

“Initial” Draft Accomack County Board of Supervisors Special Meeting

Virginia: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the cafeteria at Metompkin Elementary School on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, A. D., 2012.

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

Member Absent: Laura Belle Gordy, 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 Vice Chair and opened with a prayer by Mr. Gray, after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Mrs. Thornton informed the public of the absence of Chairperson Laura Belle Gordy due to illness and noted she was going to ask the past chair Donald Hart to preside over the meeting but he had not yet arrived, and therefore, she would be presiding over the meeting.

**Public Hearing**

County Attorney Mark Taylor read the Public Hearing rules.

The Vice Chair opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Hart arrived at 7:07 p.m.

## **Presentation from Staff**

Mr. Michael Mason, Finance Director, gave a brief Power Point presentation and overview of Fiscal Year 2013 Proposed Budget and Tax rates.

## **Public Comment on Proposal for the Flat Tax Rate**

The following persons spoke in opposition to the proposed flat tax rate:

Kevin T. Holloway, Greenbackville	John Jester, Chincoteague
Mollie Cherrix, Chincoteague	Jack Tarr, Mayor, Chincoteague
Katie Sharpley, Chincoteague	J. W. Jeffries, Chincoteague
Denise Bowden, Chincoteague	Bobby Lappin, Chincoteague
Laurie Walton, Chincoteague	David Jennings, Chincoteague
Ellen Richardson, Chincoteague	Dana Halbert, Chincoteague
Jim Freese, Chincoteague	Dean Orsino, Chincoteague
Barbara Milyko, Chincoteague	Patrick Frazier, Chincoteague
Charlotte Jenkins	

The following person(s) spoke in favor of the proposed flat tax:

Billye D. Custis, Mayor, Onley

The following person(s) spoke in reference to the Fiscal Year 2013 Proposed Budget and Tax Rates:

W. Bruce Benson, District Superintendent  
Dan Bradford, Belle Haven  
Linda K. Smith, New Church  
Carla Bradford, Parksley  
Richard Bradford, Parksley  
Shirley Zamora, Onancock

County Administrator Steven Miner read, as requested, a letter received from Mr. Jim Belote regarding his opposition to the proposed tax increase in the FY '13 budget.

In response to a question regarding the Parks and Recreation budget, Finance Director Mike Mason clarified the proposed current amount of the Parks and Recreation budget.

The Vice Chair closed the Public Hearing and thanked all present for attending.

Upon hearing recommendations and suggestions from some of the speakers regarding the Board meeting with members of the Fire Commission to discuss other options/alternatives to the

flat fire tax, Mrs. Thornton asked members if they were interested in having a meeting to discuss the proposed tax. The response was negative.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Crockett made a motion to recess to Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Metompkin Elementary School. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mrs. Gordy absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Chair

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Date