in the Code of Virginia.

IN RE: RAYLIN SUBDIVISION APPROVAL

The County Administrator presented to the Board, the Raylin Subdivision Plat. This plat had been signed by the State Highway Department and the State Health Department. It meets all of the requirements of the Dinwiddie County Ordinances and therefore the County Administrator recommended that the Board approve this plat.

Upon motion of Mr. Tunstall, seconded by Mr. Crowder, all members voting "aye", the Chairman was authorized to sign the Raylin Subdivision Plat.

IN RE: REPAIRS TO HEALTH BUILDING

The County Administrator told the Board that the Health Building was in need of repairs. He requested that he be authorized to seek bids from contractors to replace or repair doors and windows, to repair and paint interior walls, to repair ceiling, to upgrade the electrical wiring and to repair the outside of the building.

Upon motion of Mr. Tunstall, seconded by Mr. Rundle, all members voting "aye", the County Administrator was authorized to secure bids for the repairs to the Health Building.

IN RE: REQUEST FOR BIDS ON FRONT END LOADER

The County Administrator presented to the Board specifications for the new front end loader needed for the new landfill, and requested that he be authorized to secure bids on this front end loader. After some discussion and upon motion of Mr. Tunstall, seconded by Mr. Crowder, all members voting "aye", the Board postponed action until the next meeting on the County Administrator's request to secure bids for a front end loader.

IN RE: RESOLUTION ON HAULING OF GRAVEL, STONE, ROCK & OTHER LOOSE SUBSTANCES

Mr. James F. Andrews, Commonwealth's Attorney discussed with the Board, a bill which is before the House of Delegates Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation which would prohibit the hauling of gravel and other loose materials in such manner as to permit any part of the load to escape.

The Board had discussed this several times in the past with Mr. Rundle placing particular emphasis on Route 603 from Route 226 to U. S. 1 #1. On numerous occasions gravel from passing trucks on Route 603 had broken car windows and done various other types of damage.

Mr. Andrews presented a resolution to the Board indicating their support of this bill.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Crowder, all members voting "aye", the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is now pending in the House of Delegates' Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation a bill known as House Bill #1039 which is designed to prohibit the hauling of gravel and other loose materials in such manner as to permit any part of the load to escape; and

WHEREAS, this Board has had expressed to it numerous complaints concerning the falling of gravel, rocks, stone and other substances from trucks traveling the roads of Dinwiddie County, and said Board is of the opinion that same should be prevented;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County express to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation of the House of Delegates its support of a Bill prohibiting the hauling of gravel, stone, rock and other loose substances in such manner as to permit the escape of same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commonwealth's Attorney transmit to the members of said Committee, to the sponsors of House

Bill #1039, to the State Highway Commissioner, and to the Petersburg resident engineer for the State Highway Department, a copy of this Resolution, together with such comments as he may deem advisable on the phraseology of House Bill #1039 as presently proposed.

IN RE: MRS. L. L. MEREDITH - McKENNEY SCHOOL MOVIE PROJECTOR

Mrs. L. L. Meredith appeared before the Board to protest children at McKenney Elementary School having to go door to door selling merchandise to finance the purchase of a movie projector for their school. She thought it was the responsibility of the school board and the Board of Supervisors to provide these items for the various schools throughout the County and not the individual schools responsibility to purchase these items. The Chairman, Mr. Hargrave and Mr. T. W. Newsom, superintendent schools, explained in detail the requirements for purchasing such items.

Mr. Newsom stated that each year teachers were required to list their needs, turn them in to the principal of the school. The principal consolidated these requests along with his requests and turned them in to the superintendent, who in turn consolidated requests from all the schools and presented them to the school board for consideration in preparing the budget. This movie projector was not among the requests from McKenney Elementary School.

Mr. Newsom also stated that he first heard of the need of a movie projector at the McKenney Elementary School less than 30 days ago, and he felt sure that if the request had been forwarded to him, that the necessary funds could have been arranged for the purchase of this movie projector.

Mr. Hargrave indicated that he was not in favor of prohibiting schools from having their students to go out selling, provided the parents of the students did not object. Mr. Hargrave further stated that he and Mr. Newsom had answered her as best they could and hoped she was satisfied with the explanation.

IN RE: DRAINAGE PROBLEM NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Dinwiddie Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Robert Mengel asked the Board would they prefer a culvert being placed in front of the new fire house or a drain. The culvert would take the water on down the road, the drain would run the water behind the building.

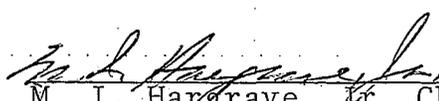
Mr. B. C. Medlock, State Highway Department, had suggested a culvert be put in.

Upon motion of Mr. Rundle, seconded by Mr. Tunstall, all members voting "aye", the Board instructed Mr. Mengel to put the culvert in, if the Highway thought this was the best way to solve the drainage problem.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

ATTEST:


W. C. Knott


M. I. Hargrave, Jr. Chairman

