

Virginia: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Board Chambers on the 5th of November, A. D., 2008.

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

Others Present: Steven B. Miner, County Administrator
Michael Mason, Acting Finance Director
Yvonne N. Pennell, Administrative Assistant
Mark B. Taylor, County Attorney

Call to Order

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

Financial Update

County Administrator Steven B. Miner gave opening comments related to the current budgetary issues, etc. and noted that the purpose of the meeting was to:

- Explain and quantify the current budget deficit
- Explore options to eliminate the budget deficit
- Convey how this will affect the FY2010 budget development

Acting Finance Director Michael Mason presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing deficit calculations, options to address the deficit, and FY2010 budget implications.

A general discussion took place with Mr. Mason and Mr. Miner responding to questions.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold a work session with the School Board on Monday, November 24, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at Shore Financial.

Mr. Mallette made a motion to adopt the following recommendations as presented.

Mr. McCaleb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- a. Reestablish a balanced budget as soon as possible, as per Mr. Mason's presentation.
- b. Maintain general hiring and capital funds freeze.
- c. Treat the problem holistically by full awareness of local discretionary

spending.

- d. Initiate monthly work session to begin analysis of existing budget for consideration of further cuts across all departments and agencies.
- e. Hear from and involve all Departments and Agencies prior to any cuts in the existing budget.
- f. Base cuts across spectrum of all funded agencies, prioritizing after listening.
- g. Establish a special budget committee comprised of three business people from the County, one Board of Supervisors member, one school board member, the Sheriff, a member of the Department of Social Services Board and the County Administrator/Finance Director.
- h. Task the special committee to search for new revenues and cost savings.
- i. Adopt fiscal policies requiring a periodic zero-based budget.

Draft Chesapeake/Atlantic Preservation Area Amendments

Mr. Gray made a motion to delay taking action on the Draft Chesapeake/Atlantic Preservation Area Amendments until the regular monthly meeting in February. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. Ayes: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Gray. Nays: Mr. Wolff, Mr. Chesser, Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. McCaleb. Absent: Mr. Hart.

Closed Meeting .

Mr. McCaleb made a motion that the Board go into closed meeting for the following purpose pursuant to §2.2-3711(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, regarding Central Middle School sale. Mrs. Gordy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting open to the public.

Certification of Closed Meeting

On a motion by Mrs. Gordy and seconded by Mrs. Thornton, a roll call vote was taken pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia immediately after reconvening in Open Meeting, at which time each member certified by his vote that the only matters discussed during the Closed Meeting were (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public

business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened.

Aye: Mrs. Thornton Mrs. Mears Mrs. Gordy Nay: None
 Mr. Wolff Mr. Gray Mr. McCaleb Absent: Mr. Hart
 Mr. Chesser Mr. Mallette

Sale of Central Middle School

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to instruct the County Administrator to move forward with Option B for the sale of the former Central Middle School and authorize that he proceed with the closure of same. Mr. Mallette seconded the motion. Ayes: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Chesser, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart. Nays: None. Abstentions: Mr. McCaleb.

Adjournment

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to adjourn to November 5, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Chair