

VIRGINIA: At a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Cafetorium of Metompkin Elementary School on the 7th day of April, A.D., 2008.

Members Present: Ron S. Wolff, Chair
Steve D. Mallette, Vice Chair
Wanda J. Thornton
Grayson Chesser
John C. Gray
Sandra Hart Mears
Laura Belle Gordy
Donald L. Hart, Jr.
E. Philip McCaleb

Others Present: Steven B. Miner, County Administrator
Linda Martin Warner, Assist County Administrator
Yvonne N. Pennell, Administrative Assistant
Reed M. Ennis, Finance Director
Michael Mason, Deputy Finance Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair and opened with a prayer by Mr. Hart after which, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Proposed Emergency Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 34, Elections, Article III, Precincts; Polling Places of the Code of the County of Accomack, Virginia

Following comments County Attorney Mark B. Taylor, Mr. McCaleb made a motion to adopt the following Emergency Ordinance. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 34, ELECTIONS, ARTICLE III, PRECINCTS; POLLING PLACES

CHAPTER 34 – ELECTIONS

ARTICLE III. PRECINCTS; POLLING PLACES

WHEREAS, The Accomack County Board of Supervisors, by Ordinance enacted February 21, 2001, established a Central Absentee Ballot Precinct at the Accomack County Administration Building for use only in November general elections; and

WHEREAS, The Accomack County Board of Supervisors finds that the welfare and convenience of Accomack County residents and compliance with Virginia law requires that Accomack County designate a Central Absentee Precinct for use in all elections in Accomack County; and

WHEREAS, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors finds that an emergency exists, inasmuch as designation of a Central Absentee Precinct must be made prior to April 9, 2008, in order for such precinct to qualify for use in the June 10, 2008 Primary Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED as an Emergency Ordinance of Accomack County, that the Accomack County Ordinance enacted February 21, 2001, amending Accomack County Code Section 34-67, is hereby further amended, as follows:

Section 2.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Virginia, Article 3, §24.2-305 et seq. (2000 Repl.Vol.), the local governing body of Accomack County authorizes the establishment of the Central Absentee Ballot Precinct Place to be located in the Board of Supervisors Room in the Accomack County Administration Building located as 23296 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia. The Central Absentee Ballot Precinct Place shall be used ~~only in the November General Elections~~ for all elections in Accomack County.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that advertisement of this Ordinance Amendment for public hearing, in anticipation of re-enactment of the same, within sixty days of emergency enactment, is hereby directed.

(Ord. § 2/21/01)

State law references: Virginia Code § 24.2-712, as amended.

Proposed Emergency Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 42, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II, Open Burning of the Code of the County of Accomack, Virginia

Following comments by County Attorney Mark B. Taylor, Mrs. Gordy made a motion to adopt the following Emergency Ordinance. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 42, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE II,
OPEN BURNING**

CHAPTER 42 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

ARTICLE II. OPEN BURNING

WHEREAS, The Accomack County Board of Supervisors, by Ordinance enacted November 15, 2006, established penalties for violations of Chapter 42, Fire Prevention and Protection; and

WHEREAS, The Accomack County Board of Supervisors finds that Section 42-50 and Section 42-54 relating to penalties for violation of said Code section are in conflict; and

WHEREAS, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors finds that an emergency exists, inasmuch as a correction stating the penalty for violation must be made immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED as an Emergency Ordinance of Accomack County, that the Accomack County Ordinance enacted November 15, 2006, amending Accomack County Code Section 42-54, is hereby further amended, as follows:

~~Section 42-54. Penalty for violation of article.~~

~~Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, § 15.2-1429, any person violating this article shall be guilty of a class 4 misdemeanor.~~

~~(Ord. of 11-15-2006)~~

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that advertisement of this Ordinance Amendment for public hearing, in anticipation of re-enactment of the same, within sixty days of emergency enactment, is hereby directed.

Proposed Accomack County Fiscal 208-2009 Estimated Budget – Public Hearing

County Administrator Steven B. Miner gave comments concerning proposed Accomack County Fiscal 2008-2009 Estimated Budget of \$83,000,000.

The Chair read the rules governing conduct during Public Hearings and opened a Public Hearing to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or to present written comments concerning the Accomack County Fiscal 2008-2009 Estimated Budget.

Written and spoken comments were offered by:

Kay Lewis, Parksley, VA
Wayne Wills, Tasley, VA
Mary Jester, Chincoteague, VA – opposed to Convenience centers budget
Barbara Mulligan, Melfa, VA – supporting the Schools budget
James Behrmann, Bloxom, VA – Newspaper article – tax assessments
James T. Frese, Chincoteague, VA
Jim Belote, Extension Agent, Onancock, VA – supporting Johnsongrass and Gypsy Moth Programs

Comments related to the budget were offered by:

Carol Vincent, Onley, VA - supporting Library funding
Laura Lucas, Onancock, VA – supporting Library funding
Lynn Gayle – supporting Johnsongrass and Gypsy Moth Programs
Carl Bundick – supporting Schools budget
Jody Bagwell, Bloxom Fire & Rescue Co.
Joe Ferebee, Parksley, VA – supporting Schools budget
Freddie Holland, New Church, VA – supporting Johnsongrass and Gypsy Moth Programs
W. Richard Bull, Division Superintendent, Accomack County Public Schools – supporting Schools budget
Richard Cooke, President, Taxpayers Association – opposed to budget
Debbie Behrmann, Bloxom, VA – land use tax issues
Toni Trepanier, Hallwood, VA – opposed to Building & Zoning and land use tax
Maria J. Paccioretti, Atlantic, VA – opposed to health coverage for supervisors

The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Proposed Real Property Tax Increase

The Chair opened a Public Hearing to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or to present written comments concerning the proposed real property tax increase.

Comments were offered by Ed Hopkins, Modest Town, VA

The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Proposed Accomack County Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

The Chair opened a Public Hearing to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or to present written comments concerning the Accomack County Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

No comments were offered and the Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Adjournment

Mr. Mallette made a motion to schedule a meeting for April 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers in Accomac to vote on the Budget. Mrs. Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman