

11. CONSIDERATION OF ASSISTING THE DREWRYVILLE RURITAN CENTER, INC. WITH DEMOLITION OF THE OLD DREWRYVILLE SCHOOL

In 1982, the Drewryville Ruritan Center, Inc. acquired slightly less than 2 acres of property from the Southampton County School Board, which included the old Drewryville School (22487 Drewry Road). In addition to the old school building, there is a smaller accessory structure on the rear of the property which is actively used by the Ruritans and the local Woman's Club and a baseball/softball field on an adjacent 2-acre parcel (also owned by the Ruritans), used by the community at-large.

Time has taken its toll on the old school building. It has deteriorated to the point of collapse (portions of the roof have already collapsed) and has become not only an eyesore, but a serious safety issue, particularly with young children and teenagers frequenting the ballfield behind it on a regular basis.

Chairman Jones was contacted by several club members lamenting the fact that their resources were insufficient to demolish the dilapidated structure and clear the debris. At their request and on their behalf, we obtained competitive estimates for the work, ranging from \$25,200 to \$67,500. A copy of the low bid, submitted by Crowder and White Contracting, is attached.

After obtaining the estimates, Chairman Jones and I met with officials of the Drewryville Ruritan Center, Inc. to discuss potential ways that the County might assist them, subject to approval of the full Board of Supervisors.

We subsequently developed a conceptual plan for your consideration this morning. The plan has 4 primary components:

- 1) Drewryville Ruritan Center, Inc. will enter into agreement with Southampton County authorizing Southampton County to accept the proposal of Crowder & White on its behalf and agreeing to assist Crowder & White as outlined in his proposal;
- 2) Upon completion of the work, Southampton County will pay Crowder & White \$25,200 for services rendered on behalf of the Drewryville Ruritan Center, Inc. The agreement will provide that \$10,000 of the \$25,200 paid to Crowder & White shall be considered a grant to the Drewryville Ruritan Center, Inc. and the balance of \$15,200 will be a 10-year loan, amortized at 0% and repaid to Southampton County by the Drewryville Ruritan Center, Inc. in annual installments of \$1,520;
- 3) The agreement will further provide that the Drewryville Ruritan Center, Inc. will grant to Southampton County a Deed of Trust on parcels 1 and 2 of the property to secure the loan and further authorize Southampton County to file a lien, if necessary, until such time as the \$15,200 loan is fully repaid;

- 4) The agreement will further provide that Southampton County will release the Deed of Trust and lien, if any, when the \$15,200 loan is fully repaid.

If these terms are acceptable to the Board, you will need to adopt a motion as outlined below. For your reference, I'm attaching a copy of the deed to the property and some recent photographs of the building.

MOTION REQUIRED: If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required agreeing to the conceptual plan outlined herein, authorizing the County Attorney to prepare an appropriate agreement and Deed of Trust, and authorizing the Chairman to execute such instruments to effectuate the demolition of the old school.