

VIRGINIA: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the
County of Accomack held in the Cafetorium of Metompkin
Elementary School on the 23rd day of March, A. D. 2015.

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

Others Present: Steven B. Miner, County Administrator
Mark B. Taylor, County Attorney
Michael Mason, Finance Director
Shelia West, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

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

Proposed Dollar General Conditional Rezoning

Mr. Miner related to a motion made at the March 23, 2015 meeting to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Dollar General Conditional Rezoning which did not include the location of the Hearing.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to hold the Public Hearing on April 15, 2015 at 7:30p.m. at Metompkin Elementary School to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or to present written comments concerning the proposed Dollar General Conditional Rezoning. Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Hearing – FY2015-2016 Proposed Budget and Tax Rates

Finance Director, Michael Mason gave an overview of Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed Budget and Tax Rates.

County Attorney Mark Taylor read the rules governing conduct during Public Hearing.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed FY2015-2016 Estimated Budget and Tax Rates.

The following persons offered comments relative to the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Proposed Budget and Tax Rates:

Connie Burford –Bloxom, spoke concerning the line item retirement benefit

Peaches Dodge- Onancock, thanked the Board for the Support of the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Date, Time, Place of Budget Workshop

Mr. Wolff made a motion to hold a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 5:00p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers. Mr. Crockett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Accomack County School Division Voluntary Retirement Work Plan

The Chair opened the Public Hearing concerning the Proposed School Division Voluntary Retirement Work Plan.

Comments of opposition were offered by:
Ace Seybolt, Mappsville

Comments of support were offered by:
Rose Taylor, Arcadia High School Principal
Traci Robbins, Chincoteague
Caroline Mummert, Chincoteague
Kelli Burford-Dunton, Bloxom
Melissa Holland, Wallops Island
Lawrence Blodgett, Bloxom
Warren Holland, Wallops Island
Terrance J. Smith, Mappsville
Connie Burford, Bloxom
Will Thompson, New Church
Ellen Richardson, Chincoteague
Karen Jarvis- supports Early Retirement Plan (Mrs. Thornton read the email that was sent to her)

Comments expressing equality for all County employees were offered by:
Greg Duncan, Gargatha

Shelia West, Accomac

The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Hart explained his reasons for abstaining if a vote would be taken on the Accomack County School Division Voluntary Retirement Work Plan.

Mr. Gray made a motion that the Board of Supervisors not to vote on the Early Retirement Plan at this meeting tonight and to schedule a meeting with the School Board as soon as possible so the Early Retirement Plan could be discussed. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

The vote on the motion: Ayes: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Chesser, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Major, Mr. Hart. Nays: Mr. Crockett, Mrs. Gordy

Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant Application

Dr. Miner told the Board the Authorizing of the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant Application was time sensitive and needed be considered so the application could be filed before the deadline.

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to authorize the ANPDC to submit the Flap grant with the understanding that the County would be responsible for a 10% match of the grant funds if the grant was awarded. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Mr. Wolff made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Crockett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:31P.M.

C. Reneta Major, Chair

Date