

VIRGINIA: A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ON DECEMBER 2, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR REGINALD O. HARRISON, CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR JOHN M. SEWARD, VICE-CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR M. SHERLOCK HOLMES
SUPERVISOR ERNEST L. BLOUNT
SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE

ALSO

PRESENT: MR. TYRONE W. FRANKLIN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MR. WILLIAM HEFTY, HEFTY & WILEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MR. JOHN B. EDWARDS, JR., ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MRS. MELISSA D. ROLLINS, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
MS. RHONDA R. MACK, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
MR. LLOYD HAMLIN, SUPERINTENDENT, SURRY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SHERIFF ALVIN CLAYTON
MR. STACEY T. WILLIAMS, BUILDING OFFICIAL
MR. ERVIN JONES, DIRECTOR, PARKS & RECREATION
MRS. BILLIE JEAN ELMER, VCE UNIT DIRECTOR

CALL TO ORDER/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Reginald Harrison. Mr. Harrison asked for a moment of silence. Following the moment of silence, he asked the citizens to stand and say the pledge of allegiance.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of November 4, 2010 Minutes, Board of Supervisors Work Session
2. Approval of November 4, 2010 Minutes, Board of Supervisors Meeting
3. Approval of December , 2010 Accounts Payable

	Accounts Payable	Additional	Total
General Fund	\$147,426.21	\$57,360.91	\$204,787.12
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$586.63	\$586.63
Capital	\$4,320.00	\$57,225.20	\$61,545.20
Water & Sewer	\$601.37	\$15,994.70	\$16,596.07
Indoor Plumbing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$152,347.58	\$131,167.44	\$283,515.02

4. Appropriation Requests:

School System - Dec. 2010	Instruction	\$900,000.00
	Admin./Health	\$55,000.00
	Pupil Transp.	\$80,000.00
	Operation/Maint.	\$150,000.00
	Food Serv.	\$50,000.00
	Debt Service	\$129,890.00
	Capital Projects	\$0.00
	Technology	\$50,000.00
	Total	\$1,414,890.00
Dept. of Social Serv. - Dec. 2010		\$150,000.00

Supervisor Seward made a motion that the Board approve all Consent Items as enumerated; Supervisor Blount seconded the motion. Supervisor Lyttle added a correction to the minutes, page 6, item 3-H to read as:

Supervisor Lyttle made a motion to submit the individuals listed for the terms as enumerated to the Circuit Court for approval.

After noting the correction, Supervisors Harrison, Blount, Seward, Holmes and Lyttle voted affirmatively to approve all Consent Items.

PROGRESS REPORTS

1. VDOT

No representative of VDOT was available to present a report to the Board. Supervisor Lyttle stated that she appreciated the Planning Department's efforts to provide Board Members and staff with a VDOT contact listing in the event of emergencies. Some discussion followed regarding the widening of shoulders on Route 10 in Prince George County which was not continued into Surry County. Staff will contact VDOT and inquire regarding this issue and the completion of work on Laurel Springs Road.

2. Treasurer

A. INVESTMENT LETTER: Chairman Reginald Harrison read the investment letter submitted by Mary H. Shaw, Treasurer. He stated that as of November 4, 2010 the county had \$3,782,638.53 in the LGIP Fund. Since that report, accrued interest for October, 2010 in the amount of \$856.74 had increased that balance to \$3,783,495.27. On November 9, 2010 the county transferred \$500,000.00 from LGIP to the General Fund, leaving a balance of \$3,283,495.27 in the Local Government Investment Pool. Chairman Harrison stated that as of December 2, 2010, the county had \$3,283,495.27 in total investments.

Chairman Harrison reported on a refund request from the Treasurer in the amount of \$1,567.52 to SunTrust Mortgage for overpaid 2010 Real Estate Taxes for Mr. Eric Quarles (Map #15A-4-49).

Supervisor Seward made a motion that the Board approve the refund request in the amount of \$1,567.52. Supervisor Holmes seconded the motion; all present voted in favor of the motion.

3. County Administrator

A. Mr. E. Dana Dickens, President and CEO of Hampton Roads Partnership, addressed the Board suggesting, from his experience on the state Transportation Board, that the widening of shoulders along Route 10 in Prince George County may be due to a scheduled repaving of that section of Route 10 and that current road specifications may have required the widening. He also mentioned that a new ferry for the Jamestown – Scotland Ferry System was in the VDOT budget.

Mr. Dickens reported on efforts of the Hampton Roads Partnership including joint efforts with the Crater District to secure Workforce Development Grant funding. With the expected decommissioning of the Joint Forces Command, the Hampton Roads area had anticipated the loss of approximately 6,000 jobs. However, through lobbying efforts, Mr. Dickens reported, about 50% of these jobs could be saved. With the economy of Hampton Roads being so heavily dependent on military spending, the challenge would be to develop and commercialize technology that has historically remained academic in nature as well as encouraging the development of wind energy and robotics. This would result in economic diversification and the creation of new industries and jobs. Mr. Dickens also stressed the need to provide education and training to prepare individuals in the region to fill more of these technical jobs in the future.

At the conclusion of Mr. Dickens' remarks, Supervisor Lyttle conveyed her appreciation for his past service on the state Transportation Board. A brief discussion followed regarding the implementation of technology to transportation models and traffic flow.

Chairman Harrison mentioned the development of energy alternatives and the proposed coal-fired power plant in Surry County which has received some opposition from other localities in the Hampton Roads area. He suggested that if localities were in such strong opposition to the location of such a facility in Surry County then perhaps thought should be given to closing down similar facilities in their areas. Mr. Dickens replied that, as an organization, the Hampton Roads Partnership would not become involved in land use issues and was more interested in supporting economic development in the localities it represents.

B. Mr. Lloyd Hamlin, Superintendent of Surry County Public Schools, appeared before the Board at their request to discuss the extended use of the newly renovated High School Library facility. Mr. Hamlin stated that, while there are obvious obstacles to the facility's use as a public library, the School Board encouraged the use of the library facility as a continuing education center for the citizens of Surry County. He stated that use of the facility after 4:00 p.m. would create some logistical issues, but that it was appropriate for the library to be used for continuing education, training, GED preparation, internet access and group use.

Chairman Harrison stated that objectives and audiences of a public library differ greatly from that of a school library and that the cost of combining the two, as outlined previously by Mrs. Hilliard-Bradley of the Blackwater Regional Library, seemed prohibitive. He said that he favored providing extended access to materials and resources already in the school library and suggested a pilot program to have the library facilities open until 7:00 p.m. one or two evenings a week. Further discussion ensued with regard to establishing a pilot program. Supervisor Blount agreed to chair a committee charged with examining the feasibility of extending operating hours of the High School Library and report back to the Board at a later date.

C. Mr. Franklin introduced Resolution 2010-27 recognizing Mrs. Virginia Bowman Blount of the Surry District who turned 94 years old on February 1, 2010. He also announced a planned celebration of her 95th birthday in February 2011.

Supervisor Lyttle made a motion that the Board approve Resolution 2010-27. Supervisor Seward seconded the motion; Supervisors Harrison, Lyttle, Seward, Blount and Holmes all voted in favor of the motion.

Supervisor Holmes asked staff to investigate the claim that a Mrs. Charity, residing at Lebanon Village was 90+ years old and deserving of recognition also.

D. Mr. Franklin called the Board's attention to a matter previously discussed but tabled by the Board regarding the vacation of right-of-way on Captain John Smith Drive in the Scotland Wharf Subdivision, Ordinance 2010-03. County Attorney, Mr. William Hefty, had suggested that the Board take action on the matter; however, he cited recent correspondence from Mrs. Fruchtman's attorney requesting that the issue be delayed until the Board's February meeting and indicating that the parties had met and were negotiating resolution of the matter. He further stated that if the matter were resolved prior to the February 3, 2011 meeting, it would be removed from the docket.

Supervisor Seward made a motion that the Board defer action on Ordinance 2010-03 until February 3, 2011. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Holmes; Supervisors Harrison, Seward, Holmes, Lyttle and Blount all voted in favor of the motion.

E. Mr. Franklin reported on a request for a public hearing by Commonwealth Engineering Group regarding Conditional Use Permit 02-2010 to permit a camp ground pursuant to Article IV, Agricultural Rural Residence District (A-R), Section 102, Permitted Uses of the Surry County Zoning Ordinance on the property previously approved for the Chippokes Estates at Cobham Bay Subdivision, and consisting of + 337 acres. The property is located on the west side of Hog Island Road and is zoned Agricultural Rural – Residence District (A-R). The Surry County Planning Commission considered the Conditional Use Permit request at their November 22, 2010 meeting and deferred action without prejudice to their December 27, 2010 meeting to permit the applicant an opportunity to address deficiencies in the application submittal. Proceeding with the public hearing authorization as requested by Commonwealth Engineering Group will permit the application to advance without delay, which is desirable to the applicant to satisfy requirements of their lender related to project financing. Mr. William Riddick, attorney for the applicant, addressed the Board with regard to his client’s request to redesign their use of the property known as Chippokes Estates.

Following discussion regarding process and shoreline erosion, Ms. Mack assured the Board that careful consideration and recommendations from the Planning Commission would be forthcoming. Supervisor Lyttle made a motion that the Board authorize a public hearing as requested by the Commonwealth Engineering Group to consider Conditional Use Permit 02-2010 on January 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Seward; all present voted favorably.

F. Mr. Franklin introduced correspondence from Mrs. Sopenia Pierce, Director of the Surry County Office on Youth, indicating that members of the Surry County Youth Services Citizen Board have served terms which have expired. Additionally, a Middle School Representative referred by Dr. Charlome Pierce, Principal of LPJ Middle School has been named.

Supervisor Lyttle made a motion that the Board approve the following individuals for the terms as enumerated below:

Angela Spratley	Member At-Large	10/1/09 - 9/30/13
George Fautleroy	Surry District	10/7/10 - 10/6/14
Phillip Lambert	High School Representative	11/7/10 - 10/6/11
Jessica Randolph	Middle School Representative	12/3/10 - 12/2/11

Supervisor Seward seconded the motion; Supervisors Harrison, Holmes, Blount, Lyttle and Seward voted in favor of the motion.

G. Mr. Franklin advised the Board of an appointment to the Planning Commission. The term of Ms. Anita Curl, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Misti Furr, expired on December 1, 2010. Supervisor Blount asked that the Board not take action on this item until clarification of Ms. Curl’s term was provided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Lyttle requested an update regarding Solid Waste Collection sites in the County. Mr. Franklin replied that there were no prospects at present for a third manned site.

Mr. William Hefty reported that he would have a draft noise ordinance prepared for the Board's meeting in January.

Mr. Tyrone Franklin advised the Board that specifications for the planned renovation of the Community Center had been provided in their Board materials. Mr. Ervin Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed the Board with an update regarding the renovations. He informed the Board that the new sound system had already been installed in the Community Center and that staff were very pleased with the new system. There was brief discussion of the planned renovations following Mr. Jones' update.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tyrone Franklin asked the Board to review the Budget Calendar which had been provided and suggest any changes. Chairman Harrison requested a current listing of year-to-date expenses be provided at the scheduled January meeting. Mrs. Melissa Rollins, Finance Director, reported that this information along with a projected revenue assessment would be made available for the Board. She also advised that the FY 09-10 audit report would be presented at their January meeting.

Mr. Franklin also introduced correspondence from the Surry County African-American Heritage Society requesting the temporary use of the Old Jail House as a location to house documents and artifacts belonging to the organization. Following brief discussion, it was determined that the Board needed to formulate a policy statement regarding the leasing of government owned buildings to entities outside of government. Supervisor Seward made a motion that the Board defer action on this request until such time as a policy could be developed. Supervisor Blount seconded the motion; all present voted in favor of the motion.

Supervisor Blount expressed his concern regarding the condition of the Old Jail House and other County owned satellite buildings stating that buildings should be maintained appropriately or disposed of. Mr. Franklin suggested an alternate use for the building in front of the historic Courthouse to house a Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center. He reported that grant funding may be available through the Virginia Department of Transportation for the refurbishing of the building for this intended use. The Buildings and Grounds Committee agreed to investigate this option.

Supervisor Lyttle suggested that the Enos House was also in need of restoration for use as a museum.

Supervisor Holmes reported that the Senior Citizen's Program currently administered through the Department of Social Services will not be permitted after

June 30, 2011 to be run through DSS. Chairman Harrison suggested that the Personnel Committee, along with Mr. Franklin and Mrs. Valerie Pierce, Director of the Surry County Department of Social Services, meet after the first of the year to evaluate the changes that need to be made to the program and determine how to make those changes.

Supervisor Lyttle requested that Staff address possible redistricting following the 2010 Census. Mr. Franklin replied that demographic information had not been provided to date and that consideration of redistricting issues would not be possible until that information was presented to the County.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

CLOSED SESSION

There being no comments from the public, Mr. William Hefty, County Attorney, suggested that the Board move to Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter regarding the performance evaluation or job assignments of specific employees and the salary or other compensation of a specific employee Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (1). Supervisor Lyttle made a motion that the Board move to Closed Session; Supervisor Seward seconded the motion. Supervisors Harrison, Holmes, Lyttle, Seward and Blount voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting will be continued to January 6, 2011 for a work session at 6:00 p.m.