

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

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

ABSENT: SUPERVISOR REGINALD O. HARRISON

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 & DEVELP. DIRECTOR
MRS. DEBORAH NEE, COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE
MRS. FAYE P. WARREN, SR. DEPUTY TREASURER
MRS. VALERIE PIERCE, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES
MR. LLOYD A. HAMLIN, DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT
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. CONSENT ITEMS

- Approval of April 2, 2009 Minutes
- Approval of April 23, 2009 Continued Meeting
- Approval of **May, 2009**

	Accounts Payable	Additional	Total
General Fund	- \$ 380,707.56	\$ 56,817.68	\$437,525.24
Debt Service	- \$ 24,852.26	\$ -	\$24,852.26
Capital	- \$ 54,995.54	\$ 103,460.26	\$158,455.80
Water & Sewer	- \$ 14,884.41	\$ 34,397.24	\$ 49,281.65
Totals	- \$ 475,439.77	\$ 194,675.18	\$670,114.95
- Appropriation Requests - **April, 2009**
 - A. School System - **\$1,450,000.00**
 - B. Department of Social Services - **\$ 170,000.00**
- FY 09 General Fund Budget Amendments
 - A. Fire Programs Funds (FY 09) Fire & Rescue Budget - **\$1,000.00**

- B. Buffer Zone Protection Plan/Homeland Security (FY 09) Sheriff's Budget **\$141,474.00**
- C. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant/Dept. of Criminal Justice (FY 09) Sheriff's Department - **\$2,958.00**
- School System Budget Amendment Request
Instructional Category - **\$89,171.00**

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

III. PROGRESS REPORTS

A. VDOT

Mr. William Richardson, Asst. Residency Administrator, appeared before the Board and reported that he had no standing report.

Chairman Holmes asked Mr. Richardson about fixing a driveway that a school bus turns around and park. Mr. Richardson stated that VDOT will fix the driveways, however, they needed to know where it is. He noted that once that has been established, VDOT would fix all of the driveways in the area due to complaints they probably will receive from other property owners.

B. Treasurer

1. Investment Letter

Chairman Holmes stated that the county had received a letter from Mrs. Faye P. Warren, Sr. Deputy Treasurer stating that she would like to apology for an error made on the investment letter dated April 2, 2009. The letter stated that "as of February 5, 2009" wherein it should have read "as of March 5, 2009", please accept my apology for this error and accept this letter as a statement of correction.

He stated that as of April 7, 2009, the county had \$14,716,747.67 in the LGIP Fund. Chairman Holmes stated that as of March, 2009, interest had accrued in the amount of \$13,184.92 increasing that balance to \$14,729,932.59. During the month of April, 2009, \$1,500,000.00 was transferred from the LGIP to the General Fund, decreasing the balance to \$13,229,932.59.

Chairman Holmes stated that as of May 7, 2009, the county had \$13,229,932.59 in total investments.

Mr. Franklin advised the Board that in regards to a request from Supervisor Blount relative to eliminating county decals, he met with Mrs. Faye Warren,

Sr. Deputy Treasurer, Mrs. Deborah Nee, Commissioner of Revenue and Mrs. Melissa Rollins to investigate this issue. He asked Mrs. Warren to come forward and provide the Board with a report as it related to county decals.

Mrs. Faye Warren, Sr. Deputy Treasurer, appeared before the Board and provided the Board with a status report regarding the sales of county decals. She stated that the decal sales have declined over the past three years for a loss of about \$10,000 in revenue for the county. Mrs. Warren stated that there is more than 70 cities and counties in the state that have done away with decals.

She stated that neighboring localities: Isle of Wight, James City, Prince George County and Southampton Counties as well as Newport News, Hampton and Williamsburg no longer require county or city stickers. The treasurer's office informally polled citizens that came to purchase decals to see whether they were in favor of eliminating county decals and 83 of the 87 citizens were in favor of eliminating the decals.

Discussion ensued among the Board members and Mrs. Warren.

C. County Administrator

1. Presentation - Compensation Classification Study

Mr. Franklin advised the Board that Mr. John Anzivino, Senior Vice-President of Springstead Incorporation was present tonight to present the results of the compensation/classification study for the Board's consideration.

Mr. John Anzivino, Senior Vice-President of Springstead Incorporation, appeared before the Board and showed a lengthy slide presentation of the results of the final Compensation Classification Study. In conclusion, he recommended that the Board adopt the Classification and Compensation Study.

Mr. Franklin stated that the required action was for the Board to decide whether to accept the Classification and Compensation Study prepared by Springstead Incorporation.

Vice-Chairman Seward moved to accept the Classification and Compensation study only prepared by Springstead Incorporation; Supervisor Blount seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

2. Presentation – Land Use Tax

Mr. Franklin advised the Board that Mr. Keith Seward, President, Surry County Farm Bureau was present to discuss this matter further with the Board. He asked Mr. Seward to come forward.

Mr. Keith Seward, President Surry County Farm Bureau, appeared before the Board and stated that he was representing the Board of Directors for the Surry County Farm Bureau and asked the Board of Supervisors to consider land use tax in Surry County. He stated that he had a petition signed by 150 landowners supporting this request. Mr. Seward commented that he hoped that land use would keep Surry an agricultural community. He stated that it was not fair to tax open land the same as residential or future development land.

Discussion ensued among the Board members and Mr. Keith Seward. Board members expressed its favor of the ideal, noting that this was not the first time this matter had been discussed by the Board. It was also noted that current updates to the land use ordinance could be adapted to include a land use program. Chairman Holmes concluded that the county was trying to balance everything and it takes money to run the county and by moving one thing, it had to be replaced.

3. FY 2009-2010 General Reassessment Agreement

Mr. Franklin advised the Board that he had received the proposed agreement for the Board's consideration from Wingate Appraisal to conduct the FY 2010 general reassessment. He stated that Wingate proposes to charge \$13.00 per acre of real estate and/or manufactured homes. This is a \$3.00 is a decrease over the 2009 Reassessment.

Supervisor Lyttle moved to approve the 2010 Reassessment agreement with Wingate Appraisal Service; Vice-Chairman Seward seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

4. Appointment – Board of Equalization

Mr. Franklin stated that he had be advised that there is one case that needs to be heard before the Board of Equalization. The Board of Supervisors needs to request the Circuit Court to appoint a Board of Equalization for the 2009 Reassessment.

He stated that during the 2008 Reassessment, the Circuit Court appointed a five member Board of Equalization on the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors:

- Mrs. Alma Blizzard – Bacons Castle Election District
- Mr. Russell Ellis – Carsley Election District
- Mr. Roger Clayton, Jr. – Spring Grove Election District
- Mr. Dan Gruber – Dendron Election District
- Mr. John Marilla – Surry Election District

After discussion, it was the concensus of the Board to table action on this matter until staff contacted the members to see if they wished to serve again.

5. Commissioner of Revenue Refund Request – BB&T Tangible Business Personal Property Tax

Supervisor Blount moved to authorize the refund of \$1,785.00 to BB&T Equipment Finance Corporation for the overpayment of 2006, 2007 and 2008 Tangible Business Personal Property taxes; Vice-Chairman Seward seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

6. CIP/Invoices for High School Renovation Work

Mr. Franklin advised the Board that he had received correspondence from the School System requesting payments to Ballou, Justice Upton Architects for additional professional services rendered relative to the high school renovation project:

- For professional services rendered - \$8,125.00
- For miscellaneous reimbursable services - \$15,386.34
- Total: - \$23,511.34**

Supervisor Blount moved to authorize payment to Ballou, Justice Upton Architects in the aggregate amount of \$23,511.34 as outline above; Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount, and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

7. Action FY 2009-2010 School System Budget

Mr. Franklin stated that the FY 09-10 School System Budget is scheduled for adoption tonight. The proposed budget is \$16,932,107.

Mrs. Melissa D. Rollins, Finance Director, appeared before the Board and stated that Board had conducted a public hearing on the FY 09-10 School System Budget at the Board of Supervisors last meeting. She stated that the Board needs to take action on the budget by category. The County Administrator has included in the Consolidated Budget for the School System \$16,932,107. Mrs. Rollins noted that the School System Budget needs to be approved by May 1st.

She reviewed the recommended categorical breakdown, revenue and expenditures as noted below:

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Recommended FY 09-10 Budget</u>
Instruction	\$10,927,872
Administration & Health	\$ 886,048
Pupil Transportation	\$ 1,331,035
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 1,938,433
Technology	\$ 885,622
Food Service	\$ 626,899
Debt Service	\$ 334,198
Total Proposed Expenses	\$16,932,107

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Recommended FY 09-10 Budget</u>
<u>Sources</u>	
State	\$ 3,972,236
Federal	\$ 826,904
Local Miscellaneous	\$ 300,000
Local Appropriation	<u>\$ 11,832,967</u>
Total Proposed Revenue	\$16,932,107

She stated that the budget had decreased by \$139,315 from last year budget. Mrs. Rollins stated that the school system will submit a revised categorical breakdown subsequent to the adoption of the budget.

Vice-Chairman Seward moved to adopt the FY 09-10 School System Budget as noted below; Supervisor Blount seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

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8. Department of Social Services Request – Vehicle Surplus

Mr. Franklin advised the Board that he had received correspondence from Mrs. Valerie Pierce, Director of Social Services advising that the Surry County Social Services Board unanimously voted to dispose of two vehicles within the department’s fleet. He stated that if declared as surplus by the Board of Supervisors, the Social Services Board would advertise them for sell by sealed bids.

- o 1996 Ford Aerostar
- o 1997 Dodge Caravan

Supervisor Lyttle moved to declare the noted vehicles above as surplus and authorize the Department of Social Services to advertise them for sell by sealed bids; Vice-Chairman Seward seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

9. Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services Grant

Mr. Franklin asked Mr. John B. Edwards, Jr., Asst. County Administrator, to come forward and give the Board an overview of this agenda note.

Mr. John B. Edwards, Jr., Asst. County Administrator, appeared before the Board and stated that the county has the opportunity to submit a grant application to the Department of Health Office of Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$10,950 to acquire toughbook computers for the Surry Volunteer Rescue Squad. He stated that the grant is 100% funded by the Department of Health Office of Emergency Medical Services.

He stated that the funds from this grant will be used to purchase three (3) toughbooks for the ambulances operated by the rescue squad. Prior to submittal of the grant, a resolution authorizing submittal of the grant to the Department of Health must be approved by the Board of Supervisors (see attached resolution).

Supervisor Blount moved to approve a resolution for submittal to the Department of Health for the purchase of toughbooks for the rescue squad; Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

IV. Public Hearing

A. Proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan and Construction Budget

Chairman Holmes called the public hearing to order. He asked for the statement of the case by staff. Mr. Franklin stated that the Board of Supervisors has scheduled a joint public hearing with officials of VDOT to receive public comments on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2009/10 through 2014/15 and the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/10.

Mr. William Richardson, Asst. Residency Administrator, appeared before the Board and stated that there was very little money to work with next year. He recommended the following three priorities for the Board's consideration:

Priority	Route	From/To	Length
1	626	Route 618	0.57
	Lebanon Road	Dark Swamp	
2	1006	Route 10	0.09
	Smokehouse Road	0.09 miles W Rte. 10	
	630	1.85 miles N Rte. 616	0.01
3	Loakers Oak Road	1.86 miles N Rte. 616	

Chairman Holmes declared the public hearing opened. He asked all persons wishing to speak in favor or opposition, to come forward and be recognized by the Chair. There being no public comments, Chairman Holmes declared the public hearing closed and asked for comments from the Board members. There being no comments from the Board members, he asked the pleasure of the Board.

Supervisor Blount moved to approve the Secondary Six-Year Plan and Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/20 as presented; Vice-Chairman Seward seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Schedule Public Hearing on FY 2009-10 Consolidated

Mrs. Rollins appeared before the Board and stated that the Board of Supervisors needs to schedule a public hearing date on the proposed FY 2009/2010 Consolidated Budget. She gave a brief synopsis of the FY 09-10 budget noting that it was the same information that was presented during the Board of Supervisors last meeting with the exception of the five year capital projects.

Supervisor Lyttle moved to conduct a public hearing on the FY 10 Consolidated Recommended Budget as presented on May 21, 2009; Vice-Chairman Seward seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

VI. New Business

A. Presentation - Office on Youth/The Recovery Act (Stimulus Funding)

Mr. Franklin advised the Board that localities can receive funding under the Recovery Act. He asked Mrs. Sopenia Pierce, Office on Youth Director, to come forward and advise the Board how those funds would be used in the county.

Mrs. Sopenia Pierce, Office on Youth Director, appeared before the Board and thanked the Board for its continued support that it provides for the Office on Youth Department. She showed a slide presentation on how localities could benefit from the Recovery Act and how the Act will affect Surry County youths.

Mr. Franklin advised the Board members that the county needs to re-advertise the public hearing for the establishment of a Broadband Authority for the June 4th meeting. He stated that he had been advised that public notice had to be given 30 days prior to the public hearing.

Vice-Chairman Seward moved to reschedule the public hearing for the establishment of a Broadband Authority on June 4, 2009; Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

Supervisor Blount advised the Board that he had a vacancy on the Planning Commission and moved to appoint Mrs. Misty Furr to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Chris Jackson as the Dendron Election representative; Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

Mr. Franklin acknowledged the action taken by the Honorable Timothy Kaine declaring that the ferry would continue to run 24 hours a day. He stated that he thought it would be in order for a letter to be sent to Governor Kaine thanking him for his assistance in this matter. Mr. Franklin stated that Governor Kaine also stated that the State will not impose a toll to provide the service, seek action on the security at the ferry and seek federal funds for a new ferry. It was the concensus of the Board for staff to send a letter to Governor Kaine thanking him for his assistance in maintaining 24 hours ferry services.

Mr. Franklin stated that the Board had received a request from Reverend Douglas Adams, President of the local NAACP requesting the Board to approve a resolution recognizing the NAACP 100th Year Anniversary.

Supervisor Blount moved to approve a resolution acknowledging the NAAC 100th Anniversary; Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mrs. Helen Eggleston of the Dendron Election District, appeared before the Board and stated that she was disappointed and angry in recent actions of the Board relative to:

- OLF
- Coal Power Plant
- Sludge

Mr. Mike Eggleston of the Dendron Election District, appeared before the Board and voiced his dissatisfaction regarding the Coal Power Plant project in the Town of Dendron.

Mr. John Stokes of the Surry Election District, appeared before the Board and commented on the following:

- How would the solid waste facilities be policed if the county decals are eliminated?
- Suggested that the Board send a thank you letter also to Delegate Barlow for his efforts regarding the ferry services.
- Support land use taxation.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Vice-Chairman Seward moved that the Board convene in closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-371(A-1), performance evaluation or job assignments of specific employees; Supervisor Blount seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent

Supervisor Lyttle moved that the Board of Supervisors return to open session and certify by roll vote, that the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act in the motion; Supervisor Blount seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Seward moved to continue the meeting until May 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.; Supervisor Blount seconded the motion; Supervisors Holmes, Seward, Blount and Lyttle voted in favor of the motion; Supervisor Harrison was absent.