

VIRGINIA: At a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Cafeteria of Arcadia Middle School in Oak Hall on the 22nd 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 by the Chair and with prayer by Mr. Wolff, after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Proposed Public Service Authority

County Administrator Steven Miner and Economic and Community Development Director Larry Forbes provided an overview of the history of the Public Service Authority for water and sewer services in Accomack County, and responded to comments and questions from the Board.

Dave Lumgair, Chairman of the former Utility Cost Committee (UCC), described the wastewater/sewerage options explored by the UCC.

County Attorney Mark Taylor read the rules governing Public Hearings.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or to present written comments concerning the proposed Public Service Authority (PSA).

The following person spoke in support of the Proposed PSA:

Allen Silverman
Shirley Zamora
Wesley Edwards
Maphis Oswald

The following persons spoke in opposition to the Proposed PSA:

Linda K. Smith
Robert Gresham (Submitted Petition)
Douglas Buckley
Toni Trepanier

Charles Cottone
Linda K. Smith returned to complete her comments.
Maria Paccioretti

The Chair stated that the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce had submitted a Letter of Support; that John LeCato, Chairman of the Economic Development Authority (EDA) reported the unanimous support of the EDA; and that the Town of Onancock submitted a statement in full support.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Thornton voiced her concerns and objections to the powers granted to a PSA by the Code of Virginia.

Mrs. Gordy stated that she was prepared to vote on the Proposed PSA.

Mrs. Thornton requested that the Board be polled for voting on the Proposed PSA or waiting to vote. By majority consensus, the Board delayed the vote on the Proposed PSA.

Discussion continued.

By consensus, the Board agreed to draft 'Frequently Asked Questions' for the County Administrator to publish in the newspaper for public information.

Adjournment

Mrs. Gordy made a motion to adjourn 9:30PM. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair