

M I N U T E S

POLICY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
LOUDOUN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FEBRUARY 26, 1990

At a meeting of the Policy Legislative Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, Virginia, held in the Reception Room of the County Administration Building, 18 North King Street, Leesburg, Virginia, at 12 noon, Monday, February 26, 1990.

PRESENT: Thomas S. Dodson, Chairman
Betty W. Tatum
Charles A. Bos
Steve W. Stockman

ALSO PRESENT: Betsey J. S. Brown

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Tom Dodson.

IN RE: INDIAN CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Mr. Dodson stated that no concurrence has been reached as to how to best move forward with the Indian Creek Project. Deputy County Administrator Jim Keene provided a background of Indian Creek from the December 1987 directive to present.

Linda Erbs-Nagy, Engineer, Department of Engineering, stated that Landstar Corporation has stated it is unable to provide further major funding until enabling legislation is enacted.

Mr. Stockman asked what systems are now in place to handle runoff in the area. Ms. Erbs-Nagy said the County is only prepared for the 2-year event.

Mr. Keene emphasized that it is the County's intent to use Indian Creek as a model, because future similar situations are inevitable.

Staff recommended pursuing stormwater management districts within the County. In response to a question by Mr. Dodson, Mr. Keene stated that the formation of a soil and water conservation district requires a passing referendum vote of two-thirds of affected landowners. In addition, staff has had concerns about forming a soil and water district because of the lack of a mechanism for collecting maintenance costs.

There was a brief discussion of how Fairfax County had managed maintenance funding for its impoundments.

Mr. Dodson discussed merging this project into the Broad Run flood plain. Ms. Erbs-Nagy said one option would be to submit all applications to GKY and Associates (the contractor for Broad Run) for overall analysis.

Mr. Stockman pointed out that Indian Creek flows into Broad Run Creek near Routes 28 and 7. Trammell Crow Company dredged that area to contain the 100-year storm.

Mr. Stockman suggested that the County pursue improvement of the intersection of Routes 28 and 846 with Virginia Department of Transportation. Mr. Keene said staff would like a workshop/information session with the Board for the purpose of developing financial implications to use in next year's legislation.

Mr. Dodson asked how the County would deal with a major user in the Indian Creek area, should one come forward in the near future. Ms. Erbs-Nagy pointed out that all applications should be incorporated into a county floodplain master plan.

After Ms. Erbs-Nagy briefly reviewed the four design alternatives, discussion followed in which those present agreed that staff's intent is to maximize the stormwater management controls in Indian Creek.

Mr. Keene asked that the Board keep in mind the regional soil and water aspect of the General Plan as a priority.

Mrs. Tatum moved that the full Board support the alternatives set forth by staff:

1. The detailed flood plain study developed by Patton, Harris, and Rust for Indian Creek is to be maintained and updated, as required, to reflect alterations and modifications as a result of development within the watershed. Thus, as new applications are received, the applicants will be responsible for the continual update of the study. In addition, the study will act as the basis of future study data. Maintaining the flood plain data will allow staff and affected applicants availability to the cumulative impact of various land development applications; versus piecing together various applications to identify the total effect of development within the watershed.

2. The County of Loudoun will project an active participation in developing and obtaining the enabling legislation to facilitate the formation of Drainage Districts within their jurisdiction.
3. Staff will explore and encourage regional stormwater management designs with the landowners/land development applicants within the Indian Creek drainage area.
4. Phase 3 of an existing contract with GKY and Associates is designated to stormwater management recommendations for the Broad Run watershed. This contract will be amended to provide recommendations for a regional management approach including the confluence of Indian Creek.
5. The County will pursue regional stormwater management districts within potentially urbanized areas. Coincident with the rewrite of the General Plan, if adopted as a priority by the Board, staff will identify such areas for incorporation into the text of the Plan.

Mr. Bos seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Philip A. Bolen
County Administrator

3/8/90
Date

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POLICY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
LOUDOUN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JUNE 12, 1990

At a meeting of the Policy Legislative Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, Virginia, held in the Reception Room of the County Administration Building, 18 North King Street, Leesburg, Virginia, on Tuesday, June 12, 1990, at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Thomas S. Dodson, Chairman
Charles A. Bos

ABSENT: Betty W. Tatum
Steve W. Stockman

ALSO PRESENT: Betsey J. S. Brown

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dodson.

IN RE: EROSION CONTROL ENHANCEMENTS

Mr. Dodson expressed appreciation to staff for its work on amendments to the Loudoun County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance. He stated that Loudoun County has one of the best ordinances in the jurisdiction. He discussed the numerous projects in the County which involve grading and filling, using large earth-moving equipment.

Mr. Dodson's two areas of interest were (1) to impose regulation on these activities, stressing safety on rural roads, and (2) to control foreign material being transported in for fill.

Terrance Wharton, Director of Engineering, prefaced staff remarks with comments regarding agricultural operations in the County.

Kathy Wilt, Staff Engineer, discussed proposed requirements for granting permits which would include having agricultural exemptions clearly defined; requiring quality and quantity of fill material to be transported, as well as roads to be used; enforcement of public road repair after completion of work (bonding of trucking companies would include language to include necessary repairs); current single family housing exemptions; a letter sent to the State regarding soil stockpiles being stabilized with a trapping device.

Mrs. Brown raised the issue of enforcement of the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Law.

Ms. Wilt responded that the County is using all possible means to enforce existing enabling legislation, and has proposed several amendments to the Loudoun County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance to reflect the latest changes in State law.

Mr. Bos asked about whether there was a regular method of communicating the ordinance changes with builders and developers.

Mr. Wharton said that the Department of Engineering would handle this matter. He added that one additional inspector was planned for the Engineering staff.

IN RE: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMPLIANCE ON REZONINGS

Mrs. Brown expressed two concerns relative to this item. First, she felt the Board should send a clear message of intent to support existing Land Use Plans. Second, she suggested that perhaps the Board could consider that, when a special exception application is received, it be reviewed immediately by Comprehensive Planning staff for Plan conformance. The quick review could ultimately conserve a great deal of staff time.

James Keene, Deputy County Administrator, suggested that a policy discussion be conducted between Mrs. Brown and staff. He added that the Zoning Ordinance Working Group's (ZOWG) current efforts could incorporate some of Mrs. Brown's proposed objectives.

John Roberts, County Attorney, discussed how the Comprehensive Plan relates to the State statute.

Mr. Dodson stated that he would like to see a shortened rezoning approval process.

A lengthy discussion followed about the County's overall planning approval process and how to make it more efficient.

Mr. Dodson said that work scheduled to be completed by ZOWG, and this Committee's discussions would be reported to the Board.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Dodson adjourned the meeting.



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

7/5/90

DATE

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POLICY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
LOUDOUN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JULY 9, 1990

At a meeting of the Policy Legislative Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, Virginia, held in the Reception Room of the County Administration Building, 18 North King Street, Leesburg, Virginia, on Thursday, July 12, 1990, at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Charles A. Bos
Steve W. Stockman
Betty W. Tatum

ABSENT: Thomas S. Dodson, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: Betsey J. S. Brown
Howard P. Smith

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bos, Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order.

IN RE: MASSAGE PARLOR ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Mr. Keene discussed the proposed changes in the Massage Parlor Ordinance which changed the annual recertification of massage establishments to an administrative activity. It was agreed to restructure the Chapter 820 of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County.

Ms. Priscilla Kotter, a certified massage therapist, expressed appreciation for the County's regulation and protection of the massage profession.

Mrs. Tatum moved that staff prepare an ordinance for presentation to the Board of Supervisors on July 17, 1990. Seconded by Mr. Stockman. The motion passed 3-0-1, Mr. Dodson absent.

IN RE: 1991 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

Memory Porter, Assistant to the County Administrator, discussed 14 items which are affected in the 1991 State funding to localities. State agencies had been requested to prepare potential budgets reflecting 1, 3, and 5 percent budget cuts for the current fiscal year.

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The Committee members agreed to accept the 1991 Legislative Package with the proposed positions, and concurred that it should be included in the Board meeting agenda for July 17, 1990.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Bos adjourned the meeting.



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

8/27/90

DATE

M I N U T E S

POLICY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
LOUDOUN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DECEMBER 3, 1990

At a meeting of the Policy Legislative Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, held in the Reception Room of the County Administration Building, 18 North King Street, Leesburg, Virginia, on December 3, 1990, at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Thomas S. Dodson, Chairman
Betty W. Tatum
Steve W. Stockman

ALSO PRESENT: Betsey J. S. Brown

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dodson called the meeting to order.

IN RE: LOUDOUN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION/TAXATION EXEMPTION

Memory Porter, Assistant to the County Administrator, discussed Loudoun County Vocational Education's request for taxation exemption, since the Foundation is nonprofit. It owns one piece of property on which a house has been constructed, and is for sale. After it is sold, it will become taxable. Vocational Education requested personal property tax exemption for vehicles they own.

Mrs. Tatum moved that the Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the request from Loudoun Vocational Education Foundation for real and personal property exemption be placed on the agenda for December 4, 1990, for action. Seconded by Mr. Dodson. The motion passed 2-0-2, Mr. Bos and Mr. Stockman absent.

IN RE: LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 1991 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Education Funding

Mrs. Porter described a possible position to be taken under the Commission on Educational Opportunity's recommendation which would transfer State education funding from 23 "high composite index" local governments to 115 localities. This change in funding distribution would obviously have a significantly negative effect on Loudoun County.

Community Services Board

Mrs. Porter stated that the State level Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services were cut \$41.4 million for 1990-92, and that the impact of this reduction on the County would equate to the reduction of two foster care slots for mentally retarded individuals, delayed employment of staff, reduction of residential development, and longer waiting periods for clients. Also affected would be a shortfall from estimated Medicaid reimbursements.

Mrs. Porter felt that it was realistic to expect about \$7 million of the cuts to be returned in the FY '92 budget.

Russell Blackburn, Assistant County Administrator, explained that the State made certain assumptions regarding Medicaid-eligible citizens, and imposed those assumptions on the localities.

Social Services

Mrs. Porter addressed two issues. First, the need to support services such as adult protective services and companion services; and second, possible consolidation of local social service agencies in an effort to deliver services more cost-effectively.

Mr. Blackburn stated that the State has been moving forward with the consolidation proposal.

Local Court Service Unit

Mrs. Porter said that the Family Court Services Unit has been notified of a 22 percent reduction of funding in FY '91 and possibly larger cuts in FY '92. Loudoun is one of four locally administered programs in the State; all others are fully funded and administered by the State.

Personal Property Tax Classification

Mrs. Porter described a proposal for an amendment to State law to allow a different tax rate for personal property in aircraft maintenance facilities, which would allow the option of offering tax inducements. She pointed out that Loudoun has been successful in the past in seeking separate classifications of personal property for aircraft simulators and certain heavy construction equipment.

Expedited Land Development Review

Terry Wharton, Director of Engineering, stated that enabling law will be needed from the General Assembly in order for the private sector and the County to revise the review process. County staff has worked to accomplish an improved review process for Loudoun, which would develop plans certified by licensed professional engineers, architects, and land surveyors under certain conditions.

Code Section Authorizing Semi-Annual Tax Collections

Mrs. Porter stated that this tax could apply to property or personal, or both. Jack Roberts, County Attorney, said that the Virginia Code would require property tax collections June 5 and December 5.

George Titus, County Treasurer, stated that his office had researched the feasibility of semi-annual property tax collections. He said it would be slightly preferable to collect on June 5 and December 5, because the County had received many complaints about the full amounts being due on December 5. He added that his preference for collection of personal property taxes would be between August 15 and September 15.

The Committee and staff continued a lengthy discussion about the proposal.

Mr. Bolen stated that he recommended the June 5 and December 5 property tax collection dates.

Mrs. Tatum moved that the Committee forward to the December 4 Board meeting for approval the six issues presented on December 3 to the Committee (Education Funding, Community Services Board, Social Services, Local Court Service Unit, Personal Property Tax Classification, Expedited Land Development Review) and approval of semi-annual property tax collection. Seconded by Mr. Dodson. The motion passed 3-0-1, Mr. Bos absent.

IN RE: TAX EXEMPT STATUS FOR ADEQUATE HOUSING FOUNDATION

Patrick Moynihan, Director, Adequate Housing Foundation, explained his organization's request for tax exemption status. He indicated that a tax-exempt status could be one way for his organization to keep housing affordable over a length of time as it is the nature of a nonprofit organization to work on a close margin.

Mr. Stockman said that it is the policy of the Board of Supervisors to have specific projects to take to the State Assembly rather than request a blanket tax exemption status.

Mrs. Porter said that the General Assembly prefers to set parameters and criteria on the tax exemption status and prefers to have definite projects to consider.

The Committee continued to discuss the tax exemption request.

Mr. Dodson pointed out that the Committee would be willing to look at specific projects at a future date.

Mr. Dodson moved that recommendation not move forward at this time. Seconded by Mrs. Tatum. The motion passed 3-0-1, Mr. Bos absent.

IN RE: LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR LEGAL ADVERTISING

Mrs. Porter explained the proposed bill which allowed a process to have newsletters quality for carrying public notices. She indicated that the bill is opposed by the Virginia Press Association.

The Committee briefly discussed this proposed legislation.

Mr. Stockman moved that the Committee recommend to the Board that it support changes to Section 8.01-324 of the Code of Virginia that would permit legal notices and publications to be published in newspapers with either second class or bulk rate mailing permits so long as the statute includes a method for the locality to determine that the newspaper has a general circulation throughout the jurisdiction. Seconded by Mrs. Tatum. The motion passed 3-0-1, Mr. Bos absent.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dodson adjourned the meeting.



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Feb 3, 1991

DATE