

**FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Circuit Courtroom  
Fluvanna Courts Building  
March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
6:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Y. Gooch, Chairman  
Shaun V. Kenney, Vice-Chairman  
Joe Chesser  
Donald W. Weaver  
Mozell H. Booker  
Chris S. Fairchild

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jay Scudder, County Administrator  
Fred Payne, County Attorney  
Renee Hoover, Finance Director  
Darren K. Coffey, Planning Director  
Mary L. Weaver, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Barbara Gibbons, Chairwoman  
Bertha Armstrong, Vice-Chair  
Tom Muir  
Brian Phillips

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Doug Johnson  
Camilla Washington

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chairman Gooch and Ms. Gibbons called the joint work session meeting of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the New Courts Building in Palmyra, Virginia; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, after which, Chairman Gooch called for a moment of silence and remembrance of the deputies that were killed in Buchanan County on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Chairwoman Gibbons reviewed with the Board the reasons the proposed FY12 budget for the schools and introduced Ms. Gena Keller, School Superintendent, to present an overview of the FY12 budget.

Ms. Keller was joined by Mr. Ed Breslauer, Director of Finance, to present to the Board the process that was used for the FY12 budget, along with the desires and future goals for the Fluvanna County Schools.

The Board discussed with the School Board their requests. Mr. Kenney publicly commended and thanked Mr. Muir and Mr. Phillips for their leadership.

At the end of the School Board's budget presentation, Chairwoman Gibbons adjourned their meeting.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 6:43 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

**REPORTS**

Mr. Jay Scudder, County Administrator, reported on the following topics:

- *Invitation for Habitat for Humanity* – Dedication sponsored by Dominion Power, March 21, 2011, at 2 p.m., on High Mountain Lane.
- *Dooms/Bremo Transmission Line* – Dominion Power is holding a number of public information seminars in reference to upgrading the old transmission line that runs 45 miles from Augusta County to Bremo Station in Fluvanna.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS #1**

Chairman Gooch opened the floor for the first round of public comments.

The following citizen addressed the Board:

- Jacques Ruch, Rivanna District – addressed the Board in reference to the school budget and necessary spending.

- Perry Johnson, Fork Union District, President of Fluvanna Education – addressed the board in support of fully funding the schools’ proposed budget.
- Scott Carpenter, Fire Chief Lake, Monticello Rescue Squad – addressed the Board on behalf of the Fluvanna County Fire and Rescue Association in regarding the 911 EMS Response Times presentation that is on the agenda for this evening.
- Alden Bigelow, Rivanna District – addressed the Board opposing charging for EMS services.
- Gary Koontz, Rivanna District – thanked the Board for their service, and supports them 100% to do the best for this County.
- Minor Eager, Palmyra District – addressed the Board in reference to County services, and supports cuts.
- Sam Patterson, Palmyra District – addressed the Board in reference to the County debt level.
- Jerry Patchen, Palmyra District – shared with the Board the recommendations of the Fluvanna Taxpayers Association in reference to taxes.
- Tom Payne, Palmyra District – addressed the Board in support of the schools’ proposed budget and stated the only tax source we have is the Fluvanna Residents.
- Norma Hutner, Rivanna District – addressed the Board in support of no new taxes.
- Sam Richardson, Rivanna District – addressed the Board in reference to making the correct choice.
- Elizabeth Franklin, Columbia District – addressed the Board in reference to the views of the Fluvanna Taxpayers Association.
- Randy Ralston, Cunningham District – addressed the Board in reference to being extremely frugal with future expenditures.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Gooch closed the first round of public comments.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were approved under the consent agenda:

##### **MOTION:**

Mr. Kenney moved to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of:

- Minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Minutes of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011
- 5 Year Financial Forecast Invoice

Mr. Chesser seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. AYES: Gooch, Weaver, Booker, Kenney, Fairchild and Chesser. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

#### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

None

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

##### **Plan to Reduce 911 EMS Response Times**

Mr. Lyle Plitt presented to the Board his thoughts on how to reduce emergency response times.

#### **ACTION MATTERS**

##### **Proclamation/Fluvanna Garden Club Month 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mr. Jay Scudder, County Administrator, read the proclamation for this item.

##### **MOTION:**

Mr. Kenney moved to approve the proclamation [attached hereto] recognizes the continuing importance of the volunteer hours the members of the Fluvanna Garden Club provide, to enhance the viability of the County. As we celebrate their 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, we the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors, proclaim the month of April, 2011 at Fluvanna Garden Club Month. Mr. Weaver seconded. The motion carried, with a vote of 6-0. AYES: Gooch, Weaver, Fairchild, Chesser, Booker and Kenney. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

##### **Formation of Redistricting Committee**

Mr. Darren K. Coffey, Planning Director, addressed the Board regarding this request and reviewed the requirements for redistricting in preparation for the upcoming elections.

##### **MOTION:**

Mr. Kenney moved that the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors form a Redistricting Committee to guide the County in its decennial redistricting process. The composition of this committee shall consist of two Board members – Don Weaver and Mozell Booker. The scope of the committee shall be limited to those issues as outlined in the attached redistricting memorandum, and the duration of the

committee shall be until submittal is made to the Department of Justice in May or June 2011. Mr. Fairchild seconded. The motion carried, with a vote of 6-0. AYES: Gooch, Weaver, Fairchild, Chesser, Booker and Kenney. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FY 12 Budget Discussion, Recommendation and Authorization to Advertise**

Mr. Jay Scudder, County Administrator, reviewed with the Board what has been done up to this point for the FY12 Budget. Ms. Renee Hoover, Finance Director, reviewed with the Board options increasing revenue fees along with cuts in expenditures. Mr. Mel Sheridan, Commissioner of the Revenue, addressed the Board in reference to Personal Property Values. Extensive discussions ensued among the Board of Supervisors.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 10:04 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 10:43 p.m.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Chesser moved to advertise the Real Estate Tax Rate at \$.61 and the Personal Property Rate at \$4.05. Ms. Booker seconded. The motion failed, with a vote of 3-3. AYES: Gooch, Chesser and Booker. NAYS: Weaver, Kenney and Fairchild. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Chesser moved to advertise the Real Estate Tax Rate at \$.55 and the Personal Property Rate at \$4.05. Mr. Weaver seconded for discussion.

**EXTEND MEETING**

**MOTION:**

Mr. Weaver moved to extend the Board of Supervisors meeting to 12:00 midnight. Mr. Kenney seconded. The motion carried, with a vote of 6-0. AYES: Booker, Chesser, Gooch, Kenney, Weaver and Fairchild. NAYS: None.

The board continued discussion with the motion on the floor to advertise the Real Estate Tax Rate at \$.55 and the Personal Property Rate at \$4.05.

The motion failed, with a vote of 2-4. AYES: Kenney and Weaver. NAYS: Gooch, Fairchild, Chesser and Booker. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Fairchild moved to advertise the Real Estate Tax Rate at \$.56 and the Personal Property Rate at \$4.15. Ms. Booker seconded. The motion failed, with a vote of 2-4. AYES: Fairchild and Booker. NAYS: Weaver, Kenney, Gooch and Chesser. ABSENT: None.

Further discussion ensued; Mr. Kenney requested the Board take a break.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 11:20 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 11:30 p.m.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Chesser moved to advertise the Real Estate Tax Rate at \$.57 and the Personal Property Rate at \$4.15. Ms. Booker seconded. The motion passed, with a roll call vote of 4-2. AYES: Chesser, Fairchild, Gooch and Booker. NAYS: Weaver and Kenney. ABSENT: None.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Chesser moved to amend license fee ordinance to increase motorcycles to \$18.00 and other motor vehicles to \$33.00. Ms. Booker seconded. The motion passed, with a roll call vote of 4-2. AYES: Chesser, Fairchild, Gooch and Booker. NAYS: Weaver and Kenney. ABSENT: None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS #2**

Chairman Gooch opened the floor for the second round of public comments.

The following citizens addressed the Board:

- Leonard Bozza, President of Lake Monticello Fire and Rescue and a member of Fluvanna EMS Committee – addressed the Board, in reference to rescue recovery service.
- Kent Loving, Columbia District – addressed the Board, in reference to Personal Property Tax and Business Personal Property assessment.
- Sam Patterson, Palmyra District – addressed the Board, in reference to the tax rate.
- Tom Payne, Palmyra District – addressed the Board, in reference to Economic Development.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Gooch closed the second segment of public comments.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION:**

At 11:48 p.m., Mr. Kenney moved to adjourn the meeting of Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Mr. Fairchild seconded. The motion carried, with a vote of 6-0. AYES: Chesser, Gooch, Kenney, Booker, Weaver and Fairchild. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None

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John Y. Gooch, Chairman

## FLUVANNA COUNTY



### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Fluvanna Garden Club (FGC) is celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its formation, let it be known that the County of Fluvanna celebrates with them; and

**WHEREAS**, the FGC was established in 1926, by a small group of Fluvanna women, concerned with improving the physical and saving the environmental beauty of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the FGC met in both public and private spaces throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the first public project was an attempt to preserve the 'old covered bridge' downstream of the current Rte 15 bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, during the course of the clubs history, over 4,000 trees have been planted to enhance public spaces; and every year, since the club's inception, a tree is planted in celebration of "Arbor Day"; and

**WHEREAS**, the FGC formed the first public awareness program for beautifying public highways, by working with Virginia Department of Highways to ban littering and the use of billboards, and encourage property owners to remove trash and abandoned vehicles from public view; and

**WHEREAS**, the FGC took on, as a public service, the ongoing challenge of landscaping and maintaining the triangle at Dixie; and

**WHEREAS**, FGC has taken on other noteworthy projects, including beautifying filling stations, the "Model Mile" (of which the stone markers are still visible from Rte 15), beautifying the Dixie War memorial, establishing the first Bird Sanctuary in the County, raising funds for and landscaping the elementary, middle and high schools, landscaping the war memorial at Court House Square, donating books to the public library on gardening issues, participating with "Keep Virginia Beautiful" campaign, Virginia Land Trust, Nature Conservancy, Virginia Barrier Island project, and planting in the circle in the County Center; and

**WHEREAS**, continuing efforts include increasing public awareness of the importance of using only local vegetation as landscaping materials; and

**WHEREAS**, FGC participated with; the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Junior Garden Clubs, youth nature and science clubs at the local elementary and middle schools; encouraging our elementary school to participate in the "Smokey the Bear" and "Woodsy Owl" poster and awareness campaigns; and (during the War years) helped neighbors plant and maintain victory gardens in order to sustain many households during that time; and

**WHEREAS** the FGC continues to support and celebrate local businesses by purchasing products and services, and rewards local businesses with Floral arrangements during Virginia Garden Week; and

**WHEREAS**, FGC continues to discourage the State of Virginia from using chemical sprays as a means to kill vegetation on any public space; and

**WHEREAS**, FGC raised money to help fund the Tuberculosis, Cancer, and Pediatric units at UVA and Martha Jefferson, and provides funds to inform Virginians about public health threats; and

**WHEREAS**, the FGC provides an annual “Dogwood Award” to local businesses or communities, in recognition of beautification efforts of their properties, and continues to provide public service and awareness, through participation with nursing homes, schools, educational demonstrations, landscaping Habitat for Humanity homes, as well as maintaining an information booth at “Old Farm Day” and providing decorations for “Christmas in the Village” annually;

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN**, the County of Fluvanna recognizes the continuing importance of the volunteer hours the members of the Fluvanna Garden Club provide to enhance the viability of the County. As we celebrate their 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, we THE FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, proclaim the month of April, 2011 as “FLUVANNA GARDEN CLUB MONTH”.

Signed and sealed this 16th day of March, 2011.

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John Y. Gooch  
Chair, County of Fluvanna Board of Supervisors

APPROVED