

VIRGINIA: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack  
held in the auditorium of Arcadia High School on the 22nd day of March, A.D., 2006.

Members Present: Donald L. Hart, Jr., Chair  
Gregory L. Duncan, Vice Chair  
Wanda J. Thornton  
Ron S. Wolff  
Sandra Hart Mears  
Steve D. Mallette  
Laura Belle Gordy  
C. Reneta Major

Members Absent: Gregory L. Duncan, Vice Chair  
Laura Belle Gordy

Others Present: Steven B. Miner, County Administrator  
Shelia S. Goodman, Administrative Secretary

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Hart called the adjourned meeting to order. Mr. Hart informed members that Mrs. Gordy was still sick and that Mr. Duncan was unable to attend.

### **Chairman's Comments/Meeting Purpose**

Chairman Hart stated that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a Public Hearing to listen to citizens concerning the replacement of the Honorable Thomas Matthews in Election District 3. He informed citizens that there were three (3) candidates seeking the vacant seat; namely, Eveline Cropper, Grayson Chessser, and E. T. Trader. He explained the process that would be used for deciding the order each candidate would speak. He stated that it had been a Board decision that each candidate would have ten (10) minutes to speak and each citizen would have three (3) minutes. He read the rules which would be used to govern the meeting and asked that everyone abide by same. He stated that after hearing all public comments, the Board would make nominations and a vote would be taken. He asked that before speaking, each person state their name, address, and voting precinct for the record.

Mr. Hart informed the public that letters had been received from four (4) persons seeking the vacancy and read the letter received from Mr. Edward Justice withdrawing his candidacy.

Mr. Hart read letters from the following persons who were unable to attend the meeting:

Mr. Elijah and Mrs. Mary Townsend – supporting Eveline Cropper  
Harriet Cannon – supporting Eveline Cropper  
Annie Townsend – supporting Eveline Cropper  
Carolyn Holden – supporting Eveline Cropper

Doris Cropper – supporting Eveline Cropper  
 Aaron Kane – supporting Eveline Cropper  
 Peggy Colone – supporting Eveline Cropper  
 Pastor Winston Crichlow – supporting Eveline Cropper  
 Dr. Ronnie Holden – supporting Eveline Cropper

Mr. Hart stated the chosen candidate would take office immediately and would serve the term until the Special Election in which the District 3 citizens will vote in November.

**Candidates for Vacancy of Election District 3**

The following candidates appeared before the Board as their names were drawn by the Chairman:

- 1) Ms. Eveline Cropper, 34049 Horntown Road, Horntown, Virginia
- 2) Mr. E. T. Trader, 6220 Bullbegar Road, Withams, Virginia
- 3) Mr. Grayson Chesser, 26069 Saxis Road, Jenkins Bridge, Virginia

*Mrs. Gordy arrived at 7:35 p.m.*

**Citizens Speaking from Election District 3**

Chairman Hart asked each citizen appearing before the Board to give their name and the precinct where they voted.

The following persons spoke regarding the Election District 3 vacancy and acknowledged the candidate they supported:

<b><u>Person Speaking</u></b>	<b><u>Precinct</u></b>	<b><u>Supporting</u></b>
Eddie McFord	New Church	Grayson Chesser
Gardner Fosque	New Church	Eveline Cropper
Rev. Michael Scott	Hallwood	Eveline Cropper
Bob Hickman	Arcadia High	Grayson Chesser
<b>(Stated there was a petition containing 103 signatures – not presented)</b>		
Nancy Matthews	New Church	Eveline Cropper
Bennie Hall	Arcadia High	Grayson Chesser
Ronnie Thomas	Atlantic Fire House	Grayson Chesser
Jim McDonnell	Oak Hall	Grayson Chesser
Edward Justice	Arcadia High	Eveline Cropper
Freddy Holland	New Church	E. T. Trader
James Johnson	Temperanceville	Grayson Chesser
Al McMazth	Locustville	Grayson Chesser
Lisa Johnson	New Church	Eveline Cropper
Travis Thornton	Chincoteague	Eveline Cropper
Jeanette Smolinski	New Church	Grayson Chesser
Cameron McIntyre	New Church	Grayson Chesser
Robert Corbin	Arcadia High	Grayson Chesser
Deloris Jacobs	Arcadia High	Grayson Chesser
Larry Rantz	New Church	E. T. Trader
Thomas Harmon	Arcadia High	Grayson Chesser
<b>(Presented petition containing 285 signatures supporting G. Chesser)</b>		
Samuel Fletcher	New Church	Eveline Cropper
Janice Sutton	Arcadia High	Grayson Chesser
Jack Thompson	Arcadia High	Grayson Chesser

Art Grothouse	Painter	Grayson Chesser
Tony Picardi	Belle Haven	Grayson Chesser
Elizabeth Jones	New Church	Eveline Cropper
Bobby Sheppard	Arcadia	Eveline Cropper
Ida Townsend	New Church	Eveline Cropper
Tom Wescott	Painter	Grayson Chesser
Lavinia Fletcher	New Church	Eveline Cropper
Beverly Fletcher	Arcadia High	Support Farmers
Ellen McFord	Locustville	Grayson Chesser
Andrea Mason	District 5 Voter	Grayson Chesser
Audrey Leonard	New Church	Grayson Chesser
Wesley Edwards	(passed)	
Veronica Douglas	Greenbackville	Grayson Chesser
Donna Mason	Chincoteague	Grayson Chesser

### **Public Hearing Closed**

The Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mr. Hart thanked those present for their participation and mannerly conduct.

### **Nominations**

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations and debate.

Mr. Wolff nominated Mr. Grayson Chesser for the position of District 3

Supervisor. Mrs. Mears seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Thornton nominated Eveline Cropper, stating that Ms. Cropper is a woman who has represented Election District 3 on the Accomack County School for many years, who has demonstrated her ability to make difficult decisions and manage complicated budgets and has the background and experience that is needed to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Mr. Thomas Matthews. She shares many of the same philosophies and ideals of the Board and Mr. Matthews. She has a vision for the County and the will to see it through to fruition. She is a dedicated public servant having served District 3 in many capacities. Ms. Major seconded the nomination.

Chairman Hart called for further nominations. Hearing none, Chairman Hart closed the nominations.

Comments were offered by members of the Board and the Chairman.

Chairman Hart closed the nominations.

### **The vote on the nominations by aye and a raise of hands:**

#### **Mr. Grayson Chesser:**

Mr. Wolff  
Mrs. Mears  
Mr. Mallette  
Mrs. Gordy

#### **Ms. Eveline Cropper:**

Mrs. Thornton  
Ms. Major  
Mr. Duncan  
Mr. Hart

**Notification to Circuit Court**

Mrs. Thornton made a motion that the Circuit Court Judge be notified that the Board of Supervisors was unable to reach a decision for the vacancy of Election District 3 and that the Board request the Judge to make the decision until such time that the citizens of Election District 3 can vote. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to adjourn to April 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at Metompkin Middle School in Parksley. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Chair