

VIRGINIA: A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ON FEBRUARY 5, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: MR. TYRONE W. FRANKLIN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
 MR. JOHN B. EDWARDS, JR., ASST. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
 MRS. MELISSA D. ROLLINS, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY
 MR. WILLIAM HEFTY, COUNTY ATTORNEY
 MS. RHONDA R. MACK, COMMUNITY DEVELOP. DIRECTOR
 MS. GAIL P. CLAYTON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 MRS. VALERIE PIERCE, DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES
 SHERIFF HAROLD D. BROWN

I. CALL TO ORDER/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

II. COSENT ITEMS

- Approval of January 8, 2009 Minutes
- Approval of **January, 2009** Account Payables

	Additional	Total
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 307,500.00	\$ 307,500.00
Capital	\$ 29,450.00	\$ 29,450.00
Water & Sewer	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ 336,950.00	\$ 336,950.00
- Approval of **February, 2009** Account Payables

	Additional	Total
General Fund	\$ 97,316.18	\$ 273,059.93
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ 151,918.30
Capital	\$ 131,408.67	\$ 292,900.20
Water & Sewer	\$ 2,693.40	\$ 14,103.17
Totals	\$ 231,418.25	\$ 731,981.60
- Appropriation Requests – **February, 2009**
 - A. School System **\$1,450,000.00**
 - B. Department of Social Services **\$ 150,000.00**
- Debt Service – **FY 09 Budget Transfer & Amendment**

- A. Transfer \$128,000.00 of the debt service payment budgeted for the courthouse construction loan to cover the payment due on the VRA Public Safety Loan.**
- B. Amend the FY 09 Debt Service category in the amount of \$87,750 to cover the debt service payment on the courthouse construction loan on the revenue side.**

Supervisor Harrison moved to approve the consent items as enumerated; Vice-Chairman Seward seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount, Harrison and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion.

III. PROGRESS REPORTS

A. VDOT

Mr. William Richardson, Assistant Residency Administrator, appeared before the Board and talked about the Route 626 project that was originally proposed to run from Route 670 at the apartments to Route 618 near Mr. C. B. Faison's residence. He noted that this project would have to be shortening to allow something to be built within a reasonable timeframe. Mr. Richardson also stated that there was a reduction in anticipated secondary construction allocations for the next six years which amounts to a little over \$1,000,000.

He presented the Board with a sketch of the project and asked the Board which of the three sections of the project they wanted to build first. It was the consensus of the Board to start at the Route 618 near the intersection of Route 10, and move toward the box culvert. Mr. Richardson stated that that section has the most substandard alignment and is too narrow for traffic that is using the road. He concluded that VDOT would continue to move along with the survey and design for this section.

Mr. Franklin asked Mr. Richardson would it be feasible to remove visitor parking signs on the west side of school street now that the renovation work at the government center was complete? Mr. Richardson stated that VDOT plan to pave that area, remove the visitor parking signs and address the shoulders.

B. Treasurer

1. Investment Letter

Chairman Homes stated that as of January 8, 2009, the county had \$15,670,399.98 in the LGIP Fund. He stated that as of December, 2008,

interest had accrued in the amount of \$14,736.89 increasing that balance to \$15,685,136.87.

Chairman Holmes stated that as of February 5, 2009, the county had \$15,685,136.87 in total investments.

Mr. Franklin provided the Board with a status report on the delinquent tax collection as noted below (see attached).

C. County Administrator

1. CPI/invoices for High School Renovation Work – Ballou, Justice Upton Architects - \$77,270

Mr. Franklin advised the Board that he had received correspondence from Mr. Hamlin, Superintendent of Schools, requesting payment in the amounts of \$58,500 and \$18,770 to Ballou, Justice Upton Architects for preliminary work relative to the high school renovation.

Supervisor Harrison moved to authorize payment to Ballou, Justice Upton Architects in the amounts as noted above; Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount, Harrison and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion.

2. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Flood Plain District

Mr. Franklin asked Ms. Mack to come forward and give the Board the specifics of the request.

Ms. Rhonda R. Mack, Community Development Director, appeared before the Board and advised the Board that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had completed an update of the Surry County Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The updated maps must be adopted by Surry County for the county's continued participation in the FEMA flood insurance program. Ms. Mack stated that the Planning Commission considered the proposed amendment at their January 6, 2009 meeting and respectfully recommends approval of same to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Mack asked the Board to consider scheduling a public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance amendment at the Board of Supervisors March 5th meeting.

Discussion ensued among the Board members and Ms. Mack.

Supervisor Harrison moved to schedule a public hearing to consider the proposed zoning ordinance amendment – flood plain district on March 5,

2009 at 7:00 p.m.; Supervisor Blount seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount, Harrison and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion.

3. Zoning Ordinance Steering Committee Joint Work Session Request

Ms. Mack requested the Board to schedule a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on February 19th to receive feedback on the Zoning Ordinance Steering Committee's progress to date.

Supervisor Harrison moved to continue this meeting until February 19, 2009 to conduct a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to receive feedback on the Zoning Ordinance Steering Committee's progress to date; Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount, Harrison and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion.

4. FY 09-10 Tentative Budget Calendar

Mr. Franklin advised the Board that included in the Board's agenda packet was a tentative budget calendar for FY 09-10. He stated that he would glad to entertain any questions from the Board of Supervisors. He stated that two dates have been set aside for budget work sessions, March 19th and an April date to be determined.

5. Surry Election District Polling Place

Mr. Franklin advised the Board that he had received correspondence from Mr. John O. Newby, Chairman, Surry County Electoral Board, requesting the county to relocate the Surry Voting Precinct. He stated the Surry County Electoral Board has taken into consideration and request the use of the waiting area to the lobby of the General District & Domestic Relations Courts.

He stated that as a reminder, the Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance dated December 2, 2004, to relocate the Dendron Election District/Dendron Precinct Polling Place from the Dendron Town Hall to the First Baptist Church. In the resolution, the Polling Place for the Surry Election District/Surry Precinct is the Surry County Government Center. Mr. Franklin stated that Mr. Hefty is investigating whether the county needs to get approval from the Justice Department.

Discussion ensued among the Board members. Mr. Hefty advised the Board that since the polling place would be in the same building, he did not think that the county would need to get approval from the Justice Department, however, he would investigate the matter and advise the Board.

Supervisor Harrison moved to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with the necessary steps to relocate the polling place from the Surry County Registrar's Office to the lobby of the General District & Domestic Relations Court; Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount, Harrison and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

V. BOARD'S CONCERNS

Mr. Franklin advised the Board of legislation regarding HB 1885 presented by Verizon. He stated that the bill relates to an increase in the rates in rural areas that would apply to residential and commercial. The increase for residential is \$1.00 and commercial would increase by \$3.00. Mr. Franklin suggested that the Board contact our representatives in the General Assembly regarding HB 1885. The bill has passed in the House and is now scheduled to be held in the Senate.

Supervisor Harrison asked whether there were any issues relative to the circuit courthouse open house. Mr. Franklin responded negatively. He stated that the comments that he had received were positive, the citizens had good things to say and a lot of them were proud of the work. Mr. Franklin stated that there was an article in the Smithfield Times regarding an issue by one of the Judge relative to bullet proof windows. He stated that staff has contacted the architect to investigate, however, no action has been taken.

Discussion ensued among the Board members. Ms. Gail Clayton, Clerk of the Circuit Court advised the Board that both judges have concerns about the windows. She noted that Judge Campbell held court in the county due to the lack of time to notify all parties involved, however, she could not say that will be henceforth. Board members commented that it was not the Board's fault regarding the bullet proof windows. Ms. Clayton stated that the Judges had gotten a tour of the building prior to the open house and were very impressed. There are three jury trials scheduled for the month of April.

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Eggleston of the Dendron Election District, appeared before the Board and inquired whether the county's budget meetings would be open to the public. Chairman Holmes responded affirmatively.

Mr. Claude Reeson of the Carsley Election District, appeared before the Board and talked about HB 1885. He advised the Board to follow this bill real close. The bill does not say anything about rates, it's a deregulation bill. He stated that all telephone business wants to get out of land line and go wireless. Mr. Reeson

stated that he believed the Smithfield exchange would be deregulated first, followed by the Waverly exchange. Mr. Reeson suggested that the Board contact Crater Planning Commission and advise them of the problem the county is having. In conclusion, he stated that the Senate would not vote on the bill until February 12th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Harrison moved to continue this meeting until February 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.; Supervisor Blount seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount, Harrison and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion.