

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack
held in the Board Chambers in Accomac on the 5th day of August, 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
Yvonne N. Pennell, Administrative Assistant
Mark B. Taylor, County Attorney

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

The Chair requested the following changes to the Agenda.

ADD

10-A Consider Resolution Passing the Submission of an Application by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority for Economic Stimulus Funds available through the NTIA and/or the RUS - Patrick Coady from the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority

13 Supervisors Comment Period, including approval of a Letter of Recognition for Girl Scout Award

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to adopt the Agenda as amended. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Comments

The Chair commented on the following items:

- Salisbury Committee officials touring the Mid-Atlantic Research Spaceport (MARS) Facility and the implications to economic development (i.e.: of loss of new businesses to southern Maryland, and the need for public water and sewer)
- Joint Meeting with the Accomack County School Board, including an update from Hillman Consultants concerning the Consolidation Study

Public Participation

None

Recognitions

Valedictorian at Chincoteague High School

Mrs. Thornton read the following Resolution of Recognition and presented the same to Jeremy Heartley, 2009 Valedictorian of Chincoteague High School.

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE 2009 VALEDICTORIAN AT CHINCOTEAGUE HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize academic excellence and achievement by the county's high school students; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Heartley, has been selected as the Valedictorian for the Chincoteague High School Class of 2009; and he has received several scholarships and grants in the amount of \$15,988; and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of the school's Beta Club, Scholastic Bowl, Senior Beta, FBLA, and After School Marching Band; and

WHEREAS, he has exemplified high academic performance, positive social interaction and exemplary character that sets an example for his peers to emulate; and

WHEREAS, he graduated with a 4.1176 GPA and will be attending University of Virginia:

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Accomack County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize Jeremy Heartley for his many years of academic achievement and congratulates him on his selection as Valedictorian of the Chincoteague High School Class of 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish him continued success in achieving his career goals.

Valedictorian at Arcadia High School

Mr. Chesser read the following Resolution of Recognition and presented the same to Margaret Camille-Gloria MacDade 2009 Valedictorian of Arcadia High School.

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE 2009 VALEDICTORIAN AT ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize academic excellence and achievement by the county's high school students; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Camille-Gloria MacDade, has been named the Valedictorian for the Arcadia High School Class of 2009; and

WHEREAS, she has attended Arcadia High School for grades nine through twelve; and

WHEREAS, she has received several scholarships; and

WHEREAS, she has received many honors and awards which are too numerous to list herein, but which would include in part: Swarthmore Book Award, Randolph-Macon Book Award, Eastern Shore News Leadership Award, and National Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, she has exemplified high academic performance, positive social interaction and exemplary character that sets an example for her peers to emulate and her special interest include Band (concert/marching) and Community Band; and

WHEREAS, she has participated in numerous school and community activities such as Arcadia High School BETA Club, Envirothon, Math Club, Scholastic Bowl, Volleyball, Volunteered Metompkin Elementary School, Health Fair, March of Dimes, and Alzheimer Walk ; and

WHEREAS, Miss MacDade maintained Honor Roll status during her four years at Arcadia High School and has earned a Grade Point Average of 4.2286 and will be attending Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri:

NOW, LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Accomack County Board of Supervisors recognizes Margaret Camille-Gloria MacDade for academic achievement and congratulates her on her selection as Valedictorian of the Arcadia High School Class of 2009; and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish her continued success in achieving her career goals.

Valedictorian at Nandua High School

Mr. Mallette read the following Resolution of Recognition and presented the same to Jeffrey Allen Hall, 2009 Valedictorian of Nandua High School.

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE 2009 VALEDICTORIAN AT NANDUA HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize academic excellence and achievement by the county's high school students; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Allen Hall, has been named the Valedictorian for the Nandua High School Class of 2009; and

WHEREAS, he has attended Nandua High School for grades nine through twelve; and

WHEREAS, he has received many honors and awards which are too numerous to list herein, but which would include in part: participation in the Theater Festival, Envirothon, Forensics, Renaissance, Prom Committee, TSA and he also received several scholarships and awards; and

WHEREAS, he has exemplified high academic performance, positive social interaction and exemplary character that sets an example for his peers to emulate; and

WHEREAS, he has participated in numerous school and community activities such as Nandua Forensics Team; and

WHEREAS, he has maintained Honor Roll and Principal's List status during his four years at Nandua High School and has earned a Grade Point Average of 4.116 and will be attending the University of Virginia in the Fall of 2009:

NOW, LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Accomack County Board of Supervisors recognizes Jeffrey Allen Hall for academic achievement and congratulates him on his selection as Valedictorian of the Nandua High School Class of 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish him continued success in achieving his career goals.

Valedictorian at Tangier High School

Mr. Wolff reported that he had presented the following Resolution of Recognition to the 2009 Valedictorian of Tangier High School at the graduation ceremony in June.

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE 2008 VALEDICTORIAN AT TANGIER COMBINED SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize academic excellence and achievement by the county's high school students; and

WHEREAS, George Ryan Ligon, has been selected as the Valedictorian for the Tangier Combined School Class of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ligon has participated in Advanced Placement Courses, HI-Y member grades 9-12 and was Vice-President during his Senior year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ligon participated in the Model General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ligon was the winner of the District-wide Essay Competition by NASA & US Navy to commemorate the U. S. Navy Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ligon has been active as a community volunteer by volunteering his services as during benefit concerts for cancer survivors and as a member of the Tangier Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ligon will be attending Virginia Tech with plans to major in Engineering:

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Accomack County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize George Ryan Ligon for his many years of academic achievement and congratulates him on his selection as Valedictorian of the Tangier Combined School Class of 2009.

Resolution of Commendation

Mrs. Gordy read the following Resolution of Commendation and presented the same to George V. Podelco for his service on the Eastern Shore Community College Board.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, George V. Podelco was a member of the Eastern Shore Community College Board from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, he was a conscientious and devoted member of the Eastern Shore Community College Board and gave generously of his time and efforts:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and commend the distinguished, faithful and outstanding service of George V. Podelco to the Eastern Shore Community College Board and the citizens of the County of Accomack; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes and be put upon a plaque to be presented to Mr. Podelco.

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

County Administrator Steven B. Miner read the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting presented to County Director of Financing and the staff of the Finance Department for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2008 by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Wolff made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March 18, March 25 (work session and budget Public Hearing), April 18, May 11, and May 20, 2009, Meetings with corrections. Mrs. Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mrs. Gordy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- a. Approved the use of E. D. 6 District funds for the following:
 - i. \$75.00 to refurbish "No Wake" buoys at Schooner Bay
 - ii. Max of \$500 cover tipping fees for waste associated with projects performed in E. D. 6 by the volunteer group "Youth Works"

Orbital Sciences Update

County Director of Economic and Community Development Larry Forbes introduced Norman Bobcynski of Orbital Sciences. Mr. Bobcynski offered a PowerPoint presentation related to future launches and projects at the Wallops Flight Facility, and responded to comments and questions from the Board.

Economic and Community Development

County Director of Economic and Community Development Larry D. Forbes offered a PowerPoint presentation concerning Economic and Community Development progress in the County.

Alternative Energy Projects

Mr. Allen Silverman, Professional Engineer, offered a PowerPoint presentation addressing alternative energy sources, with emphasis on wind energy and its potential for Accomack County, and responded to comments and questions from the Board.

Economic and Community Development (cont'd)

Mr. Forbes continued his presentation to the Board concerning Economic and Community Development projects in the County.

Eastern Shore Broadband Authority

Mr. Patrick Coady of the Eastern Shore Broadband Authority explained that the current Resolution before the Board for consideration was essentially a re-wording of the resolution approved by the Board for the Community Development Block Grant Application. The new resolution, not specific to the CDBG funding source, would approve a Letter of Credit as a guarantee for the Broadband Authority to apply to the Virginia Community Development Bank for a loan. Mr. Coady read the following resolution, and requested approval of a Letter of Support for a \$100,000 Line of Credit for the Broadband Authority.

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Submission of an Application by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority for Economic Stimulus Funds available through the NTIA and/or the RUS. Mrs. Gordy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, along with the County of Northampton, supports an application by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority for Economic Stimulus funds available through the National Telecommunications Information Administration and/or Rural Utility Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds are to be used to further extend the Broadband network on the Eastern Shore of Virginia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Accomack agrees to authorize the previously granted commitment for a \$100,000 line of credit to be available to the project as a guarantee for a loan for match to the grant funds or an operating capital loan.

Recess

By consensus of the Board, the Chair called for a five-minute recess, to reconvene at 7:20PM.

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting back to order.

Financial Update

County Director of Finance Michael T. Mason gave a financial update on the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009, involving current and long-term financial issues, including emphasis on the following topics of particular concern to Board members, and responded to comments and questions from the Board.

- School Board Funding;
- Debt Restructuring Plan;
- Elimination of Leased Office Space;
- Post-Employment Health Care Costs;
- Teacher Salary Disparity;
- Performance Management Measurement and Waste;

Tax Abatements for Wetlands

Mrs. Thornton led discussion related to tax abatements for wetlands, as related to inclusion for Land Use Taxation in the Town of Chincoteague.

County Real Estate Assessor Brent Hurdle provided information concerning requirements for wetlands to be considered for Land Use Taxation.

County Attorney Mark Taylor explained the separate authority in § 58.1-3666 of the Code of Virginia for localities to exempt or partially exempt from real estate taxation those wetlands and riparian buffers in easements providing for their inundation with water.

Discussion followed.

Painter Convenience Center

County Director of Public Works Stewart Hall offered a presentation of the conceptual design for the Painter Convenience Center, and responded to comments and questions from the Board.

Discussion followed.

Mr. McCaleb made a motion to accept Option 1 of the Conceptual Plans presented by the Director of Public Works. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Mallette; Mrs. Gordy; Mr. Wolff; Mr. Chesser; Mrs. Mears; Mr. Gray; Mr. Hart; and Mr. McCaleb. Nay: Mrs. Thornton.

Board of Supervisors Comment Period

Mr. Chesser restated his previous request for an update from the Budget Committee, of particular importance with the start of the next budget process approaching.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to approve a Letter of Congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Simko in recognition for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wolff reported that the Virginia Commission Space Working Group, a subgroup of the Governor's Aerospace Committee, was in a series of meetings with other groups around the Commonwealth involved in space exploration projects.

Mrs. Gordy asked for an update on the Medicare Supplemental Insurance. The County Administrator stated that a report would be forthcoming within two weeks.

Mrs. Thornton requested that the County Attorney be certain that the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals were provided all legislative updates.

Mrs. Thornton stated that she had noticed § 15.2-2403.2 The Virginia Wallops Research Park Leadership Council, and asked why approval of an amendment to the Code of Virginia by the General Assembly was required. The County Administrator explained that State Representative Lynwood Lewis had advised his office of the requirement due to the federal/state relationship issues.

Mr. McCaleb complimented County Finance Director Michael Mason on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Closed Meeting

Mr. Hart 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 subsection (A) (1) for the purpose of assignment or appointment of an employee;

2. Pursuant to subsection (A) (3) for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property, for lease, 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;
3. Pursuant to subsection (A) (5) concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

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	Mr. Gray	Mrs. Gordy
	Mr. Wolff	Mr. Mallette	Mr. Hart
	Mr. Chesser	Mrs. Mears	Mr. McCaleb

Adjournment

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35PM. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair