

The Accomack County Board of Social Services met at its facility on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 9:30 A.M. Present were Mr. R. Dodd Obenshain, Chairman; Ms. Kay W. Lewis, Vice-Chairman; Ms. Betty Wood; Ms. Reneta Major; Ms. Laura B. Gordy; Mr. John Sparkman; and Mrs. Mary E. Parker, Secretary.

Mr. Obenshain called the meeting to order. Ms. Lewis gave the Invocation.

Mr. Obenshain proceeded to **Item 3 – Approve Minutes of December 17, 2013.** On motion by Ms. Gordy, seconded by Ms. Major, the Minutes of December 17, 2013 were approved as written.

Mr. Obenshain continued to **Item 4 – Fraud Update.** Mrs. Parker stated Fraud Investigator Jack Thomas was still moving along. Mr. Obenshain stated the Savings Year-To-Date was \$227,742. Ms. Lewis stated the amount submitted in January for Tax Intercept was \$178,058.62; however, it appears we only received \$3,667.59. Mrs. Parker stated she would mention this to Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Obenshain proceeded to **Item 5 – Director's Update.** Mrs. Parker stated she had not prepared an update as she didn't do much that month. She stated that she and Secretary I Linda Rew attended Miss Pearl Littleton's reception at the Accomack County Clerk's Office on Wednesday, January 9, 2014. She also stated she had attended a Disaster Preparedness Coalition meeting at the Fire Training Center on Beacon Road in Melfa. It was well attended. She further stated the new Health Director was present. He seemed very nice and appeared to be glad to be on the Shore.

Mr. Obenshain continued to **Item 6 – Financial Statement – Administrative Office Manager Shirley Harmon.** Ms. Harmon stated for the month of December our Total Expenditures were \$302,577.93, our Year-to-Date Total Local Adjustment is \$310,738.81 and our Total Local Balance to Date is \$413,372.19. Mr. Obenshain inquired if there were any questions about the statements. He further stated it appeared most of the percentages looked like we were within our budget for the year. He then asked Ms. Harmon if we had any issues facing us. Ms. Harmon stated none at the present time.

Mr. Obenshain proceeded to **Item 7 – FY 2015 Accomack County Budget Request.** Mrs. Parker informed the Board Members who receive mileage for their Board meeting attendance that the mileage rate had decreased from \$0.565 to \$0.56. Mrs. Parker stated the last two pages of the budget are the most important for our Agency. The next to the last page shows we are projecting on what the County has informed us relative to a 10% increase in our health insurance premium for next year. We are requesting \$29,900 to cover the difference in the salary realignment. Mrs. Parker stated she would have to present this to the Board of Supervisors at their scheduled budget request meeting. Ms. Lewis stated the budgets had to be done by February 10, 2014. Ms. Major stated February 12-13, 2014 were the two nights scheduled for department heads to speak. Ms. Gordy stated she was sure someone would let Mrs. Parker know which night she would be doing her presentation.

Mrs. Parker further stated she had seen in the news where Finance Director Mike Mason had talked with the Board of Supervisors regarding the retiree health insurance issue and that a public hearing would probably soon be held for that purpose.

Mr. Obenshain proceeded to **Item 8 – Social Worker Title Protection.** Mrs. Parker stated back in July 2013 she sent a letter to Commissioner Margaret Schultz regarding Social Work Title Protection. After having read and reread the Code section the key requirement to be able to use the title "Social Worker" in writing

or in advertising in connection with his practice unless he simultaneously uses clarifying initials that signify receiving a baccalaureate or master's degree in social work from an accredited social work school or program approved by the Council on Social Work Education. She stated we have social services staff in our agency who received their social work degrees long before there was a title protection issue and the program was approved by Council on Social Work Education. The Council on Social Work Education's website lists all schools whose social work degree program is currently approved by them as well as programs that previously were approved by the Council. Mr. Obenshain inquired how many we have at the agency in that situation. Mrs. Parker stated probably three.

On motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Wood, the Board went into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing APS Case #1785333, as permitted by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3712.

On motion by Ms. Wood, seconded by Ms. Major, the Board returned to Open Session. On motion by Ms. Wood, seconded by Ms. Major, the Board confirmed the matter discussed in Closed Session (Ms. Wood – yes; Ms. Major – yes; Ms. Gordy – yes; Ms. Lewis – yes; and Mr. Sparkman – yes). Mr. Obenshain stated the item discussed was not actionable.

Mr. Obenshain stated our next regular meeting would be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at 9:30 A.M.

On motion by Ms. Major, seconded by Ms. Lewis, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

APPROVED: **R. Dodd Obenshain**

ATTEST: **Mary E. Parker**