

VIRGINIA: At a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Board Chambers in Accomac on the 14th day of April, A.D., 2009.

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

Others Present: Steven B. Miner, County Administrator
Shelia Goodman, Administrative Assistant
Mark B. Taylor, County Attorney

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with prayer by Mr. Mallette, after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Budget Deliberations

Presentation from Accomack County School Board

Accomack County School Board Chairman Al McMath and Accomack County Public School Division Superintendent W. Richard Bull responded to the Board's request of April 8, 2009, explaining the negative impacts of proposed cuts of County funding of education, and responded to comments and questions from the Board.

Property Tax Billing Project

County Finance Director Michael T. Mason addressed the Board concerning proposed modernization and other changes in property tax billing and associated revenue benefits, and responded to comments and questions from the Board.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to move forward with the Property Tax Billing Project as presented and to move forward with it in the budget. Mr. McCaleb seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Other Budgetary Matters

Mr. Wolff made a motion that Board members pay 25 percent of the cost for single-subscriber health insurance coverage and that the County pay 100 percent of Medicare Insurance costs for employees, retirees, and Board members; the proposal would reduce the

Board's compensation package by 28 percent, for a savings of approximately \$25,000. Mrs. Mears seconded the motion.

For clarification, the Chair stated that the Board had agreed to offer, but not mandate, Medicare Supplement coverage because it may cause conflicts in coverage.

The Chair offered a friendly amendment to add that the County would offer to pay 100 percent of Medicare Supplement Insurance, but not mandate the coverage. Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Mears accepted the amendment.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Chesser offered a friendly amendment that each Board member pay 25 percent for each person on his/her health insurance policy. Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Mears accepted the amendment.

Discussion followed.

Ayes: Mrs. Mears; Mr. Chesser; and Mr. Hart. Nays: Mr. Mallette; Mrs. Gordy; Mr. Wolff; Mr. Gray; and Mr. McCaleb. Abstain: Mrs. Thornton.

Mr. Hart made a motion that Board members pay the same percentage for health insurance coverage as County employees, and spouse and dependent coverage be terminated. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. Ayes: Mrs. Thornton; Mr. Chesser; Mr. Gray; and Mr. Hart. Nays: Mr. Mallette; Mr. Wolff; Mrs. Gordy; Mrs. Mears; and Mr. McCaleb.

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Gordy made a motion to reconsider the insurance coverage for Board members, with each member to pay 25 percent for each person on his/her health insurance policy. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. Ayes: Mrs. Gordy; Mrs. Thornton; Mr. Chesser; Mr. Gray; and Mr. Hart. Nays: Mr. Mallette; Mr. Wolff; Mrs. Mears; and Mr. McCaleb.

Discussion followed.

The Chair restated the original motion and friendly amendments: Each Board member would pay 25 percent of the cost for each person on his/her health insurance policy, and the County would offer 100 percent payment of Medicare Supplement Insurance for eligible employees, retirees, and Board members, but not mandate Medicare Supplemental coverage. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Budgetary Matters

Non-mandated Agencies and Programs

The County Administrator reported on the FY2010 Budgets for the following non-mandated agencies and programs, responding to questions from the Board.

- Airport Budget
- Accomack County Ground Water Committee Budget
- Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging
- Eastern Shore Community College
- Resource Conservation and Development Council
- Eastern Shore Small Business Development Center
- Soil and Water Conservation District
- Eastern Shore Arts Council
- Economic Development Authority
- ESVA 9-1-1 Commission

Recess

By consensus of the Board, the Chair called a ten-minute recess.

Reconvene

The Chair called the meeting back to order.

Other Budgetary Matters (cont'd)

The Board reviewed other non-mandated budget issues portions of FY2010 Budgets for the following agencies, with the County Administrator and Finance Director Michael Mason responding to questions:

- Family Grants Project
- Johnson grass/Gypsy moth Program
- Eastern Shore Public Library
- School Dental Program
- Social Services
- SPCA
- Star Transit
- Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled
- Translator television
- Victim/Witness Assistance – Local component
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Service Program
- Virginia Eastern Shore Tourism Commission

The Board resumed discussion of employee health insurance. By majority consensus, the Board approved the options of Key Care 15+ and Key Care 20+ Plans for employees.

By majority consensus, the Board agreed to pay one-hundred percent of the single-subscriber cost for employees.

The Board resumed discussion of the School Board request. By consensus, the Board restored the \$450,000 previously cut from the School Board FY2010 Budget.

The Board discussed the Information Technology (IT) Department, the creation of which added \$100,000 to the County Budget. No action was taken.

Mr. Hart requested reconsideration of the Economic Development Authority FY2010 Budget. By majority consensus, the Board agreed to reduce the funding for Water and Sewer Operation Funding to \$100,000.

Closed Meeting

Mrs. Thornton 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. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Pursuant to §2.2-3711, Subsection (A) (7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for:
 Consultation with legal counsel regarding litigation threatened by the Unalienable Rights Foundation

Open Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting open to the public.

Certification of Closed Meeting

On a motion by Mrs. Gordy and seconded by Mr. Wolff, a roll call vote was taken 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
	Mr. Wolff	Mr. Gray	Mr. Hart
	Mr. Chesser	Mr. Mallette	Mr. McCaleb

Budget Work Session

By consensus, the Board scheduled a Budget Work Session to begin at 5:00PM on Monday, April 20, 2009.

Adjournment

Mr. McCaleb made a motion to adjourn the meeting to the Budget Work Session at 5:00PM on Wednesday April 15, 2009 in the Cafetorium of Metompkin Elementary School

in Parksley. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30P.M.

Chair