

VIRGINIA: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Board Chambers in Accomac on the 3rd day of March, A.D., 2010.

Members Present: Laura Belle Gordy, Chair
Donald L. Hart, Jr., Vice Chair
Wanda J. Thornton
Ron S. Wolff
Grayson Chesser
Sandra Hart Mears
Steve D. Mallette
John Charles "Jack" Gray
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 opened by repeating The Lord's after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Closed Meeting

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

1. Pursuant to Subsection (A)(1) for discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.

Open Session

The Chair declared the meeting open to the public.

Certification of Closed Meeting

Mr. Wolff made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Mears, 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	Mrs. Mears	Mr. Hart
	Mr. Chesser	Mr. Mallette	Mr. McCaleb

Recess

By consensus, the Chair declared the Board in recess for five (5) minutes.

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting back to order.

FY-2011 Budget Deliberations

Finance Director Michael T. Mason updated the Board on the proposed reductions to schools and responded to questions.

A brief discussion took place with Mr. Mason and the Board discussing the following:

- Revenue issues
- 2010 assessed values/equalized real estate tax rates
- Proposed reduced personal property tax rate for renewable energy equipment
- Update on State budget actions
- Real estate taxes
- Board member health insurance
- School Board budget
- Rainy Day fund
- School debt
- Elimination of county positions
- Scheduling of Public Hearing

Budget Public Hearing

A discussion took place concerning when to hold the Public Hearing on the FY-2011 Annual Fiscal Plan (Operating & Capital Budget).

Mr. McCaleb made a motion suspend the Rules of Procedure and to schedule the Public Hearing on the FY2011 Annual Fiscal Plan (Operating & Capital Budget) for April 5, 2010, at 7:00PM at Metompkin Elementary School, if available. Mr. Wolff seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Thornton made a motion that members of the Board of Supervisors have only 75% of the single-subscriber insurance rate paid by the County. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Ayes: Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart. Nays: Mr. Wolff, Mr. Chesser, Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette, Mr. McCaleb. Abstentions: Mr. Gray.

County Administrator Steven B. Miner reviewed with and responded to questions related to personnel cuts.

Division Superintendent W. Richard Bull briefed the Board regarding the School Board budget and a \$5 million cut by the state.

Discussion continued regarding cuts within the Sheriff's Department, etc.

Mr. McCaleb suggested a 5-cent tax increase be used to advertise the budget.

Discussions continued concerning the previous position which provided Ordinance enforcement through the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Gray made a motion to fund a Deputy Sheriff immediately with the Sheriff's Department so to allow the Sheriff to have an Ordinance Enforcement Office full-time. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion.

A discussion took place with County Administrator Steven B. Miner responding to questions regarding the duties of the former Ordinance Enforcement Officer, the position which was not funded by the County in the current budget. He further explained that those duties had been addressed by other county departments; i.e., Building & Zoning, Planning, Purchasing & Contracts Manager, and Public Works. Comments were also given by County Attorney Mark B. Taylor.

The vote on the motion as stated. Ayes: Mr. Gray. Nays: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Chesser, Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette, Ms. Gordy, Mr. Hart, Mr. McCaleb.

Budget Public Hearing –Proposed Tax Increase

Mr. Hart made a motion to send the budget to Public Hearing with a 1¢ tax increase for debt service and the other tax rate by 3¢ to be totally dedicated to education. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion.

A discussion ensued.

The vote on the motion as stated. Ayes: Mr. Gray, Mr. Hart. Nays: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Chesser, Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. McCaleb.

Tourism Commission

Mrs. Gordy made a motion to cut the E. S. of Virginia Tourism Commission \$20,000. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. Ayes: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Chesser, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart. Nays: Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette, Mr. McCaleb.

Car Float

A lengthy discussion took place regarding a proposed Agreement with Eastern Shore Railroad for its share of repairs to the car float "Nandua."

Mrs. Thornton made a motion that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the A-N Transportation District Commission meet with County Attorney Mark B. Taylor and Kevin

Paige and bring the Agreement back to the Board as soon as possible. Mr. McCaleb seconded the motion. Ayes: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Mears, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart, Mr. McCaleb. Nays: Mr. Chesser, Mr. Mallette.

Transmission Line Relocation

Mr. Christopher Carbaugh, Atlantic Group & Associates, Inc. came before the Board to request its support in a request to the State Corporation Commission (SCC) for the realignment of transmission lines in the Wattsville area because of economic/safety and growth reasons, explained the project, and responded to questions.

A lengthy discussion took place.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to adopt the following Resolution of Support and to allow the County Administrator to speak at a scheduled hearing of the SCC. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. Ayes: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart, Mr. McCaleb. Nays: Mr. Chesser.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

The Board of Supervisors of Accomack County, Virginia, in a meeting on the 3rd day of March, 2010, adopted the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Delmarva Power is undertaking an upgrade to its transmission facilities in the vicinity of Virginia Routes 175 and 704 in Wattsville (Accomack County), Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Carbaugh, Principal, Atlantic Group and Associates, Inc., Optionee, of property in such vicinity, has proposed relocation of Delmarva Power Transmissions Facilities at this location; and

WHEREAS, the requested relocation of Delmarva Power Transmission Facilities would accommodate future realignment of the intersections of Routes 175 and 704 to alleviate safety concerns that have been expressed by the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Accomack County finds that relocation of the Delmarva Power Transmission Facilities in the vicinity of Routes 175 and 704 as requested by Christopher Carbaugh, Principal, would enhance public safety and better accommodate future land use as contemplated by Christopher Carbaugh, Principal; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports the accommodation of private interests such as Christopher Carbaugh, Principal, in the maintenance of transmissions facilities such as Delmarva Powers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Accomack County, Virginia, desires to declare its support for Christopher Carbaugh, Principal's, request and to see the requested relocation completed at reasonable cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board hereby declares its support for the request of Christopher Carbaugh, Principal, to relocate Delmarva Power Transmission Facilities in the vicinity of Routes 175 and 704 Wattsville (Accomack County), Virginia, on terms imposing the least inconvenience and least cost upon the requestor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Adjournment

Mr. Wolff made a motion to adjourn to March 10, 2010, at 5:00PM at Metompkin Elementary School for a Joint Work Session with Planning Commission on Blue & Green Infrastructure. Mrs. Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Chair