

VIRGINIA: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Board Chambers in Accomac on the 15th 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 Prayer after which, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was repeated.

Accomack County Public Schools

Division Superintendent W. Richard Bull, Accomack County Public Schools, gave an update on additional cuts by the state on school funding, proposed cuts, etc., and responded to questions.

Budget Deliberations

A general discussion took place on the proposed FY2011 Annual Fiscal Plan (Operating and Capital Budget) with County Administrator Steven B. Miner and Finance Director Michael T. Mason responded to questions.

Mr. Mallette made a motion to restore the \$77,178 in Economic Development and \$20,000 in Tourism. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion.

A discussion ensued regarding the motion as made with the County Attorney explaining that a motion to reconsider would have to come from the a member who had previously requested action.

There was no vote taken on Mr. Mallette's motion.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Mallette made a motion to restore the \$77,178 to Economic Development. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Wolff, Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette. Nays: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Chesser, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart, Mr. McCaleb.

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to designate the entire \$44,058 to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission for the operation of the welcome center at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge & Tunnel. Mrs. Gordy seconded the motion. Ayes: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Chesser, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart, Mr. McCaleb. Nays: Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette.

Discussion continued on the proposed budget.

Mr. Hart made a motion to propose a 1¢ tax increase for debt service. Mr. Chesser seconded the motion. Ayes: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Chesser, Mr. Gray, Mr. Mallette, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart, Mr. McCaleb. Nays: Mrs. Mears.

Mr. Mallette made a motion to budget \$310,163 in Contingencies. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hart made a motion to advertise proposed 3¢ tax increase to be designated for schools. Mr. Gray seconded the motion.

A discussion took place concerning designating the tax increase to schools.

Mr. Hart restated his motion to propose a 3-cent tax increase without designation. Ayes: Mr. Wolff, Mr. Chesser, Mr. Gray, Mr. Mallette, Mr. Hart, Mr. McCaleb. Nays: Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Mears, Mrs. Gordy.

Mr. Hart made a motion to advertise the budget with the proposed increase to include the rate for renewable energy. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Gordy made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Mears seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Chair