

A special meeting of the Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, August 22, 2023 in the public meeting room of the George D. English, Sr. Memorial Building, located at 111 Polk Street, Montross, Virginia. Those members present were Darryl E. Fisher, Timothy Trivett, Dorothy Dickerson Tate, Woody Hynson, and Russ Culver. Also present were Norm Risavi, County Administrator; Karen Lewis, Assistant County Administrator, Debra Whaley, Finance Director; and Donna Cogswell, Executive Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fisher called meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

Chairman Fisher stated that the reason for this meeting today is to approve the Resolution to establish the personal property tax relief rates for tax year 2023.

After review of the resolution and a brief explanation by the County Administrator, Chairman Fisher asked if the Board had any questions, if not, asked for a motion.

With no further questions, upon motion by Tim Trivett, second by Dorothy Dickerson Tate and carried unanimously with Woody Hynson, Dorothy Dickerson Tate, Russ Culver, Tim Trivett and Chairman Fisher voting "aye". The Board approved the Resolution establishing the Personal Property Tax Relief Rates for Tax Year 2023.

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**RESOLUTION**

**Establishment of Personal Property Tax Relief Rates for Tax Year 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Va. Code 58.1-3523 *et seq.* ("PPTRA"), has been substantially modified by the enactment of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly, 2004 Special Session I (Senate Bill 5005), and the provisions of Item 503 of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly (the 2005 revisions to the 2004-06 Appropriations Act, hereinafter cited as the "2005 Appropriations Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, these legislative enactments require Westmoreland County to take affirmative steps to implement these changes, and to provide for the computation and allocation of relief provided pursuant to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act as revised; and

**WHEREAS**, these legislative enactments provide for the appropriation to Westmoreland County, of a fixed sum to be used exclusively for the provision of tax relief to owners of qualifying personal use vehicles that are subject to the personal property tax on such vehicles.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that qualifying vehicles obtaining situs within Westmoreland County during tax year 2023 shall receive personal property tax relief in the following manner:

- Personal use vehicles valued \$1,000 or less will be eligible for 100% tax relief;
- Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,001 to \$20,000 will be eligible for 22% tax relief;
- Personal use vehicles valued at \$20,001 or more shall receive 22% tax relief on the first \$20,000 of the assessed value and 0% tax relief on the remaining assessed value of \$20,001 or more; and
- All other vehicles which do not meet the definition of "qualifying" (business use vehicles, farm use vehicles, motor homes, etc.) will not be eligible for any form of tax relief under this program.

Adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2023.

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Darryl E. Fisher, Chairman  
Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors

Dr. Perry was present at the meeting and asked if he could give a brief update on progress at the school. The attached presentation shows a wish list for the field and the remaining costs to complete. He provided the Board with a bid and bid alternative between \$2.386M and \$2.488M to complete the field. Dr. Perry assured the Board that the school has the money to complete this project.

Dr. Perry also mentioned Westmoreland County Schools are part of a program and the school will receive six (6) electric school buses. This program is funded through the state and will not cost the school system any money. The buses will be used on the shorter routes, no field trips or longer routes. The school board does have concerns but since this is a state program they will see what happens.

Dr. Perry also noted Dominion Energy is going to install solar panels at Cople Elementary. This is the first school in the state to receive these. Over twenty-five (25) years it will save the school system \$1M.

Last, Dr. Perry mentioned that a storm drain is being replaced in front of Montross Middle School and is almost completed.

Dr. Perry also invited the Board members to attend the State of the School on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the new high school.

**\*\* NEXT PAGE – PRESENTATION \*\***

**FACILITY UPDATE  
AUGUST 21, 2023**

## WHS TO DO LIST

- Fieldhouse - Letter to Proceed - \$ \$2,488,000
- Fence - Included in the Fieldhouse
- Concession Stand - Included in the Fieldhouse
- Weight Room - Included in the Fieldhouse
  
- Lights - In dialogue with the County
  
- Bleachers - Under Construction (Nov.) \$ 800,000.00
- Canopy - Under Construction \$ 500,000.00

**FIELDHOUSE  
BIDS**

| <b>Westmoreland High School Fieldhouse</b>   |                            |             |     |                |
|--|----------------------------|-------------|-----|----------------|
| Bidder   |                            | Bright      |     | eibel          |
| Addendum   | 1 x                        | 2 x         | 1 x | 2 x            |
|  | 3 x                        | 4 x         | 3 x | 4 x            |
| Advertisement for Bid<br>(Section 00 11 16)  |                            | X           |     | X              |
| Bid Bond (AA A310)   |                            | X           |     | X              |
| Contractor's Qualification<br>Statement<br>A1A A305 w/ supporting<br>documentation |                            | X           |     | X              |
| <b>Base Bid</b>  |                            | \$3,660,650 |     | \$2,386,000.00 |
| <b>Bid Alternates</b>  |                            |             |     |                |
| 1  | Fence                      | \$90,000    |     | \$45,000.00    |
| 2  | Weight<br>Room<br>Flooring | \$60,000    |     | \$57,000.00    |
|  |                            | \$3,810,650 |     | \$2,488,000.00 |

# FIELDHOUSE

- [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QIBQc07r0Lr\\_6sQjR6ckgan2Mj3pEGjD/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QIBQc07r0Lr_6sQjR6ckgan2Mj3pEGjD/view?usp=drive_link)

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## **SOLAR POWER WHS**

- **Dominion**
- - over \$ 1,000,000.00 in savings over 25 years
- - savings begin the first year
- - CTE credentialed course on solar energy



**ELECTRIC BUSES**  
**THE EPA CLEAN SCHOOL BUS**  
**PROGRAM GRANT**

- We have signed onto the [EPA Clean School Bus program](#) grant. If awarded and it looks very promising, Westmoreland County Schools will receive six electric buses. The details of the application state that WMLCPS will give up six diesel buses in exchange for the electric ones.
- Transportation Supervisor, Terry Rich, is handling the paperwork and all other requirements.

## **STORM DRAIN MONTROSS MIDDLE**

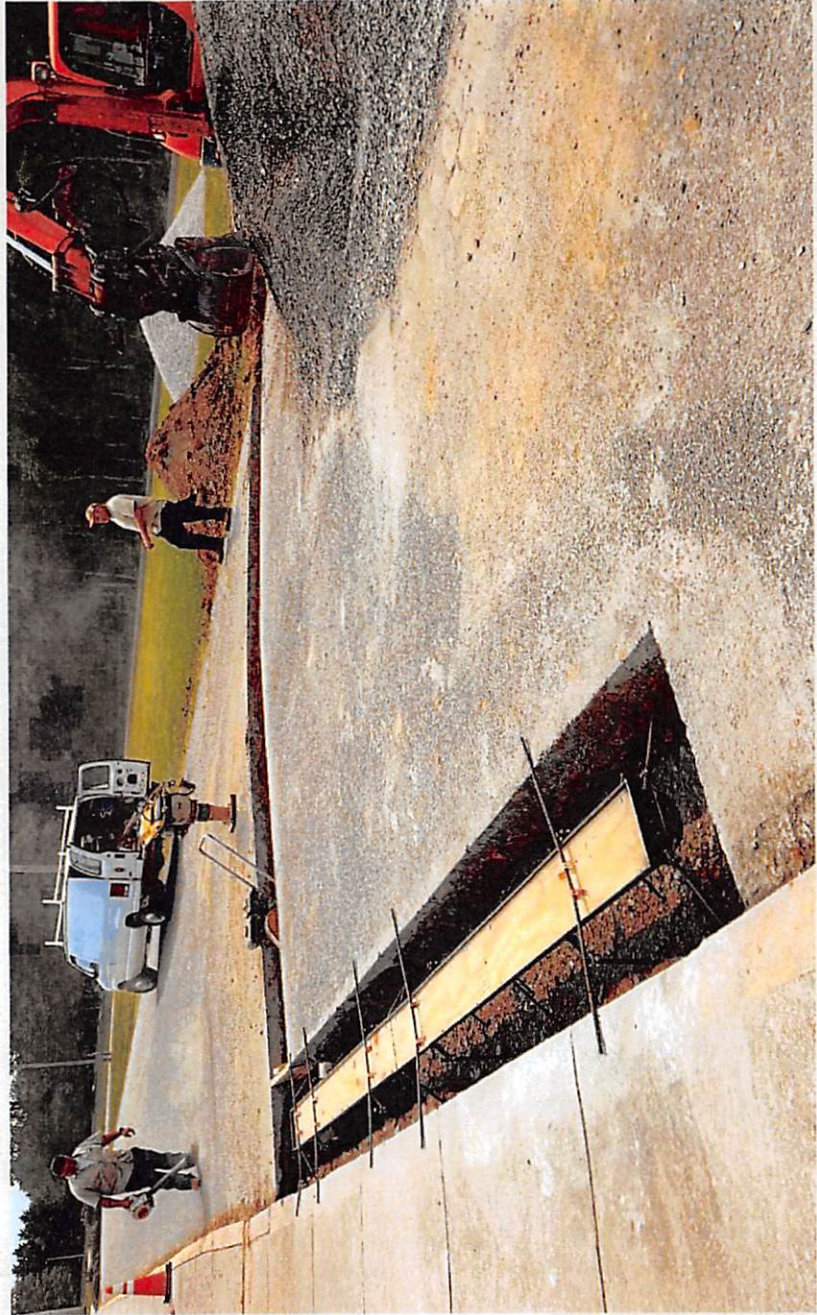
- **The project included the mitigation of a small pit that allowed water to pool and freeze in the winter. The frozen water caused extremely hazardous situations for individuals entering the building.**

**STORM DRAIN  
MONTROSS MIDDLE**



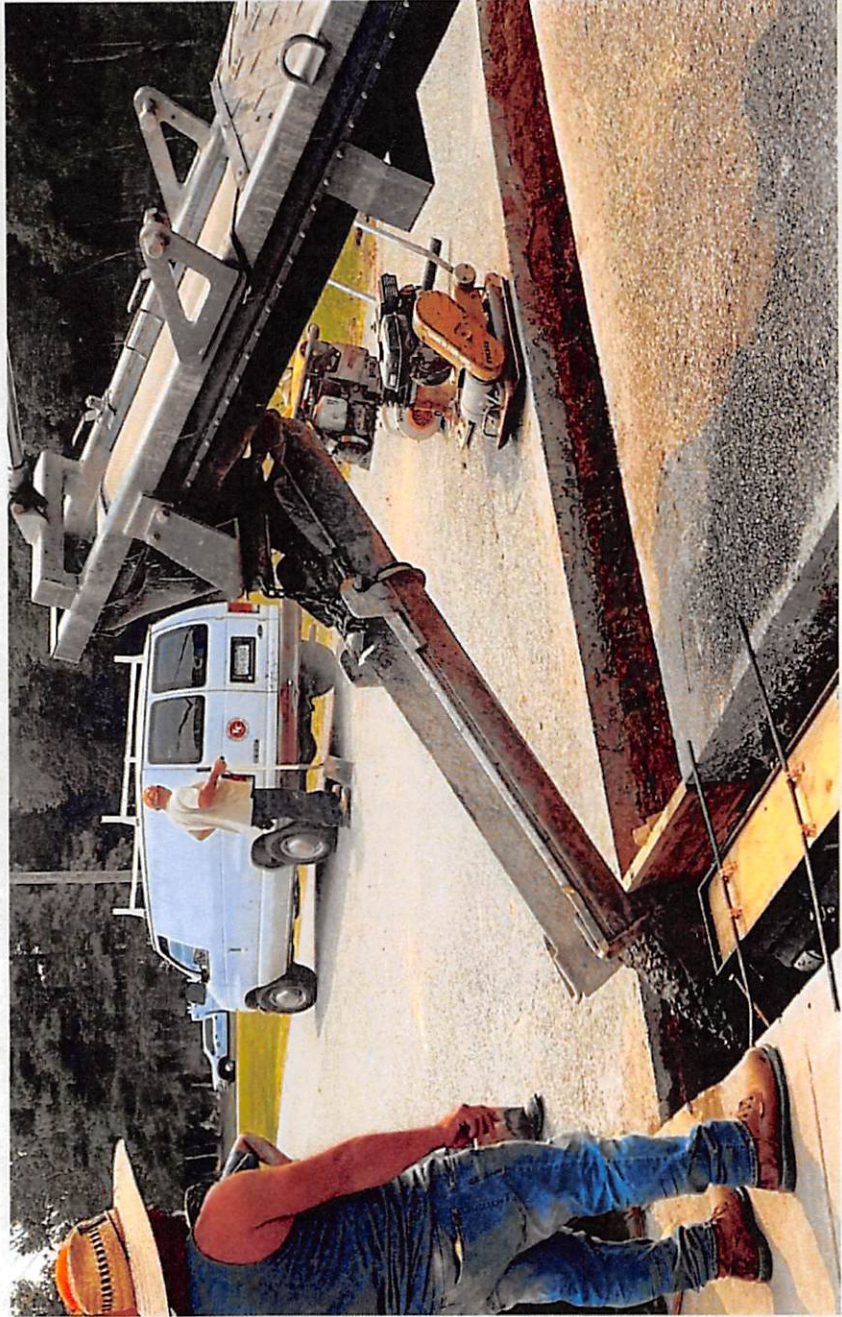


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## **NEW GRANTS**

- New grants are being written to address:
  - Lights
  - Cameras
  - Doors

**THE END**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, upon motion by Woody Hynson and second by Dorothy Dickerson Tate and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:22 a.m. The Board's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the public meeting room at the front entrance of the George D. English, Sr. Memorial Building.

Chairman, *Darryl E. Fisher*