

VIRGINIA: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Board Chambers in Accomack on the 6th day of March, A.D., 2013, at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Donald L. Hart, Jr., Chair
Wanda J. Thornton
Ron S. Wolff
Grayson Chesser
John Charles "Jack" Gray, Vice Chair
Kay W. Lewis
Robert D. Crockett
Laura Belle Gordy
C. Reneta Major

Others Present: Steven B. Miner, County Administrator
Shelia Goodman, Administrative Assistant
Mike Mason, Director of Finance
Mark B. Taylor, County Attorney

Call to Order

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

Old Business

Request for Additional Funding

9-1-1 Communications

Mr. Jeff Flournoy handed out copies of his presentation to the Board. He told the Board the Capital Funds Request that was included in the budget was a simulcast solution that allows a radio transmission to be broadcast from multiple transmitters simultaneously and this would cause additional radio equipment and additional equipment to synchronize each of the transmitters. He continued and told the Board a simulcast system on multiple channels would provide great benefit and the immediate goal was a simulcasted paging/dispatch channel for Fire/EMS operations. Mr. Flournoy stated he had originally hoped to have been funded by current Federal grant but it was not possible due to funds being used elsewhere such as for field radios and other infrastructure needs

Mr. Flournoy stated the total request that was put in the budget is \$412,375 and he is requesting 2/3 from Accomack which equates to approximately \$276,292 and stated he has requested 1/3 from Northampton County which equated to \$136,038. Mr. Flournoy continued and stated if this was not funded by both counties the 9-1-1 Center would continue to dispatch/alert Fire/EMS stations using the current process and technology and

would continue to request other funding such as grants to support the project and this would require a local match as well. Mr. Flournoy responded to questions from the Board concerning grants.

Eastern Shore Public Library

Mrs. Carol Vincent gave an update on the new library. She told the Board if a foundation and exterior walls were not in place by March 2016 the land for the library would revert back to Shore Bank. She continued and told the Board they were in the process of getting approval from Shore Bank for the exterior design. She told the Board about other ideas the Library Board had concerning a joint use building. A discussion ensued on the joint use building. Ms. Vincent told the Board the Library had been approved for a \$25,000 three for one matching grant. Ms. Vincent responded to questions from the Board concerning the McMath Building.

Ms. Vincent stated they were willing to change their plans if they had to do so.

Economic Development Authority

Economic Development Authority John LeCato stated he was requesting the additional funding to promote the sale of the remaining land in the Industrial Park in Melfa. He told the Board that in the last ninety (90) days the EDA had paid for their own internet service online for the EDA to promote the Park and the land that was located there that was for sale. He continued and stated the EDA had paid for all of their expenses in the last three (3) years without coming to the Board for additional funding for the EDA.

Mr. LeCato stated the EDA's goal was to try and sell the remaining lots within the Park. He told the Board the EDA was going to hire local realtors and offer them flat rate fees rather than commission. He told the Board the EDA was requesting \$7,500 to help with brochures to businesses that would like to locate in Accomack County.

A discussion ensued on the wetlands that were in the Park. Mrs. Thornton commented and said she was a member of the EDA when the EDA negotiated with the Army Corp of Engineers about the non-tidal wetlands. She continued and said the agreement was done and she stated she did not vote in favor of it because she felt it was the wrong thing to do. Mrs. Thornton said it was an agreement with the Army Corp of Engineers and they came in and delineated the land in the Park in 1994 or 1995.

Mr. LeCato responded to questions from the Board. A discussion ensued concerning the Board of Supervisors and the EDA to have a meeting to discuss who is responsible for what because the communication is not very good between the Board and the Authority. Mr. Hart directed staff to coordinate a meeting between the Board and the EDA to set up parameters of what the EDA does and what the Board expects them to do.

Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ESCADV)

Ms. Patricia Dodge (Peaches) from the ESCADV passed out handouts to the Board and gave an update on the Shelter. She told the Board the Shelter has a security issue and was asking for an addition request of \$15,000 for the service they are providing to the County.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Supervisors using money from their District Funds to help support the shelter. A brief discussion transpired regarding treating the funding as a grant from year to year.

Transportation District Commission (TDC), Star Transit

Mr. Miner told the Board Mr. Darryl Feasal was planning on attending the meeting but do to the forecast could not attend.

Next Budget Meeting Date

It was the consensus of the Board to meet on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers.

Staff Response to Questions Posed from Last Months's BOS Meeting

Finance Director Mike Mason responded to the questions from the last meeting. He stated the Board had asked the question - what happens if we increase the EMS rate at different intervals. Mr. Mason gave several scenarios regarding options for the EMS rate increase for the deficit situation in order to address the deficit and discussed same.

Mr. Miner stated he was asked to come back with scenarios to provide additional capital funds for construction at the Sheriff's Office. He told the Board in FY14 he did not see anything that would warrant changing the revenue projections. He told the Board a vehicle license fee had not been increased since 2003. He stated the fee in Northampton is \$33 and in Accomack County is \$27. Mr. Mason told the Board in this year's budget he was able to identify \$172,000 in vacancy savings in the current budget and right now there was \$265,000 available in contingences available and this would give

\$300,000 for a one-time capital needs reduction in appropriations and infusion into the budget.

Adjournment

Mr. Wolff made a motion to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting until March 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers for a Budget Work Session.

Mrs. Gordy Crockett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Donald L. Hart, Jr., Chair

Date