

At a regular meeting of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room of the Southampton County Office Center, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia on June 25, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman (Drewryville)
Dr. Alan W. Edwards Vice-Chairman (Jerusalem)
Glenn H. Updike (Newsoms)
Carl J. Faison (Boykins-Branchville)
Barry T. Porter (Franklin)
Ronald M. West (Berlin-Ivor)
S. Bruce Phillips (Capron)

SUPERVISORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator (Clerk)
Jon Mendenhall, Assistant County Administrator
Beth Lewis, Director of Community Development
Lynette C. Lowe, Finance Director
Julien W. Johnson, Jr. Public Utilities Director
Richard E. Railey, Jr., County Attorney
Cynthia J. Edwards, Administrative Secretary

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order. After the *Pledge of Allegiance*, Supervisor Faison gave the invocation.

Chairman Jones stated that we had lost one of our Planning Commission members. Mr. Pete Barham passed away today and he was one of the founding members of the Planning Commission. He stated that he worked with Mr. Pete Barham for thirty some years. He is really going to be missed. He was an asset to the Planning Commission and the community. At this time we are going to have a moment of silence for him.

Chairman Jones sought approval of the minutes for the Public Hearing, May 21, 2012; the Budget Workshop, May 23, 2012; and the Regular Session of May 29, 2012.

Supervisor Updike stated that he had one. We discussed the rates and fees.

Chairman Jones asked what page it was on.

Supervisor Updike said he didn't know what page it was on.

Chairman Jones stated the page numbers were up at the top.

Supervisor Updike said he was talking about an omission that it wasn't in the minutes. He said he asked a question about the fees. He said he asked what the fees were that Hubs Peanut was paying. He said if he remembers correctly he was told at the present time they weren't using the sewage system. He said that was not in the minutes, but the question was asked.

Mr. Michael Johnson said they were in your minutes from May 2, 2012. They were approved last month.

Chairman Jones stated they were approved at last month's meeting. They are not in the minutes being approved this month.

Supervisor Updike said alright.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else had any corrections. There being none the minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was highway matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that earlier this year, Supervisor Updike expressed interest in restricting through trucks along Statesville Road between Cypress Bridge Road and Cross Keys Road. In response, VDOT performed a traffic engineering study, a copy of which is attached. The roadway is relatively flat with 20' of pavement and 2' to 3' grass shoulders. Pavement is in good condition and carries 382 vehicles per day. Median speed is 45 mph with an 85th percentile speed of 55 mph. This section of roadway has one horizontal reverse curve and an unposted statutory speed limit of 55 mph. VDOT's traffic engineering division did not recommend a posted speed reduction. Section 46.2-809 of the Code of Virginia provides that a locality may formally request VDOT to restrict through trucks on certain segments of roadways in limited cases where necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public without creating undue hardship on motorists. Prior to submitting the request the Board must identify an alternate route, and then, to insure that all concerned parties have had an opportunity for input, must conduct a public hearing and forward a copy of the official hearing transcript along with its request. In addition, the Board must commit to utilizing local law enforcement personnel to enforce the restriction. Once an official request is submitted, it goes to the Commonwealth Transportation Board which considers all data gathered, including the traffic engineering study referenced above. If the Board would like to proceed with this, I need your direction on the preferred alternate route and your authorization to schedule the required public hearing.

Chairman Jones asked the Board what they wanted to do with this.

Supervisor Updike said he thought they put two studies into one which wasn't correct. The through truck was for Statesville Road at the North Carolina line through Newsoms. The roads that are being destroyed by tractor trailers on Statesville Road not just from the housing development; we just requested a reduced speed for that section. It looks like they combined the two into one. It wasn't just for that small section for truck reductions. On all of Statesville Road (and there are people who can verify it) they have destroyed almost every curve and every culvert from the North Carolina line to Newsoms.

Chairman Jones asked what kind of alternate route did he think they could have.

Supervisor Updike said they could go down Hwy. 258 and hit the main drags. This study wasn't what was requested.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Updike if he talked with the folks from VDOT.

Supervisor Updike said he made the request, but VDOT had not contacted him.

Supervisor West said there had been some discussion over the speed. He asked if that was correct.

Supervisor Updike said that right on that section the speed was too fast and all these house out there with children playing on and a truck can't stop on a dime. That one little section was where there was a request for a speed reduction by the citizens.

Supervisor West said but then also you are talking about the trucks that take that road as a shortcut through to Hwy. 58 up and out.

Supervisor Updike said that's right.

Supervisor West said this deals with the pavement conditions and the percentile of the speed limit and so forth and so on.

Supervisor Updike said when you talk about the shoulders and everything else we don't have any shoulders on that area of Statesville Road.

Supervisor West said it was kind of like bonding and non-bonding, if you remember last month on concrete. He said he did get a letter explaining that. He said he agrees with what Supervisor Updike is saying. The idea is this - is it possible for this Board to ask for a request that it be posted "no through trucks". Is it something that would be worthwhile. He asked if that was

what he was thinking of.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that you have to identify the alternate route which has to be part of the advertised public hearing.

Supervisor West said right and what Supervisor Updike said he agrees with because trucks do cut through. We have a number of large trucks cutting through and he knows they are entitled to use the road as anyone that pays taxes for it, but to go down Hwy. 671 to Franklin to the bypass is the long route so we know the reason they are doing it is because it is a short cut. He stated if it is a safety issue it should be looked at.

Supervisor Updike said it is a safety issue.

Chairman Jones said they have the same problem coming across from Hwy. 189 out to Hwy. 58 to come through Tennessee Road. They cut through Branchville, come through that area and come out right there in front of his house. He said he knows 25 to 30 trucks cut through there every day.

Supervisor Updike said it is also an economic issue. They came out and repaired this road about six weeks ago and today you would wonder if anybody had been there because it is in the same condition it was two months ago. So it is costing a fortune to try to maintain these roads when they are steadily tearing them up.

Supervisor West said that will always be; you know that.

Supervisor Updike said he realized that.

Supervisor West said safety is more important than anything and if there are that many homes and children playing and most of the vehicles are running around 55 miles per hour is the way he understands this.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is the 85th percentile.

Supervisor West said if it is a forty mile an hour zone then we can assume the rest are either running over or under. With that being said they are moving along at a pretty good pace in a crowded area that is posted at 45 mph. He would like to see for safety reasons that VDOT look at this study to go up to 58 By-Pass and go around. It is logic if nothing else. He said he thought it was a worthwhile thing.

Supervisor Edwards asked Supervisor West if he just made a motion.

Supervisor West said he will make that a motion.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion.

Chairman Jones stated that it had been moved and properly seconded that we take this matter to VDOT and have them reroute this traffic from Statesville Road.

Supervisor West said the question is safety and the solution is Hwy. 671 and Hwy. 58 instead of the cut through.

Chairman Jones said okay.

Mr. Michael Johnson asked what was his motion exactly.

Supervisor West said that they study or look at the need for rerouting large trucks off of the cut through road.

Mr. Michael Johnson said take a minute and look at page 2-6 in your agendas. He read for a request to be considered by VDOT, and in order to insure that all concerned parties have an opportunity to provide input concerning the proposed restriction and alternate route, the Board of Supervisors must hold a public hearing and make a formal request of the Department. The

following must be adhered to:

- (A) The public notices for the hearing must include a description of the proposed through truck restriction and the alternate route with the same terminus. A copy of the notices must be provided.
- (B) A public hearing must be held by the Board of Supervisors and a transcript of the hearing must be provided with the resolution.
- (C) The resolution must describe the proposed through truck restriction and a description of the alternate, including terminus.
- (D) The Board of Supervisors must include in the resolution that it will use its good officers for enforcement of the proposed restriction by the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

Supervisor West said he thought three and four were simple because we will take care of it and the fourth one is being imposed on the Sheriff's Department and bring some revenue to the county. Let them write some tickets for the trucks that shouldn't be riding on this road to begin with if 85% of the vehicles are not adhering to the speed limit.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the speed limit is 55 mph.

Supervisor West said it is.

Mr. Michael Johnson said but it is not posted.

Supervisor West said it is not posted - that is the part he needed to know because he had the understanding that the median speed was 45 mph.

Chairman Jones said so in other words we need to have a public hearing.

Supervisor West said it would bring out a crowd to look at it, yes. The first three things could be adhered to and if there needs to be a reduction in speed he thinks it is worthwhile. He asked Supervisor Updike if he was getting a number of complaints for this.

Supervisor Updike said he most certainly was.

Supervisor West told Supervisor Porter that he was looking quizzical.

Supervisor Porter said he was trying to understand what they had done and what we were trying to get them to do. They looked at the section of road in front of the residencies and they basically said they do not recommend reducing the speed limit and we are saying we do want them to reduce the speed limit. The question he has is that if the 85th percentile was 55 mph that means 15% of the traffic is going faster than the speed limit. He asked if that was acceptable.

Supervisor West said that is probably normal.

Supervisor Porter said he knew that, but anywhere you have a residential area you have 15% of the traffic going faster. He said it wasn't 85% of the traffic that was going to run over the kid; it is somebody from this 15% that is going to hit the kid.

Supervisor West said correct.

Supervisor Porter said if you reduce the speed limit to 45 mph does that mean you will now have 15% going over 45 mph or not.

Supervisor West said one thing he would say is if the Sheriff's Department wanted to enforce the speed limit they could catch some people exceeding the speed limit. If it is dropped to 45 mph which is a more reasonable speed limit obviously you would still have to deal with the speeding. As you just described a 55 mph vehicle will stop quicker than one exceeding that speed limit. So

it gives you a better control in an area that is occupied by a lot of children.

Supervisor Porter said getting back to the two issues, one is the speed limit and one is the through trucks. We need to distinguish between the two and he isn't sure we have done that.

Supervisor West asked is there not a severe curve in the road that is a concern as well?

Mr. Michael Johnson said it is, but that was taken into account in the study too.

Supervisor Porter said he didn't think they are going to come back and recommend reducing it because we told them to go back and do it again.

Supervisor West said it looks like it is a recommendation, but it looks like we would have control over this thing if we have a public hearing and tell everybody what we are going to do or what the public says should be done. Then it would be up to law enforcement to enforce this.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the Commonwealth Transportation Board has the ultimate authority. All you do is make the request.

Supervisor West said they would still have to decide even if the public made the request.

Mr. Michael Johnson said their decision is final.

Supervisor West said even if they reject it we would have made the effort.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Chairman Jones said we have to go through all four steps first.

Supervisor Porter said that is for the through truck restriction not for the speed limit. His question is do we have the option to request the transportation board reduce the speed limit now.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is not done by the transportation board that is done on the district level by the district traffic engineer after they do the study.

Supervisor Porter said well they did the study and they didn't recommend doing it.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor Porter asked can we go back and say we still think it should be done.

Supervisor West said that would be after a public hearing.

Mr. Michael Johnson said no, the public hearing would be dealing with through trucks.

Supervisor Porter said no. He said let's put the speed limit to bed before we start taking about through trucks. That is why he is looking quizzical because of the two issues. His question is can we go back to them as a Board and strongly encourage them to reduce the speed limit to 45 mph for this half of mile strip of road.

Mr. Michael Johnson said all we can do is ask.

Supervisor Porter said then his motion is that we make that request.

Supervisor West said he knew that there is a singled out area on Seacock Chapel Road that has a restriction of 45 mph and there are also "children at play" signs that are associated with this area. Then the speed limit opens back up to 55 mph after you pass a number of homes on Seacock Chapel Road. So what you are saying makes sense.

Supervisor Porter said that is fine. He said many of the members of the Board – himself included, Supervisor West, and Supervisor Updike feel like the speed limit should be reduced to 45 mph for

safety reasons. All we can do is ask the Board to pass a resolution requesting them to reduce it to 45 mph.

Mr. Michael Johnson said on just the segment they have studied.

Supervisor Porter said yes just on the segment they have studied.

Mr. Michael Johnson said okay.

Supervisor Porter said that is the segment which is in front of the houses.

Mr. Michael Johnson said right.

Supervisor Porter said consequently that is what his motion is to reduce the speed limit there.

Supervisor West said he would second that motion, but they already had a motion on the floor which he was willing to rescind in favor of what Supervisor Porter has proposed.

Supervisor Edwards said he was willing to withdraw his second of Supervisor West's motion.

Chairman Jones said we had a motion on the floor that has been withdrawn and now we have one to reduce the speed limit where VDOT has already studied. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Porter said now we can talk about the through trucks.

Chairman Jones asked what they wanted to do about the through trucks.

Supervisor Phillips asked if they still have to study that.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes, but not before you have the public hearing.

Chairman Jones asked what they wanted to do about the trucks.

Supervisor West said it is 1.38 miles and you are talking about what distance the restriction will be on.

Mr. Michael Johnson said what Supervisor Updike was saying was substantially longer than 1.38 miles.

Supervisor Updike said they were talking about five or six miles.

Supervisor Faison said you can't really restrict the speed limit on a portion of it without restricting it all.

Chairman Jones said we need to do something with it we are just sitting here.

Supervisor West said he supposed we need to see if this goes first.

Supervisor Phillips said we have got to have the public hearing.

Supervisor West said well they have already done the study.

Supervisor Phillips said he was talking about the truck traffic. That was what they had to have the public hearing on.

Supervisor West said right now what they are asking is for VDOT to go back and look at reducing the speed from 55 mph to 45 mph.

Supervisor Porter said we are not asking them to look at it; we are saying we would like for you to do it. They have the option of coming back and doing it or not.

Supervisor West said that does not require a public hearing.

Supervisor Edwards said correct.

Supervisor Porter said we have done everything we can on this issue.

Supervisor West said the second question is whether we want to move ahead with the entire five mile strip of removing large trucks from that road.

Supervisor Phillips said the next step is to schedule a public hearing.

Supervisor Updike said he thought they needed to go ahead and schedule a public hearing on it. He stated he was putting that in the form of a motion.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion.

Chairman Jones asked if there was any discussion on it.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he wanted to make sure what he was printing. He asked what was the alternate route.

Supervisor Updike said there were several.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he had to show that in the public notice.

Supervisor Updike said Hwy. 258 would be one of them and he would have to get the other one. The one down through Carolina he didn't know the road number on; he would have to get it.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Updike if he was going to get that information for Mr. Michael Johnson.

Supervisor Updike said he would get the road number.

Mr. Richard Railey said he didn't know how Mr. Michael Johnson could run the ad until he knew what the alternate route is.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he couldn't. He had to have the alternate route first.

Supervisor Updike said Hwy. 258 is one of them but he didn't know what the other road was.

Mr. Michael Johnson said we have got to connect that with Statesville Road.

Supervisor Phillips asked if he just wanted to move that back to the next meeting and come prepared with that.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Updike if he was going to come with all the route numbers at the next meeting or if he wanted to rescind his motion.

Supervisor Updike said he would come with all the route numbers.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any concerns in their district.

Supervisor West said he wanted to publicly thank VDOT for mowing. The operation is ongoing at this point. Some of the weeds and grass had gotten pretty tall. Most of the Berlin/Ivor District has been done.

Supervisor Edwards said he one. He said he had received a few comments about Flaggy Run Road at Nottoway Chapel Road intersection from citizens. He knew they had widened the road their and cleaned out the ditches, but a lot of people are suggesting they put a solid yellow line on that hill. He stated that Saturday he was coming back from Franklin and met a car almost in the middle.

Supervisor West said he just traveled that and on behalf of what he is requesting he agrees that is the most logical thing you can do because they have increased the borders and the extension on the road so now it is safe to travel and if they put that dual double yellow line down the middle it would at least alert the operator to stay to the right because tonight there was one that had to snatch it to get out of his way and he was leaning on the edge of Nottoway Chapel Road. He stated the operator was riding right in the middle of the road up on top.

Supervisor Porter asked if they were talking about Story Station or Nottoway Chapel.

Supervisor Edwards said Flaggy Run and Nottoway Chapel come into a tee right on top of a hill.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that it was Story Station Road.

Supervisor Edwards said okay so Flaggy Run ends and it is Story Station there.

Supervisor West said Flaggy Run turns and then it goes up a hill and that is Story Station and it winds to the left.

Supervisor Edwards said there had already been two deaths there.

Supervisor Porter said that is on Story Station Road then and not on Flaggy run Road.

Supervisor West said yes and there is an equivalent one near the intersection of Appleton Road and Berlin/Ivor Road and there is a hill just like that one on Story Station and there is a hill and a blind spot when you drop over the hill. The very same thing needs to be done there.

Supervisor Phillips stated he would like to thank VDOT. At the last meeting when Mr. Joe Lomax was here Supervisor Phillips said he had made a comment about some dead trees on Popes Station at the intersection with Cary's Bridge Road and they have cleaned up those trees. He said he thanked them for that.

Supervisor Updike said as he mentioned previously about two months ago VDOT had come out and repaired Statesville Road, but if you travel Statesville Road today it is in the same condition today as it was two months ago. This is due to tractor trailers running this road. So VDOT needs to come back and patch again. When you have to patch every two months something drastically needs to be done one way or the other. They need to come back to Statesville Road again.

Chairman Jones said let's move on to item number three – reports. The reports were Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, Litter Control, Building Permits, New Housing Starts, Solid Waste Quantities.

Supervisor Updike said we needed to stop right here and discuss several issues. He stated he had several calls about it and send e-mails about it and the issue is we need to double our efforts on the dumpsites. There are reports that people out of Carolina are dumping in our dumpsters. We need to follow up on this. If these people are legal Southampton County residents then they only have a couple of months to have Virginia tags. Either they are violating the law by dumping in our dumpsters or they are violating the law by not having Virginia tags on. The people working the dump sites need to make sure they have the proper identification before they dump. So we need to do a better job in policing it. He stated he also had complaints that the attendants needed to do a better job in assisting the elderly and disabled in dumping their trash.

Chairman Jones asked what sites Supervisor Updike was talking about. He said he didn't have a bit of trouble with his sites.

Supervisor Updike said this is a combination of Newsoms and Monroe Road dumpsters. He said they are the ones people have been calling him about.

Chairman Jones said so these are the sites people are calling you about out of state people dumping in.

Supervisor Updike said yep. Everything is based on the fact we have to play the \$200.00 trash fee and we have illegals dumping at the sites. The site attendants need to check to see if the people are legal and they need to help out the elderly and disabled people in dumping their trash.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Updike if these people ask for help. He stated that if he was driving up there and he had a cane in the car and if he doesn't ask the attendant to help him then the attendant is not going to know that he is disabled. They need to stop and talk with the attendant and let him know they are disabled so he can help him.

Supervisor Faison asked didn't the attendants have job descriptions. He stated that is not part of the job description.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the job was never set up to help people dispose of their waste. Their job is to police the site and make sure illegal waste doesn't get in.

Supervisor Faison said so if we are going to do something like that we need to redefine their job. It would be nice if the attendants would volunteer to assist these people. He thinks that would be a wonderful thing to do, but in terms of it being their job I think we need to redefine their job if we are going to assist them.

Supervisor Updike said he didn't think this was a very inappropriate request. Most of the attendants at the Newsoms sites know the people who use the sites that are disabled and unable to dump with ease. He stated he thought it just human kindness to provide this consideration.

Supervisor West asked if he was associating any more pay with this service too or requesting that we up the status and pay and so forth. You got into the county fee so he feels like there may be some retaliation due to the \$200.00 fee. People are making accusations that trash is being dumped by out of state people at the dump sites. When in fact someone comes forward and gives the license plate number that makes it work. He will say the attendants should certainly be on top of that. There is no question about it. In his experience he has seen more than one get out there and actually throw trash out of your vehicle. He has seen that. So he sees it working very well and if people have a concern let them bring us a license number and we will check it. Don't just say well they are from out of state using our dump sites. That doesn't mean a hill of beans.

Supervisor Updike said he agrees with that. We should get their license number and follow up and check it out. There are quite a few vehicles in the county that are licensed in North Carolina that he thinks should be ticketed personally, but that is not his area.

Supervisor West said it is also not our authority is it.

Supervisor Updike said he knew it wasn't our authority, but it should be checked into because we are losing personal property tax money and it has out of state tags on it. You don't just sweep things like that under the rug and say everything is going to be alright. Let's look into things along these lines.

Chairman Jones said you get a license plate number and find out what dump site is being targeted and we will do something about it. Just generally saying he knows nobody is dumping illegally in his district. He stated he had two dump sites in his district and he knew for sure nobody was coming in there from out of state and not have a permit.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else had a comment.

Supervisor Porter said he knew one other incident he is referring to and Mr. Michael Johnson is aware of one or two of them. He stated that Mr. Michael Johnson was checking out one from North Carolina and asked what he found out on that one.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he did.

Supervisor Porter asked what exactly did he find out on that one.

Mr. Michael Johnson said in that particular case the generator of the trash was a resident of

Southampton Meadows Manufactured Home Park who does not have a vehicle. It is a relative's vehicle from North Carolina who has a permit.

Supervisor Porter asked if they have a permit with their vehicle.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that the permit doesn't go with the vehicle; the permit goes to the individual for identification purposes so that we know it is valid and legitimate.

Supervisor Edwards said while we are on this he has had three or four elderly people tell him that they don't go to the Sedley dump as much as the others because they don't get the help at the Sedley dump that they do at the others.

Supervisor Porter said he didn't know about the Sedley dump, he just knows about the Flaggy Run dump and the Joyners Bridge dump and he has nothing but good things to say about the people who work there because they help everyone. Maybe we could encourage the attendants to be more helpful, but he knows there are some people who are going to do no more than their job requirement and there is not a whole lot we can do about it.

Supervisor West stated with that being said identify them and he was going to publicly say the same thing. The people at Unity get out and assist; that is the tandem to Sedley. Ivor is the same way. Berlin is a different world. They acknowledge you and no one moves. So you get no assistance there and that's a fact.

Chairman Jones said that is not in their job description.

Supervisor Edwards asked what is their job description.

Supervisor West said he didn't know.

Mr. Michael Johnson said to make sure the waste that is coming in is residential waste and that it originated from Southampton County.

Supervisor Faison said he was not aware of any problems with the attendants at Boykins or Branchville. They seem like they are doing a fine job and what has happened since they put the attendants at the sites is certainly evident from the reports that we get. So if there are problems we need to look into those, but he is not aware of any. He has heard people give the attendants compliments. He would certainly like to see the attendants help, but he doesn't think they need to make it something they have to do. But it is very nice if they do help.

Chairman Jones said in his district the attendant won't even let his own brother dump so you know he's not going to let anybody else dump. He turns his own brother away. He said in his district they don't have any problems. If you don't have the right stuff you aren't going to get in there. Mr. Michael Johnson knows about the issues that some sites are having and we are going to take care of that.

Supervisor Edwards said these people are county employees and they should be exemplifying this courtesy to the tax payers of the county just like anybody else.

Supervisor Updike said like Supervisor West said about the site at Berlin, a lot of places he has been in they just wave for you to go ahead and that's it. Especially in bad weather or cold weather they are in there watching TV and don't even wave to him.

Supervisor West said correct. That is a fact.

Supervisor Updike said if you think it doesn't exist out here; he doesn't know where you are coming from.

Supervisor West said if it is a burden and a problem let's have some citizens advisory committee to meet with a couple of Board members and work this thing out so everybody will be satisfied and people like Mr. Cross and those that use these things sit down and work with them Mr. Blair Bunn. It's not a problem. We are paying these guys what \$8 bucks.

Mr. Michael Johnson said minimum wage.

Supervisor West said so we are paying them minimum wage. He stated that most of these guys are on the older side too. He didn't know if they could get out and tote any more trash than the drivers themselves.

Chairman Jones said his district was fine. He didn't need anybody to look at it.

Supervisor West said he knew that but they need to look at the greater potential by getting involved to see how we can improve it.

Supervisor Porter said he didn't think you could legislate niceness. The people at the ones he frequents are nice people; they help. They offer to help people. We can make a statement saying we encourage the attendants to be nice and to be helpful, but we can't legislate that.

Supervisor Updike said he disagrees with that. He stated any employee of his knows that you are required to do certain things and not just sitting in there waving to you or ignoring you. He thinks we can demand it and if they can't be courteous and do these things we need new employees. It is just pure and simple. They need to either help or get out. Put it very blunt.

Supervisor West said he still thinks a citizens advisory committee (one from each district) coming together to identify problems would work. That would give us the input if maybe we need to rewrite this, but you cannot legislate niceness, but the bottom line is you can get citizen involvement and he would like to see that.

Supervisor Updike said you are going to legislate responsibility.

Supervisor West said how about each one of us bring the name of one citizen with us next month and then we have a meeting and sit down and see what flaws there are. We have been doing this for x number of years. \$42,156 has been deferred has been avoided through the operation of these dump sites that can be improved. He asked how many years we have been doing this.

Mr. Michael Johnson said since 2006.

Supervisor West said so six years. He stated he looked at the tons in 2005 1,561 tons in July and in 2011 691 tons. That is a lot of tonnage. That is how much it has worked and it can be better. He said he would like to see us do that and it is involving.

Chairman Jones said his district is not broke and he didn't want to break it. His people are doing great and he doesn't want them to stop what they are doing. He hasn't had a problem yet.

Supervisor Faison said he hasn't had a problem. If Sedley has a problem then we need to deal with Sedley. He stated he worked with a lot of kids and sometimes he just wanted to take them and put them all in a basket and do the same thing with all of them, but his wife tells him you have to punish those who need punishing and commend those who are doing well. He said maybe the same idea should be put forth here. Maybe we should complement those who are doing well and find some incentive to encourage them and identify the ones who are not and deal with that one.

Chairman Jones said we needed to deal with Supervisor Updike's district.

Supervisor Updike said he thought Supervisor West had a wonderful idea and that is there are places that are doing well, but can do better. That is his philopophsy to identify areas where we can do better and provide better service. This is our responsibility. The citizens in the county deserve the best qualified service that we can possibly buy for the least amount of dollars. He thinks Supervisor West is right on target. You might think everybody is perfect, but he is sure that we all have flaws and can all improve. So he agrees with Supervisor West we need to hear what the citizens want.

Chairman Jones said you heard Supervisor Updike. He stated he didn't want anybody in his district. We can do your area Supervisor Updike and the Berlin District.

Supervisor Updike said he thought we had to do it as a whole and as a group. We can't be picking and choosing about it.

Chairman Jones said he didn't want anybody.

Supervisor Updike said if you don't want anybody from your District on the committee that is well and good.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Updike if he was making that in the form of a motion.

Supervisor Updike said he was making that in the form of a motion.

Chairman Jones asked how many people he wanted to put on the committee from each district.

Supervisor Updike said Supervisor West suggested one from each district.

Supervisor West said let the user make the recommendation. He stated he would second the motion.

Chairman Jones asked if that was Supervisor Updike's motion to have one person on the committee from each district.

Supervisor West said we are spending a lot of time on handling this, but we are going to get through.

Supervisor Porter said this has all the features of a make work committee and he just doesn't think it is going to be that beneficial. We need to focus on the things that are coming to make the improvements and not set up some bureaucratic structure that people have to go to meetings on. If citizens have problems with the Sedley transfer station or one of Newsoms transfer stations then those citizens bring their concerns to the Board and bring them to the person who manages the attendants. He just doesn't think that the committee they are proposing would have a real benefit.

Chairman Jones said we have got to figure out what we have to do here.

Supervisor West said a one-time meeting would be to sit down and say how is the system working in Berlin/Ivor and they say fine as far as we are concerned and then another district says no it's not perfect we could do this or we could do that. He said he does not believe there is such a thing as perfect work conditions or perfect anything else.

Supervisor Porter said you have people at certain transfer stations who won't get out and help people who need help. He said he didn't think we needed to make a big deal out of it. If we want to make that part of their job description then we change their job description. We don't want to get into a situation where we are making work just to make work. Let's focus on value added activities and getting things done.

Supervisor West said his reason Supervisor Porter is the fact that nothing is mundane if it saves the tax payer and also provides better service at the same time. We have been accused as a Board in the past prior to December 31 and even today of not involving citizens as we should. We have been dictatorial or bureaucratic or whatever you want and passed information down whereas if you use more people and involve more people then there would be a greater understanding. The mayors can promote this information in the towns that are involved. There can be participation. No one likes the quote new tax that we have just added to the county but there is the \$200.00 fee. He knows the feedback. He has had feedback on that. There has been almost as much feedback on that as there has been on black powder. With that being said he thinks it is positive to get citizen input even though the population maybe very small. We could get people involved that would be willing to give good input and he knows they would be willing to do that. We could meet one time and say are we done and if everybody is happy we could keep on going. If the report is everybody is happy except for over here in Berlin, Sedley, and Kalamazoo then we would look at those three places.

Chairman Jones said he had a motion for one person out of each district to form a committee for the trash sites.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which did not pass. Those voting nay were Supervisors Faison, Porter, Edwards, and Jones.

Supervisor Updike said he had complaints that people were rummaging through the trash dumps for metal. That is a liability as far as our present conditions are concerned and we can do one of two things put up signs saying no scavaging at the dump sites or put up bins or barrels to put the metal in so we can sell it. We need to go in one of these two directions.

Chairman Jones asked don't we have a sign up saying no scavaging.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes we do at all of the sites.

Chairman Jones said there was one at his dump sites.

Supervisor West said there were signs at the ones he goes to.

Chairman Jones said there are signs saying no scavaging at the dump sites. He said he didn't know what Supervisor Updike had at his dump. He said he didn't have that problem. He asked the other Board members if they had this problem at their dump sites.

Supervisor Phillips said not that he was aware of.

Supervisor Porter said he thought we needed to have Mr. Michael Johnson follow up and make sure that they understand what the restrictions are and they do police according to the requirements.

Chairman Jones said he knew he didn't have any problems at his sites.

Supervisor Edwards said it seems that we are rapidly becoming experts on trash.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Updike if he has anything further on trash.

Supervisor Updike said that was it so far.

Chairman Jones stated the next report was Personnel.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that we only had one personnel change for the month there was a reclassification in the Sheriff's Office effective June 1, 2012, Robert M. Carr's annual salary is now \$31,480.

Chairman Jones stated the next report was Cooperative Extension.

Chairman Jones said we would move on to item number four – Financial Matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated we have two appropriation considerations for your approval tonight. The first one provides a total appropriation of \$366,527.64, which consists of a combination of expenditure refunds, reimbursements, insurance claims and grants. Revenues have been received from the sources indicated. The appropriation is broken down as follow: \$80,034.34 for the General Fund, \$265,267.64 for the School Fund and \$21,225.66 for the Enterprise Fund. This appropriation includes \$6,915.00 of "new money" that was not included in the original FY 2012 budget, but was subsequently approved by the Board on April 23 for maintenance of river monitoring gauges. A motion is required to adopt the appropriation resolution.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions on this.

Supervisor Updike said he had a question. He asked if every community approved this.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it was his understanding that they did.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

Supervisor West made a motion that we adopt this resolution to provide the appropriation of \$366,527.64.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones called for the second resolution.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated the second resolution provides a total appropriation of \$27,162,249.00 and represents approximately 52% of the funds budgeted for FY 2013. The balance of FY 2013 funding will be appropriated in December. A motion is required to adopt the semiannual appropriation.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions on this.

Supervisor West asked if we had typically made this appropriation 50/50 and this is just a little different; he said he was sorry he just didn't recall it.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes it was 50/50 and rather than do the appropriations separately we are just doing them all at one time.

Supervisor West asked if this affected the reserve fund any at all by doing this.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated no.

Chairman Jones stated he needed a motion to make the appropriation.

Supervisor West made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$27,162,249.00.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated next was the monthly bills. He asked if anyone had any problem with the bills.

Supervisor Updike said again he had a whole lot of problems with the bills.

Chairman Jones asked which ones.

Supervisor Updike said he was going to skip around and he would only talk about half of them tonight. He stated that he hadn't run across anyone yet who was willing to donate their \$200.00 trash fee so we can have a booth at the fair. Actually we need to have two people to volunteer to donate their \$200.00 so we can have a booth at the fair.

Supervisor West asked what he was talking about.

Supervisor Updike said on page 4-47 we are being charged by the Franklin/Southampton County Fair \$318.00 to have a booth. Everything that he is hearing tonight is that we wouldn't be having a booth because it wasn't cost effective. He said he wouldn't spend his money to have a booth at the county fair and he's not going to spend the citizen's money at the county fair. As you read in the paper just this week 22% of our citizens are on government assistance. 3.5% have to go to the food bank and here we are spending \$318.00 for what. We aren't going to get that much information from the fair because about 65 or 70% or more of the people that attend the fair are from outside Southampton County. They are from Franklin, Isle of Wight, and the surrounding areas. He asked how many people go through the booth area and what kind of information are you going to get for this money. We have got to spend money accordingly as to what dollar it is going to bring back and what dollar it is going to save in the long run.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it was his understanding that the booth was going to be staffed by the Planning Commissioners as part of the comprehensive plan updates.

Mrs. Beth Lewis stated that the funds are from the Litter Control Council. That is part of the grant money that the Recycling and Litter Control gets every year. That pays for the booth at the fair. It will be a booth from Planning, Recycling, and from the Sheriff's Office all paid for through the Litter Control Grant.

Chairman Jones said so actually it is not going to cost the county anything.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that is correct.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Updike if he had anything else.

Supervisor Updike said yes the one right below it. This is a wide range of what he calls perks.

Chairman Jones asked which one was that.

Supervisor Updike said Chris Drake who was the extension agent. He said he had worked for the Cooperative Extension Office for 35 years and he knows the State has the responsibility for training the agents so he wanted to know why we were receiving this bill from the VESA conference. That is part of education which is their responsibility. He said he didn't know why we are picking up part of the state's responsibility. He said he didn't know what agreement they had come up with but he knew that never before has any county been requested to do this. They provided funds for a lot of years for their needs and it was used for training and there are lots of perks that we are being billed for every month and we can't support them. We need to look at them and get rid of them. For in service training and associational dues, and professional fees the individual should have the responsibility for that on their own and not the tax payers.

Chairman Jones said so you are saying we don't need to send him for this training.

Supervisor Updike said no sir. The state has always had the responsibility for paying for training unless there has been a big, big change in recent years. He asked so the state supervises them and tells them what to do so are we just here to pick up the tab. He stated it was not just this guy we are paying a lot of tuitions and fees which he calls perks that should not be a part of our budget. He thinks all the perks need to be looked at and removed from any payments in the future. He wasn't just saying no to pay these bills, but he is saying we have got to change policy to correct this situation.

Chairman Jones asked what else he had.

Supervisor Updike said of course we can't go without the dear old Timmons Group. He can't understand the big bills for the Turner Tract landscaping. Here we are again with another bill for landscaping. For one hour of work on that same bill they stayed overnight. He can't believe they had overnight expenses. He couldn't remember what page it was on.

Mr. Michael Johnson said page 4-57.

Supervisor Updike asked is there any way we can break the contract or get out from under there. Last but not least he thinks the Board needs to get something done and that is he is just as sure as he is sitting here that there is someone in the county offices regardless of which office they come from that can do communications work. That is 110 citizens out here in a poverty situation that could get paid for this service. We have got somebody among the county employees that could do this job that could save us this \$22,000.00 a year.

Chairman Jones asked what kind of communications he was talking about.

Supervisor Updike said Mr. Vernie Francis' job. He hopes that we will make a decision to train somebody to do this job.

Supervisor West asked if he was adding this on to someone else's present responsibilities.

Supervisor Updike said you sit here and he didn't think any department head could sit here and say

that their employees are 100% tied up all the time. He said he doesn't believe it. They might say it, but the ones he has observed, it doesn't work that way. It can be anybody. It can be somebody from the Sheriff's Department or it can be someone from any department.

Chairman Jones said you are just going to give them another duty.

Supervisor Updike said yes.

Chairman Jones said it doesn't work like that.

Supervisor Updike said it can.

Chairman Jones said it doesn't work like that.

Supervisor Updike said it works like that in everyday life. If you have an extra job or chore to do on the farm you do it. So you work that extra hour or whatever to get the job done. So if you just want to put everything under the rug go ahead. That is his opinion and he thinks 110 people when they get their tax bill in December will be saying the same thing. He said and one other thing this is just the old department of labor. He knows why the fringe benefits or perks were put in back 30, 40 or even 50 years ago the county or government personnel were paid less than the private sector today the government employees get all the perks. They are getting 83% more than the public sector. These are people with the same background and the same education. We are not a wealthy county so it is time that the county employees and the public employees step up to the plate because we can't continue.

Supervisor West said can't continue what.

Supervisor Updike said benefits and increasing salaries. We have got to cut period.

Supervisor West said you are saying cut benefits.

Supervisor Updike said we have got to. That is why the county is in such bad shape now. The retirement system and everything else is in bad shape because we promised more than we can deliver.

Chairman Jones said so you are saying not to pay the bills then.

Supervisor West said no sir; I say pay the bills.

Supervisor Updike I didn't say that. I said there is a whole lot of opportunity to explain the situation. I think we need to change the policy.

Supervisor Edwards said we have something planned along that line with Supervisor Porter and West. Look at page 4-51. He asked if Supervisor West would like to explain that.

Supervisor West stated that Mr. Michael Johnson, Mr. Jon Mendenhall, Supervisor Porter and himself have met and they had an opportunity to pay for their own lunches and they discussed ways to save money, starting with potential shared services for the schools and with that they are going to the City of Franklin so they are going outside of Southampton County. They are going to look at Franklin shared services whether it be through financial delivery of services, purchases of materials (instead of you getting from one organization and we getting from another one) we pool our resources and maybe get a better price. We are on the way to doing this Mr. Charles Turner and you would approve of that because we are certainly trying to save what money we can by doing the right thing. We sat down and we are under a time period to do this for the next budget calendar to be able to sit down and achieve some cost savings and consolidate the services. It may require shared services with the City of Franklin whether the City of Franklin wants to share with us we don't know, but we are going to extend the hand and offer and go where ever we can. He said just like the regional jail. We have a jail and there is another one in the City of Suffolk isn't it?

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor West said another one is Isle of Wight. He asked how many of you have heard the dog pound is full. No cats. Come get my cats because the cats are giving me a problem. We may have to use a shared service, but these are the things we are going to be looking at. We have decided by working with Mr. Jon Mendenhall and Supervisor Porter we will be able to give you a report on a monthly basis.

Supervisor Porter said we will be looking at every activity that we do to run the county government and evaluating the value it adds and see if we can find ways to consolidate duties and find ways to do things better at a lower cost.

Supervisor West stated that includes combining departments.

Supervisor Porter every department will be looked at and he thinks that the feasibility of the benefit cuts that Supervisor Updike is referring to has a lot of legal issues around those and he didn't think you could just go out and cut somebody's pension benefits that have accrued or that they are entitled to. What you can do maybe is think about how you treat future employees and new hires. It is pretty difficult to take benefits away that certain people, who have earned them, under a prior employment contract.

Supervisor Updike said there is only one person in the county that we cannot remove or request that the cut be taken in the future like hospitalization or retirements and these perks there is no constitutional agreement amongst any of them that these things will be provided like say these conferences and dues, professional groups, automobiles. If you go down the line there is a long list and there is no constitutional restriction on these things. He's not saying take away, but we've got to look across to the future and make sure that they pick up their fair share of this type of expenditure.

Chairman Jones asked if we were ready now to pay the bills.

Supervisor West made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Porter to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,310,921.55 to be paid by check numbers 126254 through 126628. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item of business was number five – Appointments – Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that Supervisor West's term on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) will expire on June 30. As you may recall, he was appointed to fill Mrs. Felts' remaining unexpired term at your January 23 meeting. The HRPDC meets quarterly on the 3rd Thursdays of January, April, July, and October. For those of you that may not be familiar with the work of the HRPDC, I've attached several examples for your reference.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor West if he would consider reappointment to the Hampton Roads Planning District.

Supervisor West said yes one time.

Supervisor Faison made a motion that Supervisor West be reappointed to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item of business was number six – Citizen Request to Address the Board.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated you will see in your agenda correspondence from Mr. Richard R. Harris who has asked for a few minutes on your agenda tonight to discuss taxes and fees.

Richard R. Harris

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Courtland, VA 23837

Office # 757-859-9111

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June 18, 2012

Ms. Cindy Edwards

P.O. Box 400

Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Ms. Edwards:

It is my desire to address the Board of Supervisors during early appearances at their next regular scheduled meeting. I assume this will be on 6/25/2012.

My phone numbers are listed above if this is incorrect. I would also like

I want to speak about taxes & fees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard R. Harris".

Richard R Harris

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June 19, 2012

Mr. Richard R. Harris
27161 Trinity Church Road
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter on June 18 requesting time at the next Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss taxes and fees.

The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2012 in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Southampton County Office Center, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland. This matter will appear as agenda item #6.

Chairman Jones will call for your comments at the appropriate time.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator

Mr. Richard R. Harris of 27161 Trinity Church Road, Courtland, Virginia addressed the Board. He said if he may to answer Supervisor West's questions from a few minutes ago and give a little substantiation to this trash issue. He said he presented Mr. Michael Johnson with some information this afternoon concerning a vehicle which was at a trash site this weekend with a license number. He stated he did not identify the site or the attendant. The attendant never got out of the air-conditioned shack to check the vehicle. He said when he approached the attendant on duty in the shack he was told to mind his own business; it was none of his concern. Mr. Richard Harris stated that as long as he lives in this community and pays the taxes that you are asking him to pay as a citizen along with the rest of the people in this room, he will make it his business to find out why somebody with a South Carolina or Florida license plate is dumping in our trash dump.

Supervisor West stated he appreciated his concern and was glad he did so.

Mr. Richard Harris stated that the June 22, 2012 edition of the "Tidewater News" indicated that we had 4,085 or 22% of our residents receiving government assistance to feed their families and 699 on welfare. We have 3,972 residents or almost one out of five on food stamps. We also have over 16% of Southampton County residents living in poverty. He asked how do you expect these families to pay your \$200.00 trash fee. He asked who was going to make up the difference between your projections and what you may actually collect. He said he does understand there will be some exemptions for those that have certain income levels. It sounds like to him you are whistling past the grave yard. One of the reasons that the United States came into existence was that so many people were tired of paying taxes to a nation thousands of miles away and they shed blood to fight for their independence in large part to keep an impressive government from taking their hard earned dollars. The limited tax model this country once had has evolved into one where taxes and fees fill virtually every part of our life. How almost all taxes are a result of the government; it starts with the local level and goes to Richmond, and all the way to Washington. As for one tax on the rich who can afford to pay more, two a one-time tax or fee to pay for a certain expense, or three a tax to pay for some crisis because you can't meet your budget. He said he's thinking the trash fee. No matter how taxes are sold by politicians they are almost never taken away once implemented. Even if the target group is rich inflation and other factors such as businesses charging higher prices to cover tax increases causes the tax fees to hit unintended targets. So how bad has the situation become – he has a list of one hundred taxes and fees and depending on where you live you may currently pay either directly or indirectly through a passed on cost from businesses to the consumer. Keep this in mind every time you hear a politician propose new taxes or fees for their latest binge of spending. You four new supervisors got thrown into a briar patch not of your own creation and you are stuck with it. Federal income tax, state income tax, local income tax, employee social security tax (and if you are still working your employer pays the other part), medicare tax (and again if you are employed your employer pays the other half), property tax, road toll tax, sales tax, driver's license renewal fee, TV, cable and satellite fees and taxes, federal telephone surtax, excise tax, and universal surcharge, state telephone excise and surcharge, telephone minimum use reoccurring and non-reoccurring charges, gas, electric bill fees and taxes, water and sewage fees and taxes, cigarette taxes, alcohol, federal gasoline, state gasoline, and some local gasoline tax, federal inheritance tax, state inheritance tax, gift tax, bridge toll tax, estimated income, underpayment penalty, alternative minimum tax on income, business taxes and fees, federal corporate, state corporate, tax registration on new businesses, employers social security, employer Medicaid, medicare taxes, federal unemployment taxes, state unemployment taxes, business registration renewal fee, workers compensation tax, tax on imported and exported goods, oil storage inspection fees, employer health insurance mandate tax, excise tax on hospitals. He said he didn't know how this was going to pan out because he hadn't heard the Supreme Court decision, but this was page 2001 section 9007 of Obama Care. Tax on innovator drug companies page 2010 section 9008 of Obama Care, tax on medical care devise manufactures page 2020 section 9009 again Obama Care, tax on health insurers page 2026 9010 of Obama Care, you have excise tax on comprehensive health insurers plan called the Cadillac Plan, tax on indoor tanning service, utility users tax, internet transaction fees which got passed in California and is now being considered in other states. He stated he didn't have a problem with taxes on internet sales because it takes tax away from the bricks and mortar stores and it robs the local sales tax and it robs taxes from localities and from the state. You have professional license fees, accountants, lawyers, dentist, plumbers, franchise business tax, tourism tax and concession license fees, wiring inspection fees, household employment tax, biodiesel fuel tax, FDIC tax, electronic waste and recycling tax, hazardous material disposal fee, food and beverage license tax, building permit and construction permit, zoning permit, fire inspection tax and fees, well permit, sale and user sellers permits, commercial driver's license fees, ATM transaction fees. The list goes on. He said he didn't know if you had renewed your license plates lately but if you are late the DMV just added a \$10.00 late fee if you let them expire. Ronald Reagan once said the government's view of the economy should be summed up in a few short phrases. If it moves you tax it, if it keeps moving regulate it and if it stops moving you subsidize it. Well gentlemen the economy hasn't moved. We regulate it to death and there is no money left at the government's local level to subsidize anything. He stated he appreciated their time.

Chairman Jones stated item number seven is old business.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item A is regarding the ordinance amendment that you conducted

your public hearing on last month with regard to hunting weapons. You do have a copy of your latest version of the ordinance amendment with the additional language that was suggested by Supervisor Phillips last month which added the phrase "from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset". For your reference he also attached a news article out of North Carolina last month which indicates that they're wrestling with the same issue. I'm open to your direction on how you'd like to proceed.

Chairman Jones asked how they would like to proceed. He said this is your baby Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Phillips said after the last meeting he was in conversation with a game department representative and because of the advertisement for the public hearing running late this ordinance could not be added to the game commission rules until next May. In conversation with the game commission representative he said they are looking at a new more comprehensive ordinance to deal with coyotes hunting and shooting. He stated that his suggestion is that since we aren't under time constraint to let this issue lay and reschedule in a timely fashion before the next deadline to put this in the game regulations for next year and see if the game commission comes up with an ordinance that we would be satisfied with. His conversation with the game commission officer said that they were looking at the same thing. We were looking at modeling ours after was the Louisa County ordinance and they are looking at the same thing for the foundation of a new ordinance. So he moves that we table this and reschedule this in a timely fashion before their May deadline.

Mr. Michael Johnson asked how about putting it back on the agenda for next March.

Supervisor Phillips said that would be fine.

Supervisor West said that being a motion he would second that motion.

Chairman Jones asked if everybody understood before they moved on and voted on this.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones called for item B under old business.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that this item is also carried over from last month. Supervisor Edwards asked if I would invite Sheriff Stutts to this month's meeting to get his ideas and learn of his plans regarding the radio communications maintenance agreement with Mr. Francis. He indicated that he had a conflict tonight, but did provide a written response to the question posed last month regarding redundancy and succession. A copy of that written response is attached. He stated he was open to your direction.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any comments on this.

Supervisor Updike stated that you have already heard his comments about it and he thinks next month they need to make a decision and they should have a month of training for a new person regardless of whether they are from the Sheriff's Department or another department in the county. This is something that Mr. Michael Johnson can talk to the county departments to see where it would best fit and train them and be on board by August 1.

Chairman Jones said so you are saying that whatever office takes this it is going to be a non-paying thing.

Supervisor Updike said right.

Supervisor Edwards said prior to this contract it was incorporated into somebody's salary.

Chairman Jones said that's right.

Supervisor Edwards said as far as he was concerned he would like that to happen again.

Chairman Jones said he didn't think we were going to get anybody to volunteer to maintain the equipment.

Supervisor Edwards said no what he was saying was that before it was one of the chief deputy's jobs to do this and this \$22,000.00

Chairman Jones said he was paid that. He asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Faison said it was important that they understand the history of it. He asked Mr. Michael Johnson when this equipment was purchased.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he thought in 2005.

Supervisor Faison asked when Mr. Covington retired.

Mr. Michael Johnson said 2010.

Supervisor Faison said so during that five year period Mr. Covington was responsible for it wasn't he.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor Faison said he was paid an additional amount while he was an employee to handle this.

Mr. Michael Johnson said no but he was paid a higher rate than the people that succeeded him.

Supervisor Faison said so he got some compensation for the fact that he was doing this.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor Edwards asked if anybody had any idea what that was.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it wasn't a stipend in it was just part of his base salary, but his base salary was higher than the people that succeeded him.

Supervisor Edwards said it wasn't \$22,000.00.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it could have been. There were a number of retirements pretty close together. He was sure the savings were more than \$22,000.00 when you look at them collectively.

Supervisor West said this wasn't sufficient information here to make a decision tonight. This just tells him that someone in the Sheriff's Department is in the process of being trained in the event that a problem with the system and he is assuming sickness, illness, vacation, or whatever, so apparently with the transition of the new Sheriff someone is being trained should we not wait until this person is trained and then get with the Sheriff's Department and see how much of this has to be incorporated. Like you say Supervisor Updike if it saves \$10,000.00 it saves \$10,000.00 and then add that to the responsibilities of this person, this quote agency supervisor or whoever for the \$22,000.00. He stated he thought we would be hasty in making a decision with the limited information that we have. Due to the fact that Sheriff Stutts has a conflict tonight, we still need to be able to speak directly to him.

Chairman Jones said he didn't think we were going to be able to find anybody to volunteer.

Supervisor West said he can agree with that, but given the information we have right now we would still like to ask the Sheriff some questions.

Supervisor Updike said the question of volunteering is not the issue. When personnel are hired they are expected to do certain jobs and this should be part of the hiring. If they can't do the job just look at the lines formed for any kind of jobs this day in time – anywhere from 50 to 1,000 people looking for a job and they are volunteering; they are saying give me a job and I will do it. So this is a question of employment; if you want employment and have the ability to do the job,

we will employ you at this rate.

Supervisor West said Supervisor Updike this agency supervisor that is being trained we don't know if that person is getting a supplement to his salary presently. That needs to be found out; we don't know. We need to find out if there is already a built in increase in that salary and it says agency supervisors which means there is more than one and why tag one with the responsibility and the others go free.

Supervisor Porter said this is an item that should be put on the agenda for our committee and it should be explored.

Supervisor West said Amen.

Supervisor Phillips said to better clarify the situation let's invite the Sheriff back next month and see if it is in his schedule that he can give us updated information which would be available to that committee.

Supervisor Porter said when we get that information we will work with the Sheriff's Department to see if we can make this happen.

Supervisor West said and bring you back a report.

Supervisor Porter said yes we will bring you back a report.

Supervisor Phillips said that should be satisfactory.

Supervisor West said that will give us an opportunity and an increment possibly to save.

Supervisor Porter said so we will do that.

Chairman Jones stated so that will be taken care of.

Supervisor Updike said don't kick the can down the road for the following year.

Supervisor West said he wanted you to know that they are getting paid for this meeting.

Supervisor Updike said he realized that; they were getting paid the big bucks.

Chairman Jones stated the item of business was a request for proclamation – 11th Annual Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Powwow.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated in your agenda you see correspondence from Walt Brown, III seeking a proclamation from the Board declaring Saturday, July 28, 2012 as "Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe Day". His organization's 11th annual Powwow is scheduled for July 28-29, 2012 at the Southampton County Fairgrounds.

Chairman Jones stated we have been doing this for eleven years now. He asked if anyone had any problems with this proclamation.

mikejohnson

From: WDBrownIII@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 9:51 AM
To: mikejohnson@co.southampton.state.va.us
Cc: updikes@earthlink.net; ajarratt@franklinsouthamptonva.com
Subject: Request For Proclamation Letter Declaring Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Day
June 14, 2012

Mike:

Thanks for returning my phone call germane to our 11th Annual Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Powwow & Gathering – A Celebration of The Green Corn Harvest.

Over the past ten years the powwow has attracted “international” tourist from such places as London England, Australia, Philippines, France, Russia, Viet Nam, Switzerland, Belgium, Slovakia, Canada, and a host of other tourist from across the East and West Coast.

The 11th Annual Powwow is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 28th and 29th, 2012 at the Southampton County Fair Grounds, Courtland, VA; as such, we are respectfully requesting a proclamation from the Southampton County Board of Supervisors, via the Chairman, declaring Saturday, July 28, 2012 as “ Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County Virginia Day.”

Please let me know if there is a requirement to appear before the Board with said request.

On another NOTE: We are working very hard on “Cattashowrock Town,” a Palisade Native Village, per the description of William Byrd’s visit to the Courtland area on April 7, 1728 – in his writing he described all aspects of the Native Village, to include, how the Native People looked and dressed; to include, the Palisade Fort.

We are planning a grand opening come the third weekend of November. Friday, November, 16th and Saturday, November 17th, 2012 – Friday will be a school day (9 AM to 2 PM) and one day Powwow on Saturday (10 AM – 6PM). The event will be marketed as the “Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Intertribal Fall Festival Corn Harvest Powwow and School Day – Come see what William Byrd, Esq. saw upon his visit to “Cattashowrock Town” on April 7, 1728 here in Southampton County – an authentic Palisade Native American Village with native demonstrators. Walk or ride the Interpretative Trails, with signage identifying local Native American flora and fauna. Learn the tribe’s Iroquoian Language as recorded by John Wood, former professor of Mathematics at William & Mary College, on March 4, 1820 here in Southampton County from the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Queen / Chief Edith Turner AKA Wane Roonseraw.”

This will be a mega tourist attraction for Southampton County and the surrounding areas!

With warm regards, I remain,

Walt

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Proclamation



Whereas, the Cheroenhaka "Nottoway" Indians represent the native people who were the original inhabitants of the lands which now constitute Southampton County, Virginia; and

Whereas, several rivers and tributaries, highways, and local landmarks of Southampton County, Virginia continue to bear names which may be traced to these first inhabitants, serving as lasting reminders of their past presence and significance; and

Whereas, the Cheroenhaka "Nottoway" Indians enrich the lives of local citizens by teaching and sharing their fascinating history and culture through stories, dance, colorful costumes, and traditional foods; and

Whereas, Southampton County wishes to recognize and commend the contributions of the Cheroenhaka "Nottoway" Indians, and to join in celebrating their traditions, language and rich cultural legacy.

Now, therefore, I, Dallas O. Jones, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 28, 2012 as

Cheroenhaka "Nottoway" Indian Tribe Day

in Southampton County, Virginia and encourage all residents to participate in activities incident to this occasion.

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
Southampton County, Virginia

Supervisor West stated that Mr. Walter D. Brown, III was wanting to speak apparently.

Chairman Jones told Mr. Walter D. Brown, III to come on up to the podium.

Mr. Walter D. Brown, III of 33334 Sandy Ridge Road addressed the Board. He stated that he was Chief of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County Virginia and also the chairperson for the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Heritage Foundation which is a 501 (C) (3) federal tax exempt entity of the tribe. He stated that he enjoyed Mr. Richard Harris's points about taxes but he forgot one major tax that was tax on tea. He stated that as you are aware Chairman Jones, Mr. Michael Johnson, and Supervisor Faison have attended our powwow's before. Over the last ten to twelve years we have been diligent in going throughout the Commonwealth, North Carolina, and South Carolina spreading the word and keeping Southampton County on the front burner as the place to come and spend your tourist dollars. Over the last ten years we have had international tourists to come from such places as London England, Australia, Philippines, France, Russia, Viet Nam, Switzerland, Belgium, Slovakia, Canada, and a host of other tourist from across the East and West Coast. He stated that the 11th Annual Powwow is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 28th and 29th, 2012 at the Southampton County Fair Grounds, Courtland, VA; as

such, we are respectfully requesting a proclamation from the Southampton County Board of Supervisors, via the Chairman, declaring Saturday, July 28, 2012 as “Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County Virginia Day”. He stated they would appreciate it if the Board would do that.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any problem with this. He stated he needed a motion.

Supervisor Faison made a motion authorizing the proclamation.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item of business was item number nine – Consideration of the Write-Off of Certain Uncollectible Utility Accounts.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that our auditor (Creedle, Jones, & Alga, P.C.) has recommended that we periodically write-off certain uncollectible utility accounts so that our annual financial report doesn't overstate the accounts receivable in our enterprise fund. Attached for your reference, please find a spreadsheet containing approximately 27 water and sewer accounts, all of which have been disconnected since 2007. Despite diligent attempts by our staff to collect the accounts, most of them are now deemed uncollectible for various reasons (deceased, moved into a nursing home, moved out of state, moved with no forwarding address, etc.). The collective principal sum of the accounts is slightly less than \$4,325, but with accrued penalties and interest, is reflected in our annual audit as an accounts receivable of more than \$8,600.00. It is the recommendation of our auditor that the Board write the accounts off as bad debt to avoid overstating the enterprise revenues in the annual audit. Notwithstanding this action, should any of these customers ever return to open another account, we will collect all charges, penalties, and accrued interest through the date that the Board writes off the debt.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions about this.

Supervisor Edwards asked how long will these accounts with delinquencies be maintained.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated in perpetuity.

Supervisor Phillips made a motion to write off these accounts as bad debt.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was number ten – Consideration of Capital Improvements Plan.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that following its regular meeting in February, the Planning Commission resolved to recommend the attached 5-year Capital Improvements Plan. The recommended plan has a price tag of more than \$35.8 million and, notwithstanding a re-ordering of priorities, is very similar to last year's plan. While helpful in establishing priorities for capital projects, in its current form, the plan is weak in identifying the order of the projects and the means of financing them, and as such, is very limited as a decision making tool. Attached for your reference please find a copy of the FY 2012-2021 IP for Isle of Wight County. In their plan, they identify the specific year that a project will be funded and further identify whether the source of funding is to come from operating revenues, fund balancing or reserve, bonded debt or grants and donations. Over the next five years their overall plan totals \$129.1 million with roughly \$24 million coming from operating revenues, \$103.3 million from new debt and \$1.8 million from grants. When organized in this way, the Board can consider projects on an annual basis and make an informed decision on whether or not to proceed. With the FY 2013 operating budget just adopted, there's no rush on adopting an updated CIP. I'm recommending that it be referred back to the Planning Commission for their recommendations on the order of the projects and the sources of funding. If they can finish this work by the end of the calendar year, the updated plan may then be used as a tool for your FY 2014 budgeting process.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions on this.

Supervisor Edwards stated everything is easy except for the funding. He asked Mrs. Beth Lewis if she had any comments.

Mrs. Beth Lewis stated that Supervisor Edwards was right everything was easy except for the funding.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any further questions on this. He stated they recommended that it be sent back to the Planning Commissioners for their recommendation.

Supervisor Porter made a motion that it be sent back to the Planning Commissioners for their recommendation.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was number eleven – Southampton Franklin Transit Development Plan.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that in 2010, we partnered with the City of Franklin and Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia to obtain a federal grant to study the feasibility of a rural public transportation system. The idea was to explore opportunities to possibly expand the I-Ride Transit System which is operated by Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia (SSEVA) and began service in March 2008. Their fleet is wheelchair accessible and travels 3 fixed routes with multiple stops along the way in Courtland, Franklin, and Smithfield. Residents are able to board and ride the buses for just \$1. In addition to limited funding from the local governments, I-Ride is supported with state and federal funding, and funding from Franklin-Southampton Charities, Franklin-Southampton Area United Way, the Western Tidewater Task Force on Aging, the Obici Foundation, and fares collected from the riders. The year-long study resulted in preparation of a Transit Development Plan that was reviewed and vetted by the Planning Commission earlier this year. In short, they did not vote to recommend approval of the plan – rather, they have simply recommended acceptance of the report with further consideration to be given during the Comprehensive Plan update later this year, which will allow the plan to be further evaluated by interested citizens. We did transmit a number of documents for your reference primarily from the Planning Commission minutes from January, February and March in which you can see this item was reviewed and discussed extensively. We also have full copies of the full plan as well as copies of just the executive summary if any Board members would like to see those.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions on this transit development plan.

Supervisor West asked if all these rides basically originated from the Courtland, Newsoms, Boykins area and is there any service provide for Sedley, Ivor, or Capron.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he didn't believe that any of these fixed routes included those areas right now.

Supervisor West said he had a great deal of heartburn over this situation and he sees that it is being subsidized by a number of grant writers, givers, and supporters and that is good. However to serve only one section of the county, is unfair and he will not approve or vote for it in this way as we continue to support and provide sewage for Courtland and Boykins or Newsoms or wherever and none in Ivor or Sedley, or wherever. He said he knows that sounds like sour grapes, but it does come to equal share and equal distribution. He said he doesn't have night lights on his street and never expect to have any out there, but Mr. Ash Cutchin you do and for your \$200.00 a year maybe that is what you are getting them for he didn't know. The bottom line is he doesn't have it. This is just something that is nice. He stated he wasn't trying to be ugly about this but can we look at the possibility of getting some people involved to see if it can be transferred to or given an opportunity for people other than Courtland, Boykins, or Newsoms to expand the whole county.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor West if he had looked at 11-37.

Supervisor West said he had looked at most of the information.

Chairman Jones said look down almost at the last paragraph and you will see where Planning

Commission Chairman Drake did address the same issue.

Supervisor West said so that answered my question.

Supervisor Edwards told Supervisor West that the Planning Commission did not pass this they tabled it to go through the comprehensive plan process for next year. There will be four town meetings. These people will be represented and it should be advertised so that people who have concerns with it should attend the meetings.

Supervisor West asked if it was the mayors responsibility to announce this and prepare this up front.

Supervisor Edwards said he wasn't sure.

Mrs. Beth Lewis says as she understands Senior Services has changed the plan and there is no longer a fixed route in Courtland. In the plan it talked about a change that they were considering dividing the county into three sections and having a demand response on certain days of the week for the whole county – the north section, the central section, and the southern section. As she understands if they haven't already they will very soon do away with the Courtland route and it will all be demand response. You will call Senior Services by say 10:00 am and they will pick you up that afternoon depending on what day of the week. It might be Monday that they service the north end of the county, Wednesday the middle of the county, and Friday the southern part of the county and then on Tuesday and Thursday the whole county, but it is all demand response. If they haven't already done away with the fixed route in Courtland, they will do it in a short period of time.

Supervisor West asked if we could involve the mayors in this opportunity or send it back to the Planning Commission to prioritize or what.

Supervisor Edwards said it will come in the comprehensive plan recommendation. The Planning Commission also was aware of some financial concerns. They were concerned if we get in step 1 or 2 will it require more money and will it be more money every year. Those questions need to be asked so we are going to look at it very thoroughly.

Supervisor West said just as Mr. Richard Harris has pointed out and saw a license plate from out of state at a dump site which he reported to Mr. Michael Johnson today he also stated that he had heard of one person riding the transit system for whatever purpose wherever they wanted to go and wherever the trip was and he has heard this happens more often than not. He asked if anybody wanted to substantiate any data on that.

Supervisor Porter said he hated to be the Grinch but he will. He attended the hearing the Planning Commission held and he got a booklet with the proposal and he looked at the numbers. You know using their numbers the cost of transporting one person from Courtland to Wal-Mart and back is \$100.00. That is quite shocking. Their average trip cost is \$50.00. For \$50.00 you could call up a cab. It would be more economical to have some private cabs in the county and call them up and get them to pick the people up, carry them to Wal-Mart, and bring them back. This thing makes no sense. Economically it is just a money pit. He stated he knew different people put money in it, but it was a money pit. If we have a need for this type of service, there has got to be a better model to do it. There has got to be a more economical model. It just doesn't make any sense to have a bus service that costs \$50.00 a trip just to take somebody seven or eight miles.

Supervisor Edwards said he agreed. He stated that Supervisor Porter has reiterated the points that the Planning Commission had. The Planning Commission had a lot of suspicions, a lot of fears, a lot of questions, and that is the reason they didn't pass it on.

Supervisor West said that is what he wanted to know and he thinks that is makes sense and even incorporating these other areas will make it even less suspicious. It may not be a program that is feasible in any shape, form, or fashion.

Supervisor Updike said he was at the Planning Commission also and what really bothers him is that the program has been going on for six years and they didn't know where the people were,

where the service is needed. They didn't have any idea on these things so maybe we need to investigate them as to where we wanted to go. You mean to tell me you have been running this program for almost six years and don't know where your clientel is out here. He just hopes they come up with a better plan before we pass anything.

Supervisor West asked Mr. Michael Johnson in addition to the local funding from local governments if he had off the top of his head what that funding was.

Mr. Michael Johnson said \$6,350.00 a year.

Supervisor Edwards said one of the other problems, Supervisor West is that we had no assurance that once we got in it that we could get out of it.

Supervisor Updike said in Franklin where they are doing all the services about half of those making contributions got little or no service from them.

Supervisor West said this thing stinks from the get go. It does serve a purpose, but as Supervisor Porter referred to the Grinch he would hate to throw money, the \$6,350.00 into it in addition to local charities and things when you are in an unknowing situation as to where they are providing services.

Supervisor Porter said this is charity gone a mock.

Chairman Jones asked if they wanted to send this back to the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Edwards said the Planning Commission had the same concerns as this Board voiced tonight. There is no division among these.

Supervisor West asked is there something we could discuss with them that would make a difference.

Supervisor Edwards said as far as he was concerned it was on life support.

Chairman Jones asked if there was a consensus that it be sent back to the Planning Commission.

Supervisor West made a motion that they refer it back t the Planning Commission for further consideration during the Comprehensive Plan update process later this year.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones called for item number twelve – Miscellaneous.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated item A was a request for proposals for general engineering services. As directed last month, he published the solicitation notice for the General Engineering Services RFP in the Richmond Times Dispatch on Sunday, June 10. Based on response thus far, he anticipates receiving 15 to 20 proposals, which are due July 11. He stated he would like to set up a meeting with Supervisor(s) Edwards and Updike soon thereafter to discuss the evaluation process as prescribed by the Virginia Public Procurement Act and distribute their copies.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any comments.

Supervisor Edwards said if this meets your approval this is something the community wanted to be involved with. He stated he thought he and Supervisor West had talked about it a little bit. He said certainly he and Supervisor Updike did and they would like to get some local expertise on this. He said they had the following volunteers: Mr. Hunter Darden, Mr. Ash Cutchin, Mr. Jimmy Lee, and Mr. Jack Randall and of course Mr. Michael Johnson will be our leader on this to look at the proposals we get and see if we are getting the best bang for our buck.

Chairman Jones said so we have this under control.

Supervisor West asked if there was any action that needed to be taken now.

Mr. Michael Johnson said we will just need to set up that meeting pretty quickly after July 11.

Supervisor Edwards said he just wanted to make that information public and get it out in the open; and if anybody else has anyone who wants to volunteer tell them to come on.

Chairman Jones stated we would move on to the next miscellaneous item

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item B is the VaCo Annual Meeting. The Virginia Association of Counties has announced its 2012 annual meeting dates of November 11-13 at the Homestead in Bath County. The theme of this year's conference is, "Waves of Change: Oceans of Opportunity". Included in your agenda you will see a number of topics that will be discussed at that conference. Your FY 2013 budget does include \$3,000 for Board travel and education. The estimated cost of attendance is approximately \$1,000 per member, which includes registration, lodging, and mileage. He is opened to your direction, if anyone would like to attend.

Chairman Jones asked what the Board thought.

Supervisor Updike said you know his opinion on this; we don't have the funds to do this. The maximum he would even consider would be one person to go and bring back information. He thought \$3,000.00 was out of the question on their restricted funds. He just didn't think they can afford to send three people to the conference. He said if two or three people wanted to go they could split up a \$1,000.00 at the most.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Edwards said he didn't see a whole lot on this list that we really need to study this year. He said one of the items on the agenda was maintaining civility in board meetings; he stated we hadn't had any fights up here yet. Other items are budget and finance issues and The Virginia Retirement System. He thought they were all familiar with that. Another item is going paperless: pros and cons; he said we have already gone through that. He said if they were going to tighten the screws on everybody else he thought they needed to consider doing that on themselves.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments. He stated we would move on to the next item.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item C was the abstract of votes from the June 12th primary. Item D is various items of incoming and outgoing correspondence. Item E is a number of notices from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Virginia Department of Health. Item F is news articles which may be of interest. He stated he would be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Michael Johnson on any of these items.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any late arriving matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated no sir.

Supervisor Faison said he had received a letter from Jackie Robertson concerning a "Children at Play" sign.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he sent Mr. Robertson a letter telling him what the process is last week after he received his letter so hopefully he will respond before next month.

Supervisor West asked if that was on his side of the road or what.

Supervisor Faison said he didn't know; he wasn't sure.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it was on Vicksville Road.

Supervisor West asked if it was on the right side or the left side.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it was on both sides of the road.

Supervisor West said both sides are involved then. He stated he had looked and couldn't identify the number.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was the citizens comment period.

Mr. Ash Cutchin of Darden Mill Estates addressed the Board. He said he would like to compliment them on this VaCo meeting. If you don't need to go then you don't need to spend the \$3,000.00. He said he knew having been a member of several committees in the past that just networking with other people can produce some benefits. So if you can figure out how to send maybe just one person and spend \$1,000.00 that would be the way to go. He said he was going to look Supervisor West in the eye when he says that the street light on his street wasn't put there for him. He didn't request it. It is there and he is aware that it is there. He thought it was a requirement of the subdivision ordinance. When his street was extended he didn't think that more lots could be sold unless he put up street lights so he installed them. He just didn't want people to think that he had his own private street lights that the tax payers pay for.

Supervisor West said he understood. He thanked him.

Mr. Ash Cutchin asked if it is required by the sub-division ordinance, right.

Mrs. Beth Lewis stated yes it is required.

Mr. Spier Edwards of Boykins addressed the Board. He stated that he was the Mayor and citizen of the Town of Boykins. He is here tonight to represent the other Mayors in our county. They are asking us to schedule a meeting with the Mayors to discuss the resolution that all the towns gave you in 1985 that we would not pre-empt a future consumer utility tax unless the county would then pay for our solid waste disposal. He is asking that you give us a meeting to go over the situation.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions for Mr. Spier Edwards.

Supervisor West asked if everyone has a copy of that.

Supervisor Updike said no.

Chairman Jones asked Mr. Michael Johnson if he knew about this.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he did know about it.

Supervisor Phillips asked how do we handle the mechanics of this.

Mr. Michael Johnson said you would need to set up a meeting time. He stated the easiest thing to do would be to continue tonight's meeting if you are going to do it in the next thirty days because don't you have to publish a special notice to do those kind of things.

Chairman Jones asked when would you want to do it – what would be a good time.

Mr. Spier Edwards said he thought they needed all the Mayors to be here at that particular time for the meeting.

Chairman Jones asked Mr. Spier Edwards how long he would need to notify them.

Mr. Spier Edwards said he could notify them in the next day or two.

Chairman Jones said I think what he is asking is to give us a couple of specific dates.

Mr. Michael Johnson said if you are going to continue the meeting you need to do it tonight. There is a statutory process called a "special meeting" which of course involves a little more expense.

Supervisor Porter said what if we add it to the next meeting.

Mr. Michael Johnson said you just make a motion at the end of your meeting to continue the meeting until a certain date, place, and time.

Supervisor West asked how about two weeks from tonight.

Chairman Jones asked about having it after this meeting.

Mr. Richard Railey said then you don't need to continue.

Chairman Jones said we will continue it until our next meeting.

Mr. Spier Edwards asked that the date of the next meeting was.

Mr. Michael Johnson said July 23 at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Charles Turner, Division Superintendent of Southampton County Public Schools addressed the Board. He stated that he resides at 25427 Woodland Park Circle, Courtland, Virginia and he lives in the Jerusalem District. He said he was making his final plea tonight for the carryover monies in the amount of \$530,000.00. To give you an update of where we are as a result of not having received those funds they have had to lay off 22 persons and 2 persons resigned for a total of 24 persons as a result of not receiving the funds thus far. He wanted to share this with you because it is interesting in talking about eliminating and cutting. This year thus far they have eliminated 20 teaching positions and 30 support positions for a total of 50 positions for the upcoming school year. Two years ago in 2010 they eliminated 19 teaching positions. So in that time period from 2010 until now they have eliminated 69 positions. He wanted to clarify that there have been sacrifices. They have been cutting as they have gone through this process so again he asked you, as you all have talked several times, to adhere to the commitment that was made in January where if we demonstrated the need for the \$530,000 that we could come back to you. These layoffs are documents of need so he is coming back to you tonight that you would consider returning the \$530,000 to the school system so that they could continue to employ these persons. It is more than just employment it is a substance provided to children, so he asked you again tonight Mr. Chairman and that is his request. Thank you.

Chairman Dallas Jones stated that it had been a pleasure working with Mr. Charles Turner during that period that he had been the School Superintendent.

Mr. Charles Turner thanked Chairman Jones. He said he told people all the time that he would not have rather done anything else than he had these last 13 years well actually the last 23 because the previous ten he was the assistant Superintendent. He stated that Southampton County was a great county. He said he made the point to someone today. He said we are going through some times today right now that more difficult than any time else. As he has said to you before working together will make a difference and he is proud of Southampton County Schools. He said I will say to you the Southampton County Board of Supervisors we don't always see it the same way because we have two different perspectives, but the final analysis is the same as that is the betterment of Southampton County Public Schools. I contend that a school system has the responsibility in their area to make sure the children are getting a quality education that enhances the entire situation. He said gentlemen it has been my pleasure and he has enjoyed standing as Superintendent and working with the Southampton County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor West asked if he could ask a question.

Chairman Jones said yes go right ahead.

Supervisor West said the request for the \$530,000, is that indication from you a verbal commitment that you would reinstate those 22 persons.

Mr. Charles Turner said oh absolutely, absolutely.

Supervisor West said so that is the purpose or use of the request.

Mr. Charles Turner said yes that is my desire Supervisor West because we can put those instructional persons back to work and it is very significant in our overall program; so that is the desire and what we would do. We need it very, very desperately.

Supervisor West asked if there was additional funding that you are expecting. He asked have you heard from the grapevine or pipeline from Richmond or the Federal Government that you would be receiving any additional funds.

Mr. Charles Turner said no they had checked very thoroughly and there is no funding coming. In matter of fact they received about \$20,000.00 short of what they were expecting to get. So they don't anticipate any other funding. Not receiving what they were expecting is also going to have an effect on them. In terms of additional funding, no sir they aren't expecting any.

Supervisor West asked weren't we kicking the can further down the road if we give back the \$530,000.

Mr. Charles Turner said we will be back in a similar situation, but the children will benefit for another year, the county will benefit one more year. We don't know what is going to happen down the road so any help we can get right now will be very important to us because we can always hope and anticipate that something might come along. It is the current impact that is so very important for us.

Supervisor West said he had one more question, please.

Mr. Charles Turner said sure.

Supervisor West said you have taken the 22 or 24 positions with 2 resignations apparently from the bottom up. He asked (and he is not saying you sir) if there were any considerations from the top down speaking primarily of administrative or supervisory. The least resistance appears to be the ones that were affected rather than perhaps an assistant this or an assistant that if you follow what I'm saying.

Mr. Charles Turner said I know exactly what you are saying Supervisor West. One of the things that happens and that is a good question from an outside perspective but when you look at the whole situation and you study what you are doing and what you are trying to do there looks like there may be a situation where we are overstaffed administratively, but that is not true. Actually we are under what the State requires of them. One of the reasons that this is so significant right now is that if you watch what is happening in education right now we are going through a transformation and that transformation requires a great deal based upon the requirements and expectations and everyone has to be in place in order to make that take place. All of us persons are very significant in relationship to what we did look at that. They looked at that very careful. He wants you to know that they didn't arbitrarily do that kind of thing, not to suggest that you are thinking that.

Supervisor West said he didn't know the reasons, but some of the most effected persons were support and less tenure, etc.

Mr. Charles Turner said they looked at several things because they thought this money was forthcoming. Regardless of what happens he wanted to share this with you tonight. A school budget is very complex. Within the budget there is not as much stretch ability as in the private sector because of certain and specific kinds of mandates, because of some supervisory responsibilities. There are many specifics in a school budget that are mandated where we don't have any control over. There is some state funding that comes into play with some of these positions also. It is very complex. It is not as simple as it might appear. It is complex and we operate under mandates very severely. He said he appreciated the question.

Supervisor West said one of the things we tossed around the other day was looking at

transportation by the Franklin School System and the Southampton School System and looking at the potential for consideration of one chief and supervisors for both instead of having those lapping and overlapping so it is not a threat sir, excuse me I didn't go there. That was one of the cost effective things they could look at to see if there was any potential for savings.

Mr. Charles Turner said one of the things that you may not be aware of because not many people are but there is already some of that going on. We participate in two Governor's Schools – one is the Appomattox Regional Governor's School in Petersburg and the other is the Norfolk Governor's School of the Arts. We transport Franklin's students with our students to Norfolk. Franklin transports our students with their students to Petersburg so that is one of the ways we found we could save some money and we have been doing that. Not many people are aware of it, but he did want to mention that and it works out very favorably. It works out favorably for both of us as a matter of fact.

Supervisor West thanked Mr. Charles Turner for sharing that information.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak.

Mr. Bill Worsham of 12685 Appleton Road in the Berlin/Ivor District addressed the Board. He said he knew it was past budget time and that it had created a lot of headaches and heartburn for everybody. It was a very tough budget year. He knew that a lot of decisions were made that probably you didn't like and the people sitting out here didn't like. He said he was going to offer something tonight or make a suggestion that could make more of you and more of us aware about what is going on. Three big issues in the county have always been the Turner Tract, the water treatment plant, and the purchase of the International Paper forestry building. If there is some way the Board could report on the status of those things just so the public knows what is going on he thinks it will stop that back and forth bickering or whatever you want to call it about what is going on with those three areas. He thinks if the public understood more about what is happening for example he heard the Turner Tract is pretty well up and going, but you all didn't mention that tonight even though I think it is just general knowledge. He thinks mentioning something about it would ease the heartburns and headaches that people have over this. Another thing if there is some way you can go to the departments and have them report on their budget status month to month he thought they would get a better handle on how the money is being spent, how much is going to be left, and you get a better idea when you get down to March and April how much you are going to have to turn down or give. He said he thought that would ease a lot of the problems that you have with the budget cycle. Again this year was tough; last year was tough but this year was tougher. These are just some suggestions that he has as a citizen that he wanted to present to you to see if you would consider them. He thinks they will get a lot of appreciation from the public. Thank you.

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Bill Worsham.

Supervisor Edwards said he would like to make a comment. He said I think you are exactly right. People fear things when they don't know the whole story. He thinks even with this \$200.00 garbage tax or whatever you want to call it, he thinks that if it had been explained more and it's probably their fault, there would have been less problems with it.

Mrs. Amy Lehman of Garris Mill Road addressed the Board. She said her primary reason for speaking tonight is to set a good example for her daughter. She said she holds a lot of opinions that are probably not the most popular in this county but before she came to Southampton seven years ago they had a dairy farm in Chesapeake. They sold the cows and moved out here where the living was good. As an ex-farmer she does understand the land use tax situation. Farmers don't have it easy that is why she is no longer milking cows twice a day. She would like to see them take a look at the farm use tax again because as her eleven year old pointed out to her that the only people in the county who are generating a profit from their property are the only people who are getting a tax break. It doesn't make a lot of fiscal sense. She thinks that is something that should be looked at again if you are going to treat everybody in the county the same and fair across the board. She doesn't see why it would be a problem to suspend that benefit for a year or two until we could get caught up. Another thing we would like to hear more about is jobs. There are so many people in need in this county, but where are the businesses. She asked where is the initiative to bring more businesses into the county to employ our citizens. She hasn't heard

anything about that yet. The only thing she is hearing about is more taxation of our people. It is frustrating for her with an eleven year old to understand that this is the way that things work. She wants to know why more people don't know what is going on in the government. You can look around and see the number of people participating dwindling down from month to month. It is hard for me to explain this to her too. This is the vineyard for people to come and speak and that is why we are here tonight.

Supervisor Edwards said he asked you one question – how many times have you been here in the last year.

Mrs. Amy Lehman said she had been to all but one or two meetings.

Supervisor Edwards said this is public meeting, Planning Commission this is public. I don't think you can criticize people.

Mrs. Amy Lehman said I'm not criticizing you.

Supervisor Edwards said I don't think you can criticize people for not informing you if you don't come to the meetings. It is up to you. You are welcome to come to every meeting and doing just like you are doing tonight asking questions. So he is going to invite you to every meeting.

Chairman Jones said you were talking about businesses. He said we cannot discuss business with our citizens until the businesses tell us so. If we have a business coming or looking at us we cannot say one word about things until they tell us.

Mrs. Amy Lehman

Chairman Jones said we don't mean to keep you in the dark, but we cannot talk about something that we don't know about definitely.

Mrs. Amy Lehman said it is incredibly frustrating that everything we hear is about cutting and cutting and cutting – where is the financial growth for the community; where is this going to come from. You can't tax the people to death. You can't rely on income taxes from people who don't have a job. You get no income tax if there is no income.

Supervisor Edwards said there is another thing you can do that is join several of these people out here in the audience who are members of the citizens group that meets which is called Citizens for Concerned Government. That would be something that you need to do also. They are right behind you. You can join up, they have meetings and talk about problems and you need to get your neighbors who don't know what is going on to get them to join these organizations. They are available.

Mrs. Amy Lehman said she didn't come here to condemn and she apologizes if that is the way it came across.

Supervisor Edwards said I'm not condemning you; I'm just saying there are all these opportunities.

Mrs. Amy Lehman said I see that and you see that I am here and I brought my daughter here and I'm setting the example for her. It is just frustrating to me that people don't understand, and she and Supervisor Faison had talked about this, and know that they can pick up the phone and call him if they have a question or concern. They don't realize that it is their right. There is one other thing that she wanted to say that has been bothering her at many of these meetings not just tonight and that is she really does resent the attitude of asking people to do more with less. When you ask people who are already doing a job to take on more duties you are asking them to sacrifice themselves for whatever good. When I have a job you compensate me for my time and my knowledge and how do I know I'm appreciated – it's by the compensation that you give me. I would never ask somebody to do more with less and that is all she has to say about that.

Chairman Jones thanked her.

Mrs. Linda Vick of Newsoms, Virginia addressed the Board. She said she would like to review several things that have been said tonight and one of them is starting off with the private sector is doing good – have you all heard that comment on TV lately. The private sector is doing good. It is one of the slams that Romney has against Obama. Well she is here to tell you that the private sector is not doing good on her end of the county. As she had told you before she owns a trailer park out there and she wants to give you some figures tonight. There are 41 lots out there and at this time there are six vacant and ten people are behind in their rent – they have not paid for this month. One of those has been evicted this month because he could not pay. There are a number of people out there that are on housing and a number of people that are on food stamps. You all heard the figures tonight so she wants this little girl back here tonight (she can't remember her name) her taxes are being assessed 64% higher this year than they were last year. She has got to come up with 64% more money this year to pay the county which is going to be very difficult considering what is going on because people can't pay their rent. They don't have jobs and they do not have financing to pay. She is asking us out of this \$200.00 that we are collecting go by her figures and consider out of 41 lots that you might not get 20 that are going to pay you that \$200.00. Please do not go and spend money that you are not going to collect out of this \$200.00. She said she wanted to commend the Board on the effort that they are making to save the citizens money. One of the main things that she heard you discuss tonight is this fee that the retired Sheriff is getting of \$22,000.00. This job has been held by a deputy for years as an added responsibility that he had. Deputy Francis told me that he did this job himself for years and he was not paid extra for it; it was just his responsibility. This can be a deputy's responsibility as part of his work and not extra pay. Things like that which are being brought out really need to be considered. Last year she sat at a meeting and heard the Board spend \$29,000 to tear down houses in the town of Newsoms that helped no one. That should have been that tax payer's responsibility. To tear those houses down and sell those lots was not the Board's responsibility. Please do not accept responsibilities that are not yours. Please do not tax the citizens of this county for mistakes like this added \$22,000.00 a year to pay somebody for a job that an ordinary deputy can go in there and do that job. I commend you for wanting to study this, but you really, really need to cut back on spending as much as you can. Take my figures and these that were put in the paper about how many people are on government assistance, how many people are on food stamps, and how many people are on welfare. She knows she has had to turn off two men for doing repair work at her trailer park because she cannot afford to hire with the returns that she is having at this point. Look at the businesses in Boykins that have shut down. There have been several over there that we have lost. There are going to be several others that shut down. Narricot is not running at full speed and has not been doing so for several months. She knows that maybe some parts of the county are booming, but they are not booming where they are. You go to Franklin and you hear the people say we don't have the business we used to have. It's nowhere in the county – maybe at Wal-Mart or the Dollar Store. People are shopping the Dollar Store. Look at the Dollar Store returns and the price of their stock. She is commending you for studying as much as you can to try to save us a dollar. She stated she does appreciate it.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Hunter Darden of 19311 Rosemont Road, Sedley, Virginia addressed the Board. He said you are going to enjoy this one. He said he considers himself a Sedley resident. He said he was a little bothered when you all were talking about the trash. He said he thought that they needed to realize that everybody in this county is not able to buy what some folks throw away at the trash. He said he is a scavenger for other people. He said he knew people that like to read and people set books out at the dump. You talking about iron; there is no excuse for iron to go in those trash boxes. There is no excuse when you have got a man in the county willing to put iron trash boxes at our dump sites. Our trash attendants shouldn't let bicycles, washing machines, refrigerators be thrown in the dump so he is saying if the attendant wants to do anything he needs to watch every vehicle and watch what they throw in. A scavenger to him would be someone that goes and opens your garbage bag and reads your mail, but a scavenger who reaches in there and pulls out clothes or something (because there are boxes of them thrown away) to carry to people that can't afford to buy it. He said he doesn't like the word scavenging, but there is good stuff thrown away at the dump and anything that you can get out of there (iron and whatnot) is a tax savings for the people here. So he really doesn't like that word, but you all can figure out which trash dump he goes to, but he thinks the folks there work well with people because you can go there and see stuff sitting beside the fence. They will go in the box if you want it and you can carry it home. Well the tax payers are not paying for it and you may be able to help somebody that needs a bicycle. So he

would like for you when you are clarifying that if an attendant can set it out for you then he is a county employee and we wouldn't be scavenging. Thank you.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Gary Cross addressed the Board. He said he would like to thank them for letting people like him who can't sit back there and be quiet have an opportunity to come up here and voice what you have been talking about all night. He said he would be real quick. At the top of line, Supervisor Updike, just be careful. He said he would try to come to the public hearing on no through trucks in the county on these certain roads. He said he would like to let you know and we will talk about it some more, but he sat on his thumbs when the City of Franklin said no through trucks. He said he didn't think it affected him until Perdue measured the miles to his farm one day and put him and a bunch of other producers out of business. He said Mr. Michael Johnson helped them work diligently to find another company to come in here and help them raise chickens but they never did. Be particular at a time when we need businesses to come into the county how you restrict no through trucks. Reducing speed is one thing, but telling them they can't come put him out of business. The loss of raising chickens costs him \$60,000.00 a year. The solid lines on the hill is a great thing. For those of you who know him very well, he lost his mother in a head on collision on a blind hill in Isle of Wight County in 1987. It was only after that the state decided to cut that hill so you could see across it. Double lines on all of these hills should be mandated by a fine VDOT department. He said that last year you gave the man in charge of all these dump sites a mighty nice raise and it sounds like to him that he is not doing his job Supervisor Updike if you have people coming in from outside the county and not having good assistance at the dump. We do have some good people at the dumps, but we have some trifling ones as well. Transportation is just what you said Supervisor Porter, it is something gone crazy. It is just more entitlements that we as a whole county right now are paying with tax dollars which we shouldn't have to do. He said he just doesn't think we need to run buses throughout the county. We should have not done a thing about that Chairman Jones. The Planning Commission doesn't need to hear anything about that. They beat that dog to death. He stated he was a victim of the Tidewater News. He said he would go on line and read the comments and responses, and every now and then he would stick one in there himself. You all have taken a lot of bad static over what you have had to do with this last budget. He had said he was going to write a little editorial or part in the paper and he hasn't gotten to it yet, but he wanted to publicly thank them for the efforts they had made to try to get us heading down the right road. This \$200.00 thing (he is already paying his fair share) he doesn't want to pay it but if it helps this county he is going to try to do it. We have talked about it a lot tonight. There are a lot of people who aren't going to be able to pay that \$200.00. You are probably hoping that money is coming that is not going to be able to get there. Personally he just wanted to thank them publicly tonight for the efforts they did make and how deep you dove into this budget like no other he had ever seen before since he had been actively watching this Board. As far as he is concerned you did as good a job as you could with what you had to work with. As far as the woman who brought her daughter here tonight, more people need to do that. He said he didn't mind sitting with her as a representative of Farm Bureau and explain to her the land use taxation anytime she wants to learn more about it. She should be commended as well. More of our students in the county need to attend these government business meetings to see how we function; so we don't end up one day not having anybody sitting in the seats that you are in. Thank you.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Chairman Jones stated that at this time it is necessary to have a closed meeting.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that it is necessary for the Board to conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the provisions set out in the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended for the following purposes:

1. Pursuant to Section 2-2-3711 (A) (5), to receive a report from Southampton Economic Development, Inc. regarding prospective industries where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating its facilities in the community;
2. Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3), discussion regarding acquisition of certain utility easements along New Market and Rose Valley Road(s) where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the governing body.

Supervisor Edwards read the certification resolution.

RESOLUTION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Southampton County Board of Supervisors had convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southampton County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed and considered by the Southampton County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to go back into open session.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Supervisors Voting Aye: Dallas O. Jones
Barry Porter
Glen Updike
Carl J. Faison
Alan Edwards
Ronald M. West
Bruce Phillips**

Supervisors Voting Nay: None

Chairman Jones stated that they did not discuss anything that was not on the agenda.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else to come before them.

Supervisor West stated you might want to consider Mr. Charles Turner's request to return the \$530,000 to the schools.

Supervisor Edwards said that as far as he was concerned the budget is already set and his return was considered.

Supervisor Porter said he agreed. When they were working on the budget they looked at all sorts of ways of funding it but they struggled to find money. When you look at our reserve and reserve is expected to be \$4 million dollars and it is a million dollars less than what the minimum should be. The minimum should be \$5.2 million dollars. So if we take another half million dollars out of the reserve in an emergency what are we going to do. We are already below the minimum that we need to be at. We just don't have the money. He stated he was sorry that we couldn't give them more money, but we just don't have the money.

Supervisor Edwards said we have kicked this can down the road for years, and years, and years and where is it going to come from next year. It's at \$530,000 it could be \$600,000 next year. It is not there. Nobody likes to lay off people but enough is enough.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Updike said he thought we ought to vote on it and inform Mr. Charles Turner. Personally he just doesn't see how they can afford to give them the additional funds that he requested.

Supervisor West said before when this was brought up he asked a question and he remembers the question pretty well and that was did this end the conversation that the \$530,000 would not be considered at all and I was told no. He emphatically said and you said the same thing Supervisor Porter. He feels some moral obligation to this money that it was money that he could have used in another way. We have never required him to use it in instruction or this or that or whatever. Here is \$530,000.00. I think he felt like that night that all he had to do was come back with that justification and if he said to you tonight I have to have five school buses what would you have said. The same thing or what would you have said. He feels like that Mr. Charles Turner felt like he would get the money as he had typically done and he feels like we are not upholding our end of the bargain.

Supervisor Porter said he disagreed.

Supervisor Edwards said he did too.

Supervisor Porter said he felt like Mr. Charles Turner got it back in the budget money they gave him. If we didn't have that in the reserves we would have had to cut more money out of the budget and he definitely would have cut more out of the school budget because it is a bigger heap. So you can't say that. You can't compartmentalize parts of the budget process because we didn't do that.

Supervisor West said he was satisfied Supervisor Porter and he apologized for saying Barry a minute ago. He was satisfied tonight when he said it would literally be extending it one more year. That is no justification for passing the \$530,000. He said he felt let down at that point as to say that there is no plan out there other than kick the old can one more year; therefore he is saying this. He said but then he does remember the conversation and he remembers the comment that he made because he was willing at that point to make it publicly clear this is it, don't come back, this is all over. He still had the feeling that their way of viewing it was like come on back if you can justify it. That is why I am saying this.

Supervisor Porter said he also said at that time that there were going to be budget issues and money needed in this next budget.

Supervisor West said you did.

Supervisor Porter said he also said they may need that money to fund their budget next year and we did and that is where we used that money.

Supervisor Edwards said these people have already been laid off have they not. They have already gotten their pink slips.

Supervisor West said I assume so.

Supervisor Faison said they have got them.

Supervisor Edwards said so what are we talking for then; they are gone. You know you just can't keep expanding the budget. We have got a budget and we have got to stick to it. If we keep expanding it next year we are going to be looking at the \$530,000 plus another \$70,000 for \$600,000 – where are we going to get it.

Supervisor West said he realized that.

Supervisor Porter said when we have this meeting with Mr. Spier Edwards he is going to want us to exempt all the towns people from paying this \$200.00 fee. We can't do that either.

Supervisor West said yeah.

Supervisor Porter said we just don't have the money.

Supervisor Phillips said we still have the committee – what the 451.

Supervisor Edwards said the 451 guys.

Supervisor Phillips said we have got to find that 451 before we do anything else.

Supervisor Porter said that is right.

Supervisor Edwards said that is correct.

Supervisor Phillips said so do we need a resolution.

Supervisor Porter said we don't need anything unless someone makes a motion to do it.

Supervisor West said for the record tonight I really need you to explain because I remember that process that night.

Chairman Jones said it was discussed.

Supervisor West said it was discussed.

Supervisor Porter we talked about leaving the money in there for next year's budget and as far as he is concerned when they did the budget they considered all the services they had and we struggled and we still have that half a million dollar hole we have got to fill.

Supervisor Updike made a motion that Mr. Charles Turner be denied the request and that he be informed of such.

Supervisor Porter said I would just tell him we discussed it and we decided to stay with the original budget. You made the motion so that is your right. I think we had a discussion on it and I don't think we have to make a motion on what we are doing tonight.

Chairman Jones said it's not going to change anything.

Mr. Richard Railey said see if you get a second to the motion first.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion. He said he thought they ought to vote on it.

Chairman Jones asked if there was any other discussion.

Supervisor Faison said he would like to see the schools get all they could, but he understood the position they were in and it hurts.

Supervisor West said that would be his synopsis exactly. He sees the need and feels the need, but the \$451,000 has got to be dug out first and then we will not be in any better shape as it looks right now. Perhaps things will get better with the opening of the Turner Tract, but right now we don't see it. So he agrees, the reserve has to stay because we can't go into a spending period – the funds just aren't there.

Chairman Jones said it has been moved and properly seconded that we will not return \$530,000.

Supervisor Porter said that is not what it was. The motion was to deny Mr. Charles Turner's request for an additional \$530,000. He said he objects to using language that we are returning something. We aren't returning something.

Supervisor Edwards said right.

Chairman Jones said it has been moved and properly seconded that we have denied Mr. Charles Turner's request for additional funding that he asked for. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else.

Supervisor Updike said he would like to make a suggestion. We have a new school superintendent that is coming in and he would like to see an invitation given to her to come before the Board and let us hear her views of the direction she is planning to take with the schools and her philosophy on working with us.

Supervisor West said he thought we would have that opportunity in August.

Supervisor Updike said he thought it would be an omission not to extend that invitation saying we want to work with you.

Supervisor Edwards asked if the School Board was going to sponsor a little get together or social event that would give an introduction to this woman.

Supervisor Updike said he hadn't heard of anything.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he was not aware of anything.

Supervisor Edwards said that seemed the proper thing for them to do would be have a social event and invite everybody.

Chairman Jones asked if they had gotten a new school board chairman yet.

Mr. Michael Johnson said not that he was aware of. He said he would say this. Keep in mind that the superintendent works for the School Board. The superintendent really doesn't direct policy. They are all school board functions so in all due respect Supervisor Updike I'm not sure you will get a lot out of the superintendent. Their response will be I'm going to follow the direction that the School Board leads.

Supervisor Edwards said he thinks the School Board pretty much follows what the superintendent has done here. He said I will have to disagree with you, Mr. Michael Johnson. From what I have seen here I think the superintendent pretty much calls the shots.

Supervisor Updike said they expect us to follow their leader and they expect the administration to provide this type of leadership and he or she tells them what to do basically. That was just a suggestion. He didn't know what anybody else thinks.

Supervisor Edwards said he thought the Board ought to extend a hand out to the new superintendent.

Chairman Jones said we can extend a hand out and invite her to a meeting, but she might not reveal what she is going to do. He thought she needed to get in there first and find out what the

board wants her to do.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he thought if they were going to extend an invitation that it ought to go to the School Board not the superintendent.

Supervisor Faison said he agreed.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the superintendent works for the School Board otherwise the School Board might see this as somebody trying to do an end run around them.

Supervisor Edwards said you are right. Go through the proper channels. He thinks we ought to be proactive on this and extend a hand and let them know that we realize that times are tough and we are willing to work with you. Get off on the right foot.

Mr. Richard Railey said there is another reason to do that. We have had two new members on the school board and I think we need to get acquainted with them.

Mr. Michael Johnson said one of the things the 451 committee has talked about is asking the school board to appoint a couple of members to meet regularly with them to talk about opportunities to improve efficiencies, reduce costs, and that may be the better form to really get down into the dollar.

Chairman Jones said so we will let them know they can come any time they get ready just like Mr. Charles Turner does. He showed up at most of the meetings. He hadn't missed very many. She has the same opportunity.

Supervisor Edwards said many times we get to viewing the School Board and Superintendent as sort of an adversarial type relationship at times but that is how the state has it set up. They are doing it to protect their turf and we are doing it to protect ours and it has been going on for a long time so you can't fault them for protecting their own turf because we are doing the same thing.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else to come before the Board.

Supervisor Porter said at the right time I guess we do need to ask the new school board after they are settled in to join this 451 committee. He said again he thinks there are services that the county and the school board can share. There are other models out there that we know of that they do that in the state. We can improve efficiencies and any funds that we can free up they should understand is more money for the classroom.

Supervisor Edwards said he thought maybe the school board had drifted apart a little bit as far as getting together on our ideas. He thought it was a good idea to intermingle and let everybody know we are on the same team.

Supervisor Porter said maybe if Mr. Michael Johnson mentioned that for us.

Supervisor West said he had one question. He wanted to know when was the break out for the new age computers.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he hasn't scheduled it yet, but Ms. Sandi Plyler has got the computers here and is loading the software on them and getting them ready. We will be in touch soon. The idea is to have them rolled out next month.

Supervisor West said we are going to sit here with the computer in front of us.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is the way it is supposed to work.

Supervisor West said and Chairman Jones is going to be able to figure this out.

Supervisor Edwards asked if we are going to have a training session.

Chairman Jones said he was going to try it anyway.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it should be pretty easy. We are going to provide you with a CD. It's just a matter of putting a CD in and flipping the pages just like you flip through the pages in the agenda book.

Supervisor West said well Chairman Jones and I need to be shown where to turn it on.

Chairman Jones said yeah.

Supervisor Phillips said so next month we will be totally paperless.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is the goal. He stated he hoped we were going to make it. The computers are here and Mrs. Sandi Plyler is working on getting them set up.

Supervisor Phillips said the transition is here we go or what.

Supervisor West said well let me ask you this how much access is everyone in the county going to have to me.

Mr. Michael Johnson said there will be able to e-mail you Supervisor West and you will be able to e-mail them back.

Supervisor Porter asked if they all would have e-mail addresses.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes. Your e-mail address will be your first initial, your last name and then southamptoncounty.org. You will be able to access that e-mail from any computer – your county computer, your personal computer, if you are on the road traveling your hotel computer or your blackberry.

Supervisor Porter said the nice thing about that is that will take the responsibility of maintaining on line e-mails on county business off my computer.

Mr. Michael Johnson said right they are subject to four year access as I am sure you learned.

Supervisor West asked if Mrs. Sandi Plyler would have access to your computer and be able to move things around as we are talking on the phone.

Mr. Michael Johnson said to take over and actually move things around, no, but she will be able to walk you through it.

Supervisor West said well ok. We used to at Farm Bureau the IT person would take it over completely and do anything you wanted done on it and that was done from Richmond.

Supervisor Edwards said what you need is about an eight year old child.

Supervisor West said yeah.

Supervisor Edwards said look at all these kids.

Supervisor Porter said Supervisor West that is what got a lot of people in trouble because other people get in there and took over their computers. It is called hacking.

Supervisor West said the person in Richmond told him to keep it on 24 hours a day and it would keep it from starting up a bunch of junk. He said he didn't believe that.

Chairman Jones said they would work through getting the computers.

Supervisor West said he looked forward to it – bring them on.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else before they adjourned.

Supervisor West said this Enviva project opening is next month on the 25th at 2:00 PM and what exactly are we doing.

Mr. Michael Johnson said we are having a ground breaking out at the Turner Tract itself and then there is a reception following at Cypress Cove County Club.

Supervisor West said that is a really hot time of the day sir - 2:00 PM on July 25th.

Supervisor Edwards said we will get a notification of that correct.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes you will get an invitation.

Supervisor Edwards asked what time is it.

Chairman Jones said 2:00 PM.

Supervisor Edwards asked what day of the week is it on.

Chairman Jones said it is on Thursday. They will have the gold shovels ready and everything.

Chairman Jones said there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

Michael W. Johnson, Clerk

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