

VIRGINIA: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Board Chambers in Accomac on the 9th day of March, A.D., 2009.

Members Present: Steve D. Mallette, Chair  
Wanda J. Thornton  
Ron S. Wolff  
Grayson Chesser  
Sandra Hart Mears  
John Charles "Jack" Gray  
Donald L. Hart, Jr.  
E. Philip McCaleb

Member Absent: Laura Belle Gordy, Vice Chair

Others Present: Steven B. Miner, County Administrator  
Yvonne N. Pennell, Administrative Assistant  
Mark B. Taylor, County Attorney

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair and opened with an Invocation by Mr. Wolff, after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Mrs. Thornton questioned the absence of prayer as Invocation for two months. The Chair stated the content of the Invocation was the choice of the Board member speaking.

### **PSA Board Appointment**

The Chair apologized for allowing derogatory and incorrect personal comments made by Mrs. Thornton concerning the appointment of Jane Corson-Lassiter to the PSA Board.

Discussion followed.

The Chair made a motion to direct the County Administrator to send a letter to Mrs. Corson-Lassiter, with a copy to the Chairwoman of the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District (ESSWCD) acknowledging Mrs. Corson-Lassiter's valuable participation in the Utility Cost Committee and the Board's appreciation of the ESSWCD allowing Mrs. Corson-Lassiter to serve on the PSA Board. Mr. McCaleb seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Wolff; Mr. Chesser; Mrs. Mears; Mr. Gray; Mr. Hart; McCaleb. Nay: Mrs. Thornton. Absent: Mrs. Gordy.

### **Budget Work Session**

The Chair read the following list of guidelines drafted for Budget Work Sessions:

- 1) Advertise a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget as soon as possible to obtain public comment, while concurrently holding Budget Work Sessions to allow the public to respond and the Board to work until April 17, 2009;

- 2) Advertising of the Proposed Budget will not be prejudicial to the County's interests, nor change the date of final adoption of the budget;
- 3) Everyone will be treated with respect, which includes no discussion of personalities or associated salaries;
- 4) If a Board member has an issue about a specific personnel, the problem should be discussed with County Administrator, and if necessary, further discussions will be scheduled in Executive Session;
- 5) While reviewing department or agency budgets and staffing levels, the Board will first discuss the department or agency and obtain a consensus on further action; and
- 6) As the Board moves through the Proposed Budget, recommendations will be developed for consideration. Any agency affected by further budget cuts will be afforded an opportunity to appear before the Board to justify the budget and to provide additional information to assist the Board in deliberations.

Discussion followed.

Mr. McCaleb made a motion to advertise the Proposed FY-2010 Budget on March 14, 2009, and to schedule a Public Hearing beginning at 7:30 p.m. on March 25, 2009, in the Cafetorium of Metompkin Elementary School to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or to present written comment concerning the Proposed Budget. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mrs. Gordy absent.

#### **Discussion of Proposed FY-2009/2010 Accomack County Estimated Budget**

Review and discussion took place relating to various departmental budgets with Mr. Mason and Mr. Miner responding to questions.

#### **Closed Meeting**

Mr. Wolff made a motion that the Board go into closed meeting for the following purposes pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Mr. McCaleb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mrs. Gordy absent.

1. Pursuant to subsection (A) (1) for discussion of assignment of employees and/or departments of Accomack County government

#### **Open Session**

The Chair declared the meeting open to the public.

#### **Certification of Closed Meeting**

Mr. Wolff made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCaleb, to reconvene in Open Meeting and to Certify by roll call vote, pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia, that to the best of each member's knowledge the only matters heard, discussed, or considered during the Closed Meeting were (i) public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting

requirements under this chapter and (ii) such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened.

Aye: Mrs. Thornton      Mrs. Mears      Mr. Hart      Absent: Mrs. Gordy  
     Mr. Wolff            Mr. Gray      Mr. McCaleb  
     Mr. Chesser        Mr. Mallette

*It was noted that Mrs. Gordy was absent due to family illness.*

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Mears made a motion to adjourn the meeting to the Budget Work Session at 5:00PM on Wednesday March 11, 2009 in the Board Chambers in Accomac. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Chair