

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
PLANNING RETREAT  
DECEMBER 13 & 14, 2007

A meeting of the Campbell County Board of Supervisors extended from December 3, 2007 convened at 4:00 p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007 for a planning retreat at Timberlake Tavern, 439 Timberlake Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia. The members present were:

J. D. Puckett, Chairman, Presiding	Brookneal Election District
Charles W. Falwell	Timberlake Election District
Eddie Gunter, Jr.	Concord Election District
Hugh T. Pendleton, Jr.	Rustburg Election District
Hugh W. Rosser	Seneca Election District

Absent from the meeting were:

Rick Boyer	Sunburst Election District
Calvin P. Carter	Altavista Election District

Also present were:

Stanley I. Goldsmith, Supervisor-elect	Altavista Election District
Steven M. Shockley, Supervisor-elect	Sunburst Election District
R. David Laurrell, County Administrator	
Clifton M. Tweedy, Deputy County Administrator	
Catherine H. Moore, Clerk to the Board	
Tyler St. Clair, Facilitator	

Administrator Laurrell welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members for taking the time to participate in the planning retreat. The location of the retreat was at the Historic Timberlake Tavern. Chris Viar, one of the owners, told us the Tavern was built in 1931 and was originally used as a tavern and bed and breakfast. Timberlake in those days was used for weekend getaways. After twenty or so years, the Tavern was used for a private residence until it was purchased recently. The new owners were slowly restoring the building to be used as banquet facilities.

Stanley I. Goldsmith and Steven M. Shockley were recently elected to the Board. This would be the first time in 20 years that Campbell County has had more than one new Board member at a time. Several activities were planned for the retreat to orient the two new Board members and enhance the working relationship of the Board.

The first part of the evening on December 13<sup>th</sup> was used to discuss the findings of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) that the Board and staff had completed prior to the meeting. Knowing and understanding each other's type not only helps you appreciate your own strengths, gifts and potential growth edges, but also helps you understand and appreciate how and why others may differ from you. Knowing that these differences were all valuable can lead to more constructive communication and relationships. It was interesting that the individual types of the Board members were very similar.

The last part of the evening was a discussion of the characteristics that created the most effective, professional environment for the Board's work and a review of the Board's operating guidelines that supported this goal. The Board credited its good working relationship and decision making abilities to a mutual respect for one other and his position, using a committee system to work out issues and the annual planning process. The meeting was recessed at 9:00 p.m.

On Friday, December 14, 2007, the meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. The morning was spent working on a visioning exercise. Looking ahead to 2017, what would the Board want to keep in Campbell County? What would they like to change? The lists were then compiled under six areas – Growth, Relationships, Financial Planning, Quality of Life, Education and Economic

Development. The lists would be further developed to provide future direction of the County. From the lists it was obvious there were many more “keep” items than “change” items that could be credited to a good planning process.

Administrator Laurrell reviewed the County’s annual planning process and many of the FY 2008 Priorities and Initiatives. Staff was in the process of developing the FY 2009 Priorities and Initiatives that would be reviewed and adopted by the Board in January 2008. It was explained the priorities and initiatives drive the development of the budget and well as the work plans of County employees.

Mr. Shockley left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The last part of the day was spent discussing several policy issues that were relevant to the planning process to gain the Board’s perspective and to assure that staff was moving in the right direction. Some of these issues pertained to the creation of an airport authority, reassessment and twice a year tax billings.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on December 17, 2007 for a swearing-in ceremony in the Campbell County Circuit Court, Rustburg, Virginia.

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J. D. PUCKETT, CHAIRMAN

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