

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Board of Supervisors Chamber in Accomac, Virginia on the 18th day of October, A.D., 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Robert D. Crockett, Chair
Laura Belle Gordy, Vice Chair
William J. "Billy" Tarr
Ron S. Wolff
Grayson C. Chesser
Harrison W. Phillips, III
Paul E. J. Muhly
Donald L. Hart, Jr.
C. Reneta Major

Others Present: Michael Mason, County Administrator
Cela J. Burge, County Attorney
Shelia West, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

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

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Hart made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the Agenda was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

County Attorney Cela Burge read the rules governing conduct during the public comment period.

Mr. Crockett advised members of the request from Mr. Chesser to allow Captain Wessells of the Accomack County Sheriff's Department to apprise and extend an invitation to Board members regarding an event regarding the Opioid Epidemic.

Captain Wessells advised members of the upcoming event for a Community Opioid Forum sponsored by the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force/Accomack County Sheriff's Department, Northampton County Sheriff's Department and the State Police in partnership with the Community Services Board that was being held at the Eastern Shore Community College on October 24, 2017 from 3-5 pm and 6-8 pm. He gave some highlights of the event's scheduled program and distributed flyers of same. A brief discussion continued.

Mr. Michael Starling – 18 Hillcrest Drive, Onancock, VA – Professional Land Surveyor/Flood Plain Manager and owner of Shoreline Surveyors, offered comments of concern regarding the County Plan Review Procedures and noted the use of a textbook being used unrelated to the County's process through adopted ordinances to review a subdivision plat. He requested that the Board review the matter, gave his business card and extended an invitation for members to contact him if they wanted further details.

Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting. Ms. Major seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Gordy made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5.2 - Approve the proposed Holiday Schedule in accordance with the schedule given by Governor Terry McAuliffe.

5.3 – Authorize the Chair, Vice-Chair, or County Administrator to be the Voting Delegate for the VACo Annual Business Meeting.

5.4 - Approve and authorize an after the fact filing of a Fall 2017 TIGER grant application.

5.5 - Approve award to purchase the Microsoft Office and Window software of SHI Quote – 12629108 – Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Procurement in the amount of \$141,516. Funding was previously approved in the FY18 Budget.

5.6 - Award the purchase of ID Networks Quote 10-03-2017 for Public Safety System using the University of Mary Washington contract in the amount of \$221,012.

5.7 - Approve transfer of Election District 4 District Projects Funds in the amount of \$9,000 to assist the Town of Parksley with fire hydrant replacement.

Eastern Shore Regional Navigable Waterways

Mr. John Joeckel, Chairman, Eastern Shore Regional Waterways Committee, briefed members regarding the request that was submitted to Accomack and Northampton County Board of Supervisors to adopt a Joint Resolution requesting the Commonwealth to designate long-term sustainable funding source(s) along with developing criteria for funding use, methodology for prioritizing projects and allocating funding for waterway maintenance and funding program to maintain the navigable depths of non-federal waterways in the Commonwealth.

He informed members that Northampton had approved the Joint Resolution without revision at its recent meeting.

He continued to discuss the request and the need to have a yearly funding mechanism for waterway maintenance with a plan to outline guidance of what the committee felt should be a legislative fix for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He noted the request that was being made to the State by the Town of Chincoteague for \$1.6 million for a study and potential mediation work. A discussion continued.

Mr. Joeckel requested that the Board authorize and sign the Resolution and send copies to Senator Lewis and Delegate Bloxom to place on their General Assembly legislative initiatives.

Mr. Hart made a motion a motion to approve the Resolution and send copies to Senator Lewis and Delegate Bloxom requesting them to include it as part of their legislative agenda, as

well as to the Governor and to VACO for support. Mr. Tarr seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

A brief discussion continued and Mr. Wolff apprised members and Mr. Joeckel of the news coverage of the same issue in Mathews County by Andy Fox and suggested that Mr. Joeckel contact Mr. Fox.

Economic Development Authority

County Administrator Michael Mason advised members that the term limits for some of Economic Development Authority (EDA) members needed to be adjusted in order to comply with the Code of Virginia. He referred to the information as provided and discussed the changes that needed to be adjusted resulting in staggered terms.

Per the membership list of the Economic Development Authority members that was provided, County Attorney Burge requested that the Board, by motion, reappoint the individuals in accordance with the State Code of 4-year staggered terms.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to reappoint the following members of the Economic Development Authority in accordance with the State Code to comply with 4-year staggered terms. Mr. Tarr seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Calvert Seybolt - term ends February 18, 2018
Iravon Ashby-Hope - term ends February 18, 2018
C. Ray Davis - term ends February 18, 2019
Wesley Edwards - term ends February 18, 2019
Robert S. Bloxom - term ends February 18, 2020
Stella Rohde - term ends February 18, 2020

Mr. Hart made a motion to appoint Mr. Andy Mason to the Economic Development Authority to replace John LeCato, who has resigned. The term will begin immediately and end on February 18, 2021. Mr. Muhly seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Eastern Shore Regional Navigable Waterways Committee

Mr. Tarr made a motion to appoint Mr. John Tavolaro to the Eastern Shore Regional Navigable Waterways Committee to replace Mr. Wayne Merritt, who has resigned. The term will begin immediately and end on June 30, 2020. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Proposed Subdivision Ordinance Revisions

Ms. Major made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed subdivision ordinance amendments at the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

County Assessor Report

Mr. Brent Hurdle, County Assessor presented and discussed a report concerning Land Use Assessments for Tax Year 2018. He apprised members that the County had received the 2018 SLEAC per acre use values for agricultural land and forest land in Accomack County. He informed members that the use values for all eight soil capability classes of agricultural land have increased and the use values for all forest productivity classes with the exception of non-productive have increased. He provided information and discussed the comparisons of the 2018 use values and the 2016 and 2017 use values.

He stated that the new values that had been established would cause a 7% increase in agricultural use values for soil classes and a 10% in the different classes of forest land. He continued to discuss same and noted that there would be 551 parcels that would not have a lower assessment although they are in the land use program. He further stated that from an overall prospective of the land use assessment program, if the values were used, the loss in tax bases is approximately \$84 million which equates to half a million dollars in revenue.

A discussion continued regarding the SLEAC value and other related matters.

County Administrator's Report

Loss of Long-Time Employee Emanuel Parks

County Administrator Michael Mason offered condolences regarding the loss of a valued and long-term Public Works employee Emanuel Parks and noted the various accolades and resolutions he had received during his years of service with the County.

Arcadia Playground

Mr. Mason recalled informing members at a previous meeting about the temporary closure of the Arcadia Playground due to unsafe equipment. He informed members that he had looked at budget funds so that the equipment could be replaced, noting that Parks and Recreation did not have the funds. He stated that he had reported the matter to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and received a consensus that they would like the playground to remain open.

He requested that the Board consider appropriating an additional \$20,000 from the contingency fund to purchase some equipment. He noted how expensive he had found playground equipment to be.

Mr. Chesser made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$20,000 to purchase playground equipment for the Arcadia playground. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chincoteague Island Water Resources Challenges

In response to a request from Mr. Tarr for the Board to assist with local matching funds for a study to be conducted by the US Army Corp of Engineers relating to water resources challenges for Chincoteague Island during the upcoming FY19 Budget deliberations, Mr. Mason

reported that a placeholder had been made and the matter would be addressed during budget time.

A brief discussion continued.

Mr. Tarr made a motion to send a letter to the Governor supporting the Town of Chincoteague in its efforts for obtaining the grant for the study to be conducted. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mt. Prospect Avenue Bridge

Mr. Mason informed members that he had been notified by VDOT that the Mt. Prospect Avenue Bridge over Onancock Creek will be closed for repairs from November 1, 2017 - April 15, 2018.

Solar Facility at Sawmill Park

Mr. Mason informed members that the solar facility in the Sawmill Park was complete and operational. He responded to an inquiry regarding the ability of the solar facility's capability to power both of the buildings located in the park.

He stated that the solar facility would be fenced in for security purposes and a plaque would be erected describing what it does and how it does it.

Nandua Middle and High Traffic Study

Mr. Mason informed members that the request for the traffic study for areas at the Nandua Middle and High Schools had been submitted to VDOT.

Grey Property Acquisition Project

Mr. Mason briefed members regarding the Grey Property Acquisition Project and apprised members that a letter had been received from the Governor announcing all the Virginia

Land Conservation Grants had been awarded and the Grey Property was one of them with a \$321,000 grant.

County Attorney's Report

County Attorney Cela Burge informed members that her report would be discussed in Closed Session.

Board of Supervisors Comment Period

Supervisor Wolff

Mr. Chesser extended an invitation for members to attend the presentation at the Eastern Shore Community College regarding the Opioid Epidemic on October 26th.

He apprised members about an article published in the Virginian Pilot regarding “tax breaks” for Solar Panel systems and offered to make it available for their review.

He offered comments of appreciation for the vote taken on the purchase of the playground equipment for the Arcadia playground because it was very much needed.

Supervisor Phillips

Mr. Phillips recapped a matter that had been reported at a previous meeting of the Board during the Board of Supervisors Comment Period about a constituent that had been unable to drop off a bicycle at the convenience center at the southern end of the County which made it unfair for them to have to drive from Grangeville Convenience site to the Parksley site to dispose of an item. He stated he was in 100% agreement and reported that similar situations happen when constituents in the northern end have to travel long distance to the southern end of the County to dispose of brush.

He referenced action taken by the Board of spend \$100,000 to put another brush area at the Grangeville site, noting the distance it was from other sites. He stated he felt they should look at placing the brush area in a more centrally located area in the County in order to be fair.

Supervisor Muhly

Mr. Muhly offered a special acknowledgement to one of his neighbors, Rose Mott, who was celebrating her 102nd birthday.

Supervisor Wolff

Mr. Wolff offered comments regarding the Orbital purchase by Northrup Grumman and informed members that the new launch date for the Antares rocket is Friday, November 10th at 8 a.m.

Supervisor Tarr

Mr. Tarr referenced item 5.4 under the Consent Agenda concerning the Chincoteague/Assateague TIGER grant application and requested that a letter be sent to the Congressional delegation seeking their support.

Supervisor Hart

Mr. Hart reiterated that the Grangeville Convenience site which was put in by staff and not by Board Supervisors from the southern end. He continued to discuss same, noting that he had no problem with supporting Mr. Phillips during the budget cycle to have a brush area located in the northern area.

Supervisor Crockett

Chairman Crockett asked Mr. Muhly to extend the Board's birthday wishes to Mrs. Mott. On behalf of the Board, he also echoed County Administrator Mason's remarks regarding Emanuel Parks' character and dedication as a County employee.

Budget and Appropriation Items

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2018

Accomack County Budgets. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 ACCOMACK COUNTY BUDGETS

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors to approve and maintain the budget for Accomack County; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2017, the Board of Supervisors finalized the Accomack County Fiscal Year 2018 Budget; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the fiscal year certain unanticipated events occur that compel amendments to the budget be made; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the following requested budget amendments and recommends that they be approved; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Accomack County, Virginia, that the Fiscal Year 2018 County budget be amended by the amounts listed below and the amounts appropriated for the purposes indicated.

Fiscal Year	Requesting Department	Fund/ Function	Purpose	Funding Source	Total
FY18	Administration	General Fund/ Administration	To transfer funds already budgeted and appropriated for the County management reorganization from Contingencies and County Administrator budgets to individual department budgets effected. The FY18 adopted budget added \$24,000 to contingencies for this purpose.	Contingencies and Co. Admin Dept. Budget	\$29,354
FY18	Parks and Rec	General Fund/ Park and Rec	To recognize USDA Summer Grant 17/18 funding.	Federal Funds	\$112,029
FY18	EMS	General Fund/ EMS	To recognize Keep America Virginia Beautiful Recycling Grant.	Federal Funds	\$2,000
Total					\$ 143,383

Payables

Upon certification of the payables by the County Administrator, Ms. Major made a

motion to approve the October payables. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Closed Session

Mr. Tarr made a motion to go into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.3 and 5, A.3 and 5, A.7, and A.1 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended for the following purposes. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining or negotiating strategy of the public body.

For the purpose of discussing prospective business opportunities for the Wallops Research Park.

2. Acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely the bargaining or negotiating strategy of the public body.

For the purpose of discussing prospective business opportunities for the Parksley area.

3. Consultation with legal counseling pertaining to probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body as it relates to Hacks Neck.
4. Discussions, evaluations, and considerations relating to promotion, performance, demotion, salaries and disciplining of specific public officers or employees of the Public Works Department.

Open Session

The Chairman declared the meeting open to the public.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wolff to reconvene in Open Meeting and to certify by roll call vote, pursuant to Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code of Virginia, and to the best of each member's knowledge the only matters heard, discussed, or considered during the Closed Meeting were (i) public business matters lawfully exempted from Open

Meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened.

Ayes: Mr. Tarr Mrs. Gordy Mr. Chesser Mr. Hart Ms. Major Mr. Muhly

Mr. Wolff Mr. Phillips Mr. Crockett Absent: None Nays: None

Adjournment

Mr. Wolff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Major seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Robert D. Crockett, Chairman
Accomack County Board of Supervisors