

*“Initial” Draft Accomack County Board of Supervisors Recessed Meeting*

*Minutes of February 22, 2012*

VIRGINIA: At a Recessed Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Board Chambers in Accomac on the 22nd day of February , A.D., 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Wanda J. Thornton, Vice Chair

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

**Call to Order**

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

**Proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Presentation**

County Administrator Steve Miner presented the proposed FY2012-2013 Budget to the Board of Supervisors and stated the budget that was presented was balanced with surpluses on both the operating and capital sides for discretionary allocations by the Board. He stated he was recommending proposing a tax rate increase in revenue but not an increase in revenue. Mr. Miner stated real estate values fell 12.1%. Mr. Miner gave a break down of the Operating Budget and stated it had an overall increase of 2%. Some of the highlights were no pay increase (includes pay-for-performance identical to this year), absorbed large increase in health care costs (18%), absorbed large increase in retirement costs (from 9.3% of full time payroll to 13.47%), school board level funded (does also utilize carryover funds from state Board of Education), new debt service, and no new positions (reduction of 4 full time equivalents). Mr. Miner also gave a breakdown on the Capital Budget and went over the highlights that included new phone system because the existing phone system was obsolete, County share of joint compensation, classification and shared services study, case imaging system for Clerk’s Office, replacement and new vehicles, transfer station equipment, docks and ramps, market analysis for northern Accomack County, Comp Plan five year update, and transfer to Rainy Day Fund

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Consistent with Board Policy. Mr. Miner told the board the space needs were currently being refreshed and the capital budget allocates \$635,000 towards costs of implementation of the board's final choices. Mr. Miner briefly discussed matters concerning the Wallops Research Park debt service funding for the initial phases of development infrastructure (sewer line, electric, fiber, water, and roads) to allow for development by private sector. The final presentation was finished with the goal alignment and accountability Program (GAAP).

**Proposed FY '13 Annual Fiscal Plan Layout and Issue Overview**

Finance Director Michael Mason gave a detailed follow up and overview explaining the recommendations that County Administrator Steve Miner had presented to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Mason discussed the major issues impacting the budget which included, Reassessment & Tax Rate Equalization, Debt Service, Health Insurance, Retirement Benefits, Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) rate change, Fire and Rescue Funding, and Rainy Day/Stabilization Funds. Discussions continued and Mr. Mason responded to questions.

Mr. Hart asked Mr. Mason to determine the cost to increase the employer share of health insurance from 76% of single subscriber rate to 100% and the cost to bring the employer share of health insurance covering additional dependents (Spouse/Child/Family) to an affordable level and in line with other localities.

**Next Meeting**

Mr. Hart made a motion to adjourn to Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Department of Social Services. The Board asked that the Chair determine its availability and inform the Board of same. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mrs. Thornton absent.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Wolff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Mrs. Thornton absent. The meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m.

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Chair

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