

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 21st day of February, A.D., 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Robert D. Crockett, Chair
Donald L. Hart, Jr., Vice Chair
William J. "Billy" Tarr
Ron S. Wolff
Grayson C. Chesser
Harrison W. Phillips, III
Paul E. J. Muhly
Laura Belle Gordy
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. Hart, after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Crockett apprised members that the following changes were being made to the Agenda. Item 7 – Report of Public Officials was being deleted and was being added to Item 9 – Old Business to include:

- 9.1 – Report from Tyson Complex Manager
- 9.2 - Receive FY19 Budget Request from Superintendent Chris Holland
- 9.3 - Receive FY19 Budget Request from Jeff Flournoy, 911 Director

Mr. Wolff made a motion to approve the amended Agenda. Ms. Major seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the amended Agenda was unanimously approved.

Rules of Procedure

Mr. Mason advised members of the three amendments to the current Rules of Procedure and briefly discussed each one.

1) **Section 3.02 Regular Meetings**

To add language that allows meetings cancelled due to inclement weather to be held on next business day, without any action by the Board.

2) **Section 6.10 Board of Supervisors Comment Period (Total Limit of 30 Minutes)**

Clarifies that the Board of Supervisors Comment Period is limited to 30 minutes and that no items presented under this section of the Agenda can be acted upon without a suspension of these rules for the purpose of addressing said item.

3) **Section 6.06 Public Comment (Total Limit of 60 Minutes)**

Limits the Public Comment period to one hour (60 Minutes) to ensure other agenda items can be heard and acted upon by the Board.

He noted that it would not create any impact upon the Public Hearing Comment period which was still completely open and not affected by the change in the Public Comment period.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to adopt the amended Rules of Procedure, as presented. Ms. Major seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved to adopt the amended Rules of Procedure.

Public Comment

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

The following persons spoke at the Public Hearing:

- 1) Miriam Riggs – 14457 Broadway Road – Onancock, VA – requested the Board to amend the Industrial Poultry Ordinance by increasing poultry house setbacks to 1000 feet from residential lot property lines and 1,500 feet from schools, nursing homes and churches. She submitted her comments for the record (copy attached).

- 2) Sue Mastyl – 14329 Mars Circle – Harborton, VA - expressed concern regarding water supply withdrawal by owners of CAPO’s and urged Board to get details regarding the groundwater usage from the Groundwater Committee or DEQ.
- 3) Donna Bozza – 1732 Sand Hill Drive – Cape Charles, VA - Executive Director, CBES - spoke on behalf of organization expressing their concerns regarding the build out of new poultry house operations.
- 4) Ken Duffy – 6182 Wardtown Road – Exmore, VA – addressed concerns about groundwater withdrawal. He distributed copies of a report to members of the Board. He requested that the Board encourage the poultry industry to use the upper aquifer to withdraw water.

Minutes

Ms. Major made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2018 meeting. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Recognitions

County Administrator Michael Mason apprised members of the two recognitions before them:

- 1) Mr. Mason informed members that the County Finance Department had received the Distinguished Budget Award from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting which represents a significant achievement. He noted that they had been receiving the award since 2008.

He recognized Amy Ford and the Finance Department for a job well done.
- 2) Ms. Shannon Alexander, Accomack County Planning District Commission, Mr. Paul Muhly and Mr. Grayson Chesser, Groundwater Committee members, recognized and presented the “Groundwater Committee Award” to Mr. John Lauer, Regulatory Compliance Specialist of the Public Works Department. Mr. Muhly apprised members about the tour they had taken at the northern landfill operation and was very impressed with the terrific work that had been done in maintaining it.

Mr. Lauer offered comments recognizing other staff members from the Public Works Department, noting that it was a team effort.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Crockett thanked Mr. Lauer for his service.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Mason requested that 5.4 – Consider Bid Award – Sawmill Park Walking Trail be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 5.4. Mr. Tarr seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5.2 – Request VDOT perform a traffic study of Front Street (US 13 BR)/Poplar Street/Joynes Neck Road (SR 652) intersection in the Town of Accomac, with particular emphasis on signage and sight distance.

5.3 – Authorize grant applications to the Virginia Port Authority in the amount of \$195,000 for Greenbackville Harbor and \$165,000 for Quinby Harbor.

5.5 – Approve contract renewal for Professional Engineering Services for Existing Marine, Drainage and Building Facilities for the term of March 17, 2018 through March 16, 2019 in accordance with the terms and conditions RFP 279.

5.6 – Approve the Public Declaration Letter required to apply for a Certification of Authorization to operate the Department of Public Safety’s unmanned aircraft.

Bid Award – Bid #706 Sawmill Park Walking Trail

Mr. Mason gave a brief summary of Bid #706 – Sawmill Park Walking Trail and informed members that only one (1) bid had been received. He stated that the bid had been vetted to determine that it was reasonable and the price had been negotiated to \$69,500.

Mr. Mason gave a brief PowerPoint Presentation describing the layout of the walking trail and discussing same.

Mrs. Gordy made a motion to award Bid #706 Sawmill Park Walking Trail to the sole bidder, Branscome, Inc. in the negotiated amount of \$69,500. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tyson Foods

Chairman Crockett recognized Mr. Kevin Taylor, Tyson Complex Manager and Mr. Ronnie Wadkins, Tysons Growing Operations Manager, to make an announcement resultant from a meeting that was held on February 6, 2018 between Mr. Taylor, Mr. Wadkins, Mr. Mason, Mr. Rich Morrison and himself concerning the withdrawal of groundwater.

Mr. Kevin Taylor, Tyson Complex Manager, offered clarification regarding the impression that Tyson Foods was expanding. He stated that Tyson Foods was not expanding and that the amount of chickens that were currently being processed will be the amount that will be processed until the foreseeable future. He stated that the new housing that was being built was to replace old housing that is no longer performing. He stated that they were expanding within the processing plant with new equipment, modern technology and adding more jobs to the processing plant.

He referenced the false information and propaganda that was being spread regarding Tyson Foods and announced publicly that Tyson Foods going forward on the new poultry houses would drill into the Columbia Shallow Aquifer (upper aquifer) for their cool cell pads. He stated that the commitment from Tyson Foods was to continue to be good neighbors.

Chairman Crockett stated that based on discussion from the February 6th meeting, Tyson Foods representatives were willing to voluntarily cooperate and have the water drawn from the upper aquifer.

Various comments were received regarding Tyson's announcement, the permitting process and other related matters.

Chairman Crockett offered expressions of gratitude to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Wadkins for their attendance and the good news.

FY'19 Accomack County Public Schools - Budget Presentation

Chairman Crockett recognized and welcomed members of the Accomack County School Board that were in attendance.

Ms. Beth Onley, Accomack County School Finance Director, informed members that the original \$6.23 million of the carry forward funds plus the subsequent carry forward funds from FY16 had been expended, to date, with the exception of the completion of the two metal roofs being completed at Accawmacke Elementary and Chincoteague Elementary, which were both on time to be completed in March.

Ms. Onley gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the FY19 School Budget request and informed members it was also the one presented at the School Board's Public Hearing and discussed:

Revenue Side

- Revenue reductions in Virginia Retirement System contributions
- New Composite Index Increase for the 2018-2020 Biennium
- Salary Increase – 2% - Effective December 1, 2019
In current budget year being presented there is no State money to support an increase for any of the staff – Upon receiving the State money December 2019 for FY2020, the School Board must certify that the funding has been matched with a local 2% share
- Increase in sales tax of almost \$140,000
- Local revenue increase according to funding formula is \$492,000

- School Resource Officer – will include an additional officer this year (3 officers)
- Overall an increase in revenue of just over \$900,000 anticipated for the School Division for FY19

Expenditure Side

- Superintendent’s funding request for a 2% salary increase for all employees (teachers, classified and administrative staff) Teachers are the only classification of employees that are on a step. Teachers would receive a 4% salary increase in order to try to retain and recruit teachers.
- Health Insurance – continue with United Health Care – rates will not come out until July and cannot anticipate what the increase will be but has budgeted an additional \$300 per year per enrolled employee to try to offset whatever increase there might be.
- Math Textbook Adoption – Attempting to get K-5 accomplished in this year because it was much easier to fund because it was hardbacks for 3rd, 4th, or 5th.
- Teacher Allotments – Currently give \$200 allotments per teacher for classroom supplies- Proposed to increase by \$50 per teacher equating to \$250 per teacher to encourage teacher retention
- Human Resources and Payroll System – Continuing to put money into exploring payroll systems to fit the School Board’s need – currently on Accomack County’s payroll system
- Chromebook Filters – All High School Students are on the “E Backpack Learning” initiative which is State funded and receive a Chromebook which has to be continued to be monitored.
- Increase in after school programs at the middle and high level
- Band instruments – need to be refurbished and replaced
- Bus Driver job fairs – one of the hardest positions to fill and keep filled – training provided to help receive CDL
- Total Expenditures – Over \$1.6 million

Ms. Onley informed members that currently they do not know what funding they will receive from the General Assembly. She noted that the balance that needed to be met was \$699,158 and will either have to be addressed by using additional revenues received from the General Assembly or reducing expenditures.

In closing, Ms. Onley distributed copies of additional requests they receive but do not include in the budget documents.

Chairman Crockett apprised the public about the quarterly meetings that are held by both bodies that include the Chairs, Vice Chairs, School Superintendent and County Administrator.

He stated that upon the School Board receiving notification of the increase in local funding, the response was to use it to address teacher's salaries.

Dr. Ronnie Holden, School Board Chairman

Dr. Ronnie Holden, Chairman, Accomack County School Board, requested that all School Board members and staff stand to be recognized. He offered expressions of gratitude to the Board for its support of Accomack County Public Schools and the continued level of communication through the quarterly meetings, which he felt were very profitable. He also thanked the School Superintendent and his team in the central office as well as the principals, teachers and their teams for an outstanding job of providing an educational opportunity for the students in Accomack County.

He stated that the School Board's budget was focused on four major areas, i.e., students, the employees with an extra effort for teachers, accountability, and implementation of new HR system which would eliminate the deficiencies of a manually operated system, and to continue working on the facilities to ensure they have quality facilities for all the students for a better learning environment.

Dr. Holden relinquished the floor to School Superintendent Chris Holland.

Mr. Chris Holland, School Division Superintendent

Mr. Chris Holland, School Superintendent, offered expressions of gratitude to the Board for its continued support and local funding for the School Board.

Mr. Holland offered additional comments regarding the School Board's FY 2018-19 Budget as presented by Finance Director Beth Onley. He reiterated that they proposed to give salary increases to its employees; 4% to teachers, 2% for classified, and 2% for administrative staff and noted the number of persons that the School Board employed.

He acknowledged that ten of the eleven schools were accredited and continued to discuss other school related matters including a plan for the retention of teachers. He also informed members of the plan to offer use of school facilities to the public for recreational activities and other events. He described several capital improvement projects that were ongoing and being completed.

Mr. Holland responded to an inquiry regarding the accreditation of Metompkin Elementary School and a security plan for the schools.

Again, Chairman Crockett noted the additional increase in local funding that the School Board would receive.

FY'19 Budget Presentation – Jeff Flournoy, Director, Eastern Shore Regional 911 Center

Mr. Flournoy thanked County Administrator Michael Mason for the items that had been included in the 9-1-1 Budget recommendations. He stated there were items that had not been included in the recommendations and wanted to bring those to the attention of the Board.

He stated he felt the items were critical ones and needed to be looked at in the future for the entire Eastern Shore. He briefed members regarding the following items:

- 1) Facility Space Analysis for the 9-1-1 Center
- 2) Radio Communication System
- 3) Pre-consolidation Assessment

There was a brief discussion regarding the request for a Facility Space Analysis Study and Chairman Crockett offered comments regarding same and stated that he would want to have the support of Sheriff Godwin and offered an explanation why.

Mr. Flournoy informed members that the radio communication system was an analog older conventional one that has flaws and there are areas where coverage is not very good. He stated that he was requesting a professional analysis of the system for future planning.

He stated of the three requests, the highest priority was the radio communication system.

He offered comments of gratitude to members for their support over the years of the 9-1-1 Commission.

In response to an inquiry regarding the cost, Mr. Flournoy stated that he had received estimates to be in the range of \$33,000 - \$35,000 each for a total of just over \$100,000.

Mr. Flournoy stated that Northampton County had been approached with the same budget request in response to an inquiry.

Appointments

Economic Development Authority

Ms. Major made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Iravon Ashby Hope to the Economic Development Authority for a 4-year term. The term will begin immediately and expire on February 18, 2022. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to reappoint Mr. Calvert Hart Seybolt to the Economic Development Authority for a 4-year term. The term will begin immediately and expire on February 18, 2022. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Planning Commission

Mr. Tarr made a motion to appoint Mr. James Arnold to the Planning Commission to replace Mr. Spyridon G. Papadopoulos, who has resigned. The term will begin immediately and expire on December 31, 2018.

CSA Coordinator Position

County Administrator Michael Mason presented some key points regarding the request received from Vicki Weakley, MSW, Director, Accomack County Department of Social Services for a “shared” CSA Coordinator position with Northampton County. He informed members that Accomack County was the fiscal agent for the funds. He stated that Accomack

County was the only locality in the State of Virginia that has never had a CSA Coordinator and the need has been warranted for a long time. He briefed members regarding the financial consequences of not having the position and the risk of not being in compliance with the State mandated program. He informed members that the cost of the position with benefits is expected to be approximately \$55,000 with an additional \$8000 for operational needs. He stated that Accomack County's share would be \$33,000 and being split 60/40 with Northampton based on caseload and that funding would come from the FY'18 Contingency.

Mr. Mason introduced Ms. Vickie Weakley and relinquished the floor.

Vicki Weakley, MSW, Director, Accomack County Department of Social Services

Ms. Weakley, Director of Accomack County Department of Social Services, offered a brief overview of the CSA Program. She explained that CSA (Children's Services Act) is funding that provides monies to support children, who for various issues and reasons, need additional support to stay in their homes and their communities, and if not possible, funds residential treatment so they can return to the community. She explained how referrals were received and how access to the services were determined. She apprised members about the recent unsatisfactory compliance audits and the financial consequences that could result. She stated that a major concern is the lack of having a single individual contact person that represents both counties and can oversee both teams which initiated the request for a "shared" full time CSA Coordinator for both counties.

Supervisor C. Reneta Major stated that she would like to go on record with a strong support of the request for a full time CSA Coordinator and felt that it was long overdue and offered comments regarding the changing policies and additional duties placed upon both

Accomack and Northampton County Social Services Directors, noting that the position was State mandated. A discussion continued.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to move forward with the approval of the request and authorize up to \$30,000 for the hiring of a CSA Coordinator contingent on Northampton County providing its pro rata share of matching funds. Ms. Major seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

National Park Service Request for County Aid

Mr. Mason informed members that the request had been withdrawn and apprised members of the request received from the U. S. National Park Services asking for the County's assistance with repairing the public parking lots on Assateague which had sustained damage over the winter. He stated that even though Accomack would have assisted them, he received notice that the Park Service had secured additional personnel from other parks. He stated that Stewart Hall, Deputy Administrator, Public Works & Facilities, would be pursuing a mutual aid agreement between the National Park Service and Accomack for the Board's approval in the near future.

Mr. Tarr informed members that the National Park Service personnel had retired and there was a need for additional assistance. He offered expressions of gratitude for Mr. Hall and Mr. Mason who offered assistance immediately.

FY'19 Budget Deliberations

County Administrator Michael Mason continued with FY'19 Budget Deliberations for the Board's review and approval.

Airport Manager

Mr. Muhly apprised members of the pilots' meeting he had attended and noted the concerns that were voiced about the runway being shut down. He stated that he had suggested that upon gathering more information, the pilots could meet with the County Administrator and Mr. Stewart Hall to come to some conclusion.

Clerk of Circuit Court

Mr. Crockett stated that he would like to add the \$10,000 for the digital conversion of plats to land records plat and \$10,000 to repair and paint the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Hart made a motion to include the \$10,000 for the digital conversion plat and \$10,000 for the repair and paint of the Clerk's Office. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E-9-1-1 Commission

There was discussion regarding the requests that Mr. Flournoy, 9-1-1 Director, had addressed during his presentation.

Mr. Flournoy clarified which request he considered as a higher priority during his discussion, stating it was the Radio Communication System.

Mr. Hart made a motion to fund 1/3 of the \$71,883 for the upgrading of the Radio Communication System. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. A discussion continued.

There was no vote. It was the consensus of the Board to plug in \$23,000 for the Radio Communication System as part of the working papers.

Accomack County Public Safety

Public Safety Director C. Ray Pruitt responded to an inquiry regarding the ownership of a drone by the Public Safety Department.

Mr. Mason offered clarification regarding the difference in monetary numbers for the Emergency Operations Center.

There was discussion regarding the request for two (2) day time positions at Saxis, Greenbackville and Melfa.

It was the consensus of the Board to add two positions each (6 FTE) for Career Staff at Saxis VFC, Greenbackville VFC and Melfa VFC.

It was the consensus of the Board to remove the Backfill Staff for 3 FTE as recommended by Mr. Mason.

Sheriff

In response to an inquiry regarding the difference in the amounts shown for salary increases for deputies and correction officers, Mr. Mason explained the difference was based on deferring the salary increases until December 1, 2018 as other County employees rather than funding them on July 1, 2018 which the Sheriff supports.

FY'19 Budget Deliberations

A discussion continued regarding the funding source for the additional \$43,940 resultant of the additional budget requests that were applied.

Mr. Mason stated that there were two (2) areas which could be explored:

- 1) The estimate on the Parks and Recreation lighting on the ballfield had a preliminary quote which he felt could be done for \$10,000 less but noted that it does eliminate all the cushion he had for getting the lights done.
- 2) Currently have funding set aside for derelict building demolition – but were trying to put more money in the program because it has been determined that the cost for demising a building is in excess of what was anticipated.

Mr. Mason responded to an inquiry regarding the request for a replacement service truck for Public Works in the amount of \$30,100. A discussion continued.

For the remaining funding needed to balance the FY'19 budget inclusions, it was the consensus of the Board to use \$10,000 from the Parks and Recreation Sawmill Park – Ball Field Lighting funding, \$30,100 from the Public Works request for a replacement service truck and the remaining amount needed from the derelict building demolition program.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to accept the recommendations of the County Administrator to send the proposed FY' 19 budget to Public Hearing with no increases in the current tax rate, to include those changes adopted by unanimous vote and consensus of the Board which are reflected in the budget. Also, to include the increase in the tipping fee and the Building and Zoning fees. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion.

Mr. Tarr offered clarification regarding the \$50,000 to the Corps of Engineers for the study of the Chincoteague Inlet which was a 50/50 match whenever the Corps decides to proceed.

The vote: The motion was unanimously approved.

Recess

Chairman Crockett declared the meeting in recess.

Open Session

Chairman Crockett declared the meeting open to the public.

Proposed FY'19 Budget Public Hearing

Mr. Mason entertained dates for holding the proposed FY'19 Budget Public Hearing.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to hold the proposed FY'19 Budget Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 23296 Courthouse Avenue in Accomac.

County Administrator's Report

Arcadia Playground Equipment

With a PowerPoint Presentation, Mr. Mason displayed pictures showing what the Arcadia playground equipment would look like. He stated that the old equipment was in a state of disrepair and a danger to anyone using it. He informed members that County staff would be removing the old equipment.

County Comprehensive Financial Report

Mr. Mason reported that the current goal was to have the County Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFRs) submitted by November 30th but due to staffing the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) position, the report had been submitted later but hasn't resulted in negative comments from the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA).

He stated that the position was being advertised and would be open until filled and advised them of the media and sources used to advertise same.

Saxis Island Historic Landmark Designation

Mr. Mason informed members that he had received notification that Saxis Island Historic District had been officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

VDOT Traffic Study for the Nandua High/Middle School

Mr. Mason informed members that the results of the traffic study performed by VDOT at the intersection of Route 13 and 716 in the area of Nandua High School had been received. He stated that the results conclude that a signal was not warranted at the intersection and further recommended that motorists use Route 609 (Redwood Road) to access northbound Route 13. He stated that the report also disclosed that future improvements to Route 609 were recommended and VDOT was willing to work with the County to determine those

improvements.

There was a discussion regarding the road conditions on Route 609 (Redwood Road) and the speed limit of 40 mph that is posted near the Nandua Middle School, which Mr. Hart stated he felt should be a lowered rate of speed.

Mr. Hart made a motion that staff write a letter to VDOT requesting that a speed study be performed of Warrior Drive (Route 716) located in the Town of Onley, Virginia in the vicinity of the Nandua Middle School. He also requested that VDOT examine the road conditions of Route 609 (Redwood Road) and Badger Road and work with the County to determine what improvements are needed and what is required of the County to accomplish same.

Ms. Major seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Update on VDHCD Planning Grant

Mr. Mason informed members that the request for an extension for the County's 2017 CDBG Planning Grant had been awarded and extended until March 23, 2018 to complete all activities specified in the grant agreement. He advised members that the planning grant is for prioritizing the following neighborhoods for future CDBG funding awards:

- Linhaven Circle
- East Horntown
- Wishart's Points
- Graysville
- Gospel Temple Road
- Whitesville
- Sanford

He stated that in order to complete the project, the A-N Planning District Commission (PDC) needed members to identify a neighborhood leader, what is referred to as a "spark plug". He emphasized that time was of the essence and PDC needed those members to identify a neighborhood leader who could represent one of the aforementioned areas.

Eastern Shore Broadband Authority

Mr. Mason gave a brief update on recent Broadband Authority activities. He stated that the “draft” of the Eastern Shore Broadband Authority (ESVBA) Strategic Planning Document was due to the Authority by February 28th.

He informed members of the next scheduled areas to be offered residential broadband services. A discussion continued.

County Attorney’s Report

County Attorney Burge thanked members for reviewing the Public Declaration Letter required to apply for a Certification of Authorization to operate the Department of Public Safety’s unmanned aircraft.

She briefed members regarding the following items:

- 1) The passing of the cross over at the General Assembly on Tuesday, February 13th and stated she had sent information to members under separate cover a list of bills that she was reviewing. She noted that the bills that members had recently received from her had passed both houses and are either waiting to be signed or awaiting a little tweak.
- 2) She offered thanks to any Board member that had any influence on the note that she had sent to them regarding the House Bill that was intended to change the standard for a real estate tax assessment. She stated it would have changed the standard by which someone could challenge their tax assessment. She informed members that the bill had been taken off the calendar and agenda for this year.

Mrs. Burge extended assistance to any member that had questions about any of the materials she had provided to them.

Board of Supervisors Comment Period

Supervisor Tarr

Mr. Tarr offered expressions of gratitude for the School Board and members of the Board working together as one team for the students and for the future.

Supervisor Wolff

Mr. Wolff informed members about the upcoming Orbital launch in May and stated that NASA was hoping to have two (2) launches this year if all worked well

As an FYI, he informed members about National News and also reported in the Virginian Pilot that Kentucky Fried Chicken had closed 700 stores in Britain because they ran out of chicken.

Supervisor Chesser

Mr. Chesser offered comments regarding the person that appeared at the meeting dressed in a chicken costume. He stated he felt it was not good policy for someone to attend a meeting disguised and not show their face.

He offered expressions of gratitude to Tyson Foods for their appearance at the meeting.

He briefly apprised members of information given at the Groundwater meeting regarding the sustainability of the aquifer.

Payables

Upon certification by the County Administrator, Mr. Tarr made a motion to approve the February payables. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Closed Meeting

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

1. For the purpose of discussion regarding acquisition of property where disclosure would have an adverse effect on the bargaining position or negotiation strategy. Specifically two (2) parcels located in Accomack County.

2. For the purpose of annual review and evaluation of the performance of two employees who report directly to the Board.

Open Session

The Chair declared the meeting open to the public.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillips to reconvene in Open Meeting and to Certify by roll call vote, pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia, that 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	Mr. Wolff	Mr. Chesser	Nays: None
	Mr. Muhly	Mr. Phillips	Mr. Crockett	Absent: None
	Ms. Major	Mrs. Gordy	Mr. Hart	

Adjournment

Mr. Wolff made a motion to adjourn the meeting to Tuesday, March 13 for a Budget Public Hearing. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.