

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 October 28, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

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

SUPERVISORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ABSENT

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Faison gave the invocation.

Chairman Jones stated that the first item on the agenda is a closed session.

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

- 1) In accordance with Section 2.2-3711 (A) (5), to receive a report from Franklin-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) In accordance with Section 2.2-3711 (A) (7), to consult with legal counsel and staff members regarding the Amended and Restated Performance Agreement with Enviva, L.P., where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating posture of the governing body.

A motion is required to convene a closed meeting for the purpose described above.

Chairman Jones asked if he could get a motion to go into closed session.

Supervisor West made a motion to go into closed session.

Supervisor Porter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that at this time he needed the reading of the certification resolution to go back into open session.

Supervisor West read the certification resolution to go back into open session.

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 West made a motion to adopt the certification resolution.

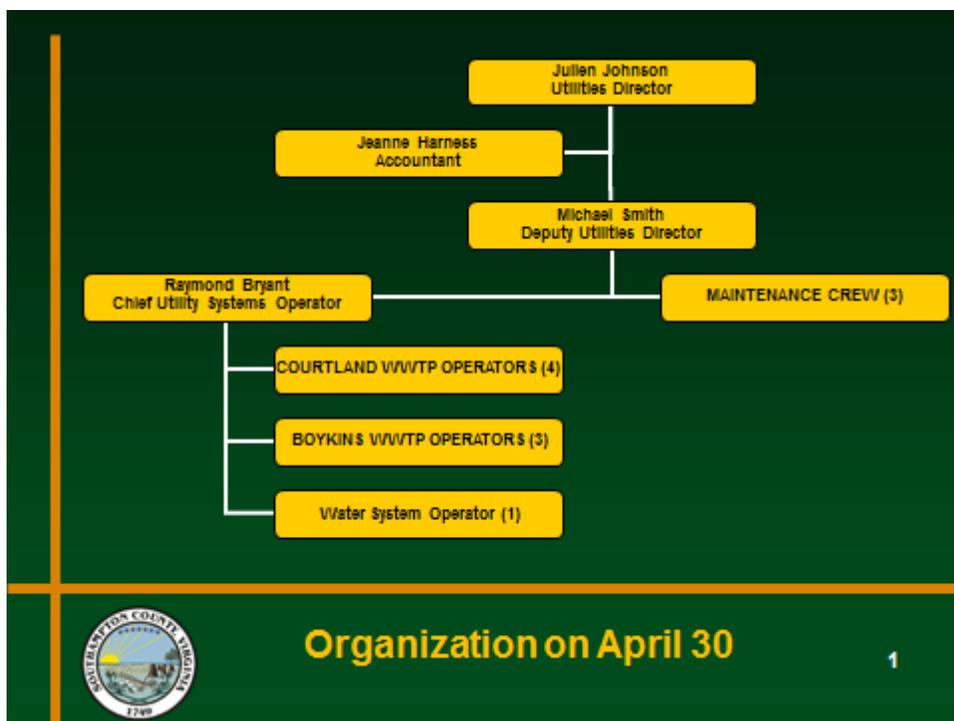
Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

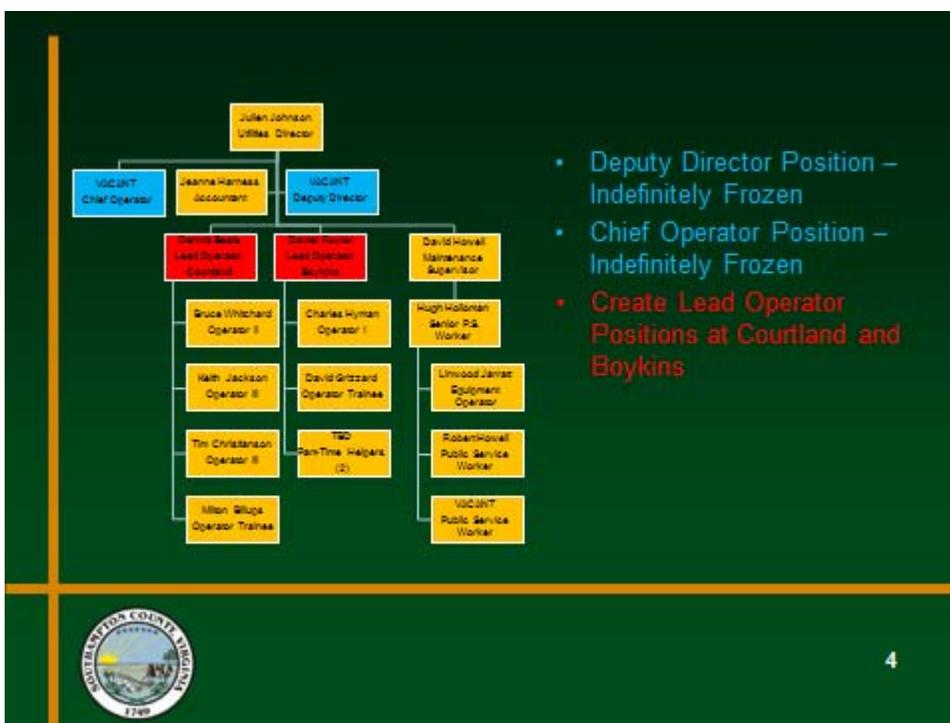
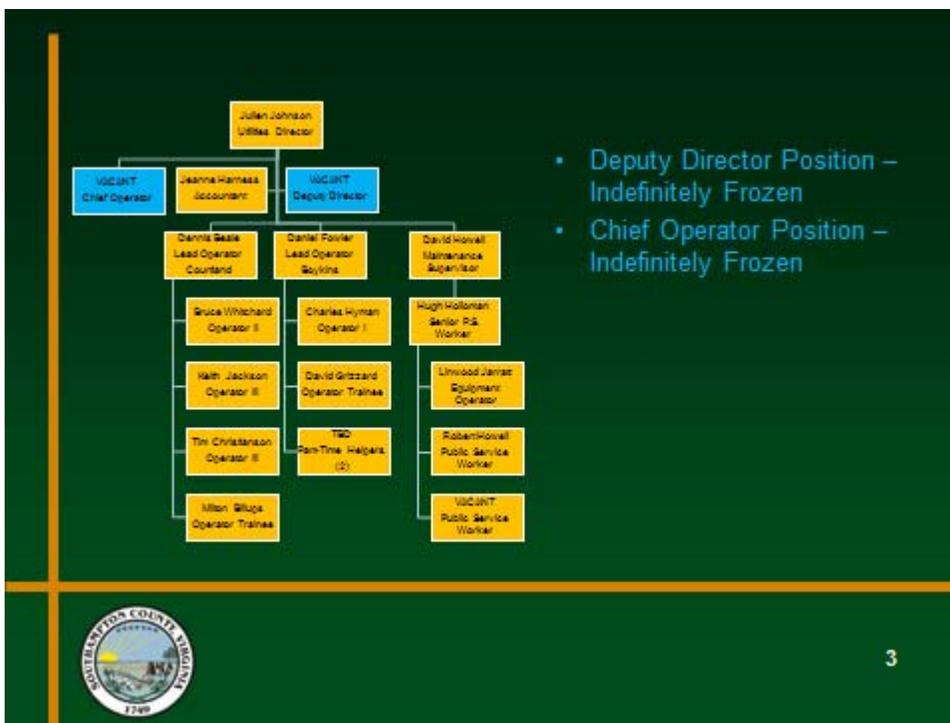
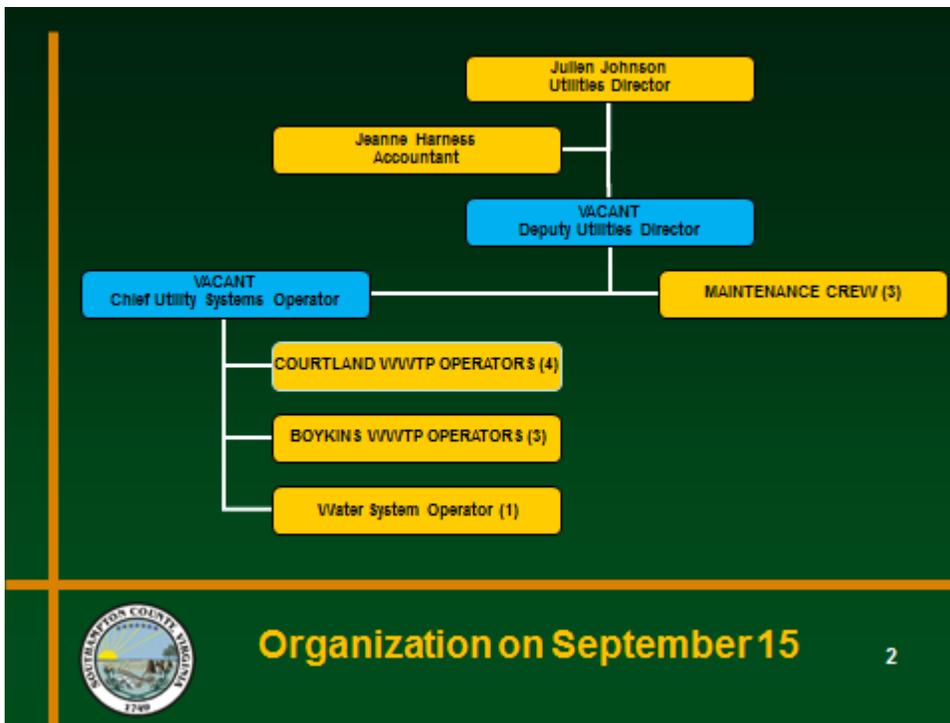
Chairman Jones stated that we are now back in open session and we didn't talk about anything that we weren't supposed to.

Chairman Jones stated that item number three was actions arising from the closed meeting and that there were none.

Chairman Jones stated that item number four was Summary of Actions Taken last Month Regarding Department of Public Utilities Reorganization.

Mr. Mike Johnson stated that following the closed session at the end of last month's meeting the Board approved a reorganization plan for the department of public utilities. While that approval is reflected in last month's meeting minutes and in the current month's personnel report you all asked me to put together a brief presentation in the interest of full transparency. So, I have got a very brief presentation summarizing the actions you took at the end of last month. He gave the following presentation on the actions taken last month regarding reorganization of Public Utilities:





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- Chief Operator Position – Indefinitely Frozen
- Create Lead Operator Positions at Courtland and Boykins
- Create a Maintenance Supervisor Position



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- Create a Maintenance Supervisor Position
- Hire 2 Part-Time helpers



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- Chief Operator Position – Indefinitely Frozen
- Create Lead Operator Positions at Courtland and Boykins
- Create a Maintenance Supervisor Position
- Hire 2 Part-Time Helpers
- Additional Duties Added



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Organization on October 1

Budgetary Impact

	Budgeted	Proposed	Change
VACANT, Deputy Director	63,432	0	(63,432)
Bob Croak, Part-Time	0	16,640	16,640
VACANT, Chief Utilities Operator	51,592	0	(51,592)
David Howell, Maintenance Supervisor	0	40,000	40,000
Dennis Beale	33,390	42,000	8,610
Daniel Fowler	29,891	36,000	6,109
Keith Jackson	45,117	46,117	1,000
Charles Hyman	32,606	33,606	1,000
Helpers	0	15,600	15,600
Hugh Holloman	27,358	29,000	1,642
Linwood Jarratt	26,058	27,058	1,000
	309,444	286,021	(23,423)



Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions on this. He stated that this is the second time we have been over this.

Chairman Jones stated that the next item was number five – Approval of the minutes. He asked if anyone had any problem with the minutes from the last meeting.

There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was number six– Highway Matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he didn't have any.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor West.

Supervisor West said he didn't have anything.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison stated that he didn't have any problem with anything. He said he did want to report that the times he had called Mr. Michael Johnson with any problem that he did want to commend the Highway Department on the efficiency with which they responded.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Porter.

Supervisor Porter stated that he didn't have anything.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike stated that wanted to thank VDOT because they had finally put some more pavement down so that the cars didn't drag when they go across the railroad track. Again, they still haven't fixed the pot holes on Statesville Road. He stated that he had mentioned this for several months and they still haven't fixed them.

Chairman Jones asked Mr. Michael Johnson if he knew where those pot holes were that Supervisor Updike was talking about.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he didn't have the specific locations.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Updike where those pot holes were.

Supervisor Updike said from Sands to Statesville mainly.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else.

Supervisor Updike said he had one request and that is on Highway 671 we talked about needing guard rails on that road. He said he had also had several calls about extremely high speed travel on Highway 671. We need to see what we can do about that. We just had a wreck on it last week.

Chairman Jones said yes we know about the guard rails. We have talked about that before. So, we are just waiting on the state to do something about that, Mr. Michael Johnson, aren't we?

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes sir.

Supervisor Edwards stated that he has one thing. He said that several people have brought this to my attention and I have observed it myself, when you go to the "T" in Sedley and make a left at St. Luke's Church they have a very bright light in the front yard there and if you are facing the light and particularly if there is a car coming you are almost totally blinded. It may be a matter of just repositioning that light, but it really is a hazard. I've had three or four people ask me about that, so I wanted to experience it myself and you almost have to pull off the road.

Chairman Jones asked if that was the state's property.

Supervisor Edwards said no it's their own night light in their parking lot.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said no sir, everything is fine. Thank you.

Chairman Jones said he didn't have anything.

Chairman Jones stated that we would move to item number seven – Appointments.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that these are just a couple of items that will be upcoming. He stated that on December 31, the terms of two members of our Industrial Development Authority will expire:

- 1) Mr. V. S. Pittman, II (originally representing the Capron District, but now actually resides in the Boykins District following the last redistricting);
- 2) Mr. Ben S. Lee (representing the Drewryville District).

I made a note in your agenda that there is no statutory requirement that each election district be represented, it has been traditional and customary for the most part. Both of these men have been active members and are eligible for reappointment.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor West if he was ready to do this.

Supervisor West said he doesn't have one right now. There is one from Capron and one from Drewryville.

Chairman Jones said I need you to reappoint one for me, Mr. Ben Lee.

Supervisor West said he would be glad to. Yes, sir. Upon your conversation with Mr. Ben Lee he has agreed to continue to serve so at this time I would like to make a motion that Mr. Ben S. Lee be reappointed to the Industrial Development Authority representing the Drewryville District.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Phillips if he was ready to make an appointment.

Supervisor Phillips said Mr. Michael Johnson I have a question. Historically, we have had representation out of Capron District, but this representative has moved is it still appropriate for him to continue to serve.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes. There is no statutory requirement that each district be represented and he didn't move; his district moved.

Supervisor Phillips said that's right from when we did the redistricting.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that's right.

Supervisor Phillips said I will get back in touch with him before our next meeting.

Mr. Michael Johnson said item B, Mr. Chairman, we have also got two members whose terms will expire on the Western Tidewater Community Services Board on December 31. They are Mrs. Dorothy Jones from the Capron District and Mrs. Amy Lehman from the Boykins District.

Supervisor Phillips said he will get in touch with Mrs. Dorothy Jones and see if she is willing to continue to serve. If not, I will have a nominee by the next meeting.

Supervisor Faison said Mrs. Amy Lehman who is present tonight has indicated that she will continue to serve, so I'll make a motion that she be reappointed.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that item number eight is Reports. The reports were: Financial Report, Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, and Litter Control.

Mr. Spier Edwards, Chairman of the Litter Control Council, addressed the Board. He stated that the Litter Control Council attended the Franklin Fall Festival and the Boykins Pumpkin Festival. He stated that last Friday Mrs. Patti Watkins and Mrs. Dawn Gunn went to the schools where they had an SOL Fair. They talked to the students about litter control and recycling. They talked with about 300 students plus some staff members. If you remember in August of 2013 the report that you all had for the county, it stated that four bags of litter was picked up in a six mile area and there were twenty eight people assigned to the Litter Control Program. I just want to let you know that there was another page with that report which was erroneously omitted. Officer John Griggs picked up 75 bags of litter, five tires, and two chairs. So, I just wanted to let you know that something is going on and they are doing a good job because there was some heckling and laughter when the four bags were talked about. I wanted to come back and let you know what the true story was. Also, I told you that we received \$14, 265.00 in the litter control grant. At the last litter control meeting we talked about recycling bins at the different schools. Right now we have recycling bins at all the schools besides two, Capron and Nottoway. We have decided to take the box that is in the Shands Shopping Center, because we have had some problems with it, to the

Capron School. Since we have a pretty good inventory of promotional items, we have decided to buy a new recycle bin and have it sent to Nottoway at the cost of \$6,800 out of our Litter Control Council which will save the county \$6,800. I think that is a good thing to have recycling boxes at all of the different schools. I just wanted to let you know that we are working on recycling and if we all work together we can get things done,. Thank you.

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Spier Edwards. He Told Mr. Spier Edwards don't leave yet. He asked the Board if anyone had any questions for Mr. Spier Edwards.

Supervisor West said it was an impressive report. Thank you so much.

Chairman Jones told Mr. Spier Edwards that he was doing a marvelous job. We really appreciate it. Thank you very much.

Chairman Jones stated that other reports were Cooperative Extension, Solid Waste Quantities, and Personnel.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that he had a number of items to report. He stated that he would not repeat the employee reclassifications in the Public Utilities Department that we just went over, but there are six of those included on your report. There were two employees separated during the month; Jamar R. Sellers out of the Department of Public Utilities effective September 18, 2013 and Garland Mac Bryant effective September 9, 2013 of the Department of Public Works. There was one adjustment by the State Compensation Board, Benjamin Winslow, effective October 1, 2013 in the Sheriff's Office. This was a 12 month re-grade and that salary is now \$32,628.

Chairman Jones stated that he didn't have Mr. David Britt lined up, but come on up and let us know what you are doing.

Treasurer, Mr. David Britt, addressed the Board. He said Good Evening. He stated that he would give him a rundown of what is going on briefly. He stated that next month on the 18th we are scheduled to have another real estate sale. We have four properties that will be auctioned off at that time. Currently we have gotten the tax bills out and looking at the numbers as of today we have collected over two million dollars in new tax revenue for this particular calendar year. At this time last year we hadn't even gotten out the personal property tax so I feel like we are already ahead of the game this year more than we were at the same time last year. With that being said where we are on our delinquencies, one year ago on personal property we had \$478,000 outstanding at this time. Currently this year we have \$508,000 that is outstanding, which is roughly the same percentage as last year at 97.83%. Last year this time on real estate we had \$588,000 dollars outstanding and this year we have \$513,000 which is approximately 99.59% of collections. Also, as far as the Solid Waste Management Fees we still have \$139,000 outstanding. This past month we started the process of warrants in debt to take people to court to get that money collected.

Supervisor West said out of 1.3 approximately, what was that amount; do you remember, sir?

Mr. David Britt said the budget in line was \$1.3 million dollars.

Supervisor Edwards said what percentage are we at now.

Mr. David Britt said I would say probably with the collections we are at....

Supervisor West said 88, 89, or 90%?

Mr. David Britt said 89, 90%, something like that.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

Supervisor Edwards said how is this year's money coming in from real estate and personal property tax, is that running ahead of last year? I know the bills came out a little earlier. I have heard a lot of people say they are paying their taxes early, are you seeing that?

Mr. David Britt said I think so. On an average day we are collecting anywhere from \$20,000 to

\$35,000 on a daily basis. Today was a very good day. Being that it was Monday and some came in over the weekend, so we collected over \$100,000 today. I expect more as each day goes on because we are getting closer and closer to the deadline.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said he just asked basically the same question. He asked if he was tracking that at all on a daily basis.

Mr. David Britt said I'm tracking it as we deposit it each day and that is what it had been averaging each day from \$20,000 to \$35,000; some days are less and some days are more, but that is on average.

Supervisor Phillips said thank you.

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. David Britt.

Chairman Jones stated that he did not have Mrs. Amy Carr on the list; he asked her if she had anything.

Mrs. Amy Carr said no, sir.

Chairman Jones stated that we would move to item number 9 – Financial Matters.

Supervisor West made a motion that we pay the bills.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would move to item number ten.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item number ten is a public hearing as it relates to the Nat Turner Trail. This public hearing is held pursuant to § 15.2-2204, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended to receive public comment on a proposed resolution requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board of Virginia to establish a transportation enhancement project (MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program) to develop the next phase of the Nat Turner Trail. The project seeks to acquire up to \$240,000 in federal enhancement funds which, if acquired, must be matched with other local funding sources (Southampton County Historical Society) of at least \$60,000. Among other things, project funding for this phase of the project may be used to construct ADA compliant sidewalks leading from the Rebecca Vaughan House to 17 additional sites located in the Town of Courtland. The new sidewalks will facilitate pedestrians moving between 6 museums, the public library and the Southampton County Courthouse complex as well as the 17 interpreted Nat Turner Rebellion sites. Funds may also be used to develop and construct parking facilities at the Rebecca Vaughan House. In your agenda packages you have a number of exhibits to give you some perspective of the project. There is an aerial photo illustrating the walking trail in Courtland, complete with planned sign locations and the proposed text for each sign. There is also an exhibit illustrating the sign layout and specifications. The notice of this public hearing was published in the Tidewater News on October 13 and October 20, 2013 as required by law. After conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the comments offered this evening and will proceed to adopt, reject or defer action on the proposed resolution. We have with us tonight, Mr. John V. Quarstein, a consultant to the Southampton County Historical Society who has been working on this project and will provide a brief overview of the proposed grant application. I think he is going to give you a brief overview of the application.

Chairman Jones stated that Mr. John Quarstein could come right on up.

Mr. John Quarstein addressed the Board. He thanked them very much for having him here today and of course the MAP-21 Grant is a new Program started by the United States Department of Transportation to try to enhance our highway building, on to the T-21 grant which we already successfully received from the Virginia Department of Transportation. That money is all going to wards signs and interpretation and also engineering necessary to discover that we had to put in the sidewalks and what is really a great aspect of the project is that after the sidewalks in Courtland going from the Rebecca Vaughan house all the way to the Courthouse will be safe for pedestrians,

we will meet Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines, and also all VDOT guidelines. If you look at the sidewalks, as I did this afternoon, you can see that they are narrow and they are cracked. They need repair. So, this grant is going to facilitate number one getting our heritage towards visitors and our students who come to learn about Nat Turner's rebellion able to move from the Rebecca Vaughan house which is the trail head all the way up to the Courthouse and then down Bride Street to the last two sites, the hanging tree and also to the site where Nat Turner was buried. What is even better is that this enables us to connect our six different museums that are either in development or already open in the Town of Courtland. That would include the Rebecca Vaughan House, the Ag Museum, and the future museum of Southampton History which is the old Blount Building, the Rochelle Prince House, and then also General Mahone's Tavern. So we are increasing access for these heritage tours for individuals. As you well know there was a study done years ago that advocated that Southampton County invest more of its heritage towards industry; and here through this grant we will be not only able to strengthen how people move from site to site, it will also enable us to market the museums and those seventeen sites associated with Nat Turner in addition. So it is a good grant for us to get. It builds on the existing grant. We have achieved a great deal. I think we will notice that the Rebecca Vaughan house has siding on it now and we have done several other repairs to the structure and all the signs are done. We are just waiting to finish our planning process so we can install the signs. To install the signs we have to have ADA access so that is what this is all about. Mr. Michael Johnson and I met with VDOT just yesterday to take this approach in regards to this grant. We are meeting with them again tomorrow, but this will do a lot for getting the street scapes as well as access route.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions.

Mr. John Quarstein said he could go on for hours.

Chairman Jones said I know you can. He asked again if anyone had any questions. He thanked Mr. John Quarstein.

Mr. John Quarstein said thank you very much. I appreciate all of your support for this project as it really means a lot for our future heritage coordinators.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing. He asked if there was anyone for or against this application.

Mr. Ash Cutchin of Darden Mills Estates addressed the Board. He said as you know there is very little that comes up that I don't have an opinion on. He stated that he was in favor of this application. He said he was in favor of anything that will attract a crowd. He said he just had one minor complaint about the ADA. He said it goes back a few years ago when a friend of his in the real estate business said he couldn't advertise a second floor apartment with a beautiful view of waterfront property because it was unfair to blind people and you had to have an elevator to get people in a wheelchair up to the second floor to look out of this building. So, sometimes I think we go overboard. But, we are stuck with it so I think we ought to do it. Thank you.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak. There being no one else wishing to speak he closed the public hearing. He said what say ye Board.

Supervisor West said I see that the society will have to raise \$60,000.00 and that is in place.

Mrs. Lynda Updike, of the audience, said it's not in place, but we are working on it.

Supervisor West said okay you are working on it, good enough. And at this point we are behind it, but you need our resolution in order to move forward with the Department of Transportation, is that correct?

Mrs. Lynda Updike said yes.

Supervisor West made a motion to adopt the resolution to request the Commonwealth Transportation Board of Virginia to establish a transportation enhancement project (MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program) to develop the next phase of the Nat Turner Trail.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to number 11 – Southampton Courthouse Security Improvements. He called on Mr. Jeff Stodghill, AIS to give his report.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said Good Evening Chair and Board. He stated that he brought Mr. Eddie Abrams from Pace Collaborative. He is representing the electrical engineers that are working on the courthouse security project. He stated that he would give an update on what was talked about last month. He stated that we talked about emergency power needs again and you asked us to go back and evaluate the generators that are currently located behind the Sheriff's office to see if they had the capacity to serve our needs. So we did that. Mr. Eddie Abrams firm came in. We crawled around, went in the basement, went out looked at the equipment, and met with the Sheriff and his crew. And, the short answer to that is that the Sheriff's generators operate on a different voltage than the voltage for the service to the courthouse, so they are not going to be useful for meeting our needs. We also incurred that there some problems in the way the service runs which can be cured, I think, by the installation of a transfer switch and a generator up-grade if you will. I wanted to come tonight and explain it in detail and answer any questions that you might have about that arrangement. What we need for you to do tonight after we have gone through some questions and answers is to basically tell us if you want to include the elevator system and/or the air conditioner system. In my memo it went along with the package. It gave a base cost if we put emergency power in without the air conditioning chiller, condensing units and the elevator the estimate is about \$176,000. If you add the elevator, it will add roughly \$10,000. Then to add the air condition it will add \$7,000. So, I would like to ask Mr. Eddie Abrams at this time to describe what he found.

Mr. Eddie Abrams, Vice-President of Pace Collaborative addressed the Board. He stated that their evaluation of the courthouse shows that the courthouse has a 120/220 volt, three phase service and the other two generators are 120/240 volt so they are not compatible. There are three options to providing emergency service to the courthouse. The first option and the simplest is to back up the entire building. It would be the least interruptive to the existing building, it will correct the electrical code violation that exist there now, and it will facilitate getting the electrical service equipment out of the floodplain. So again this would be the simplest and most economical. If we go to option number two we would take out the air conditioning chiller and condensing units. I guess you could save a little bit of money, but then it is more disruptive. We would have to go inside and do more work. For example, if I had an outlet here to serve this piece of equipment and then I wanted to put them on a generator, you have go back to one point and rewire. You think you would save a lot of money if you try to do it in pieces, but later to rework the circuits and the material and everything, not to mention the disruption to the building, is substantial. The third option is to just back up the entire building without the air-conditioning chiller, condensing units, and elevators. And, again you would save a little bit of money by doing that but it is more disruptive. He asked if there were any questions.

Chairman Jones asked if they had any questions for Mr. Eddie Abrams.

Supervisor West said he did see more of a need to power the elevators than the air conditioner. Probably in a catastrophic event you wouldn't be having court period so I don't see the need to do but so much. Then on top of that I have a feel and have heard from various sources that there is a potential that we may need a new court. And, it may not be as far down the road as we think. And, that could be dictated by a change in judgeship or just whatever. With that being said it would be difficult for me to spend but so much money to make all these improvements and then you have a white elephant. I do see the need of getting people up and down if there is an outage and that would be more than likely in the event of a power outage period, but...

Supervisor Edwards said I agree with you a hundred percent. Do you want to run a generator enough to conduct normal business or you just want generator capacity enough to safely get people in and out when we are in an emergency situation? That is the question in my mind. The other question is what would that cost? I guess that would be propane, gas, or diesel. What would that cost an hour? Does anybody know?

Mr. Eddie Abram said to operate the generator?

Supervisor Edwards said say you had a 150 KW there, what would it cost an hour?

Mr. Eddie Abram said you would just be paying the cost of fuel and the maintenance cost. A 150 KW might use 20 gallons an hour or something like that. You have got to understand that one thing that we did there was you had an 800 amp service there, but we resized the generator based on the demand load for the building. We got the last twelve months of the historical data from Dominion Power Company on what that building used so we are not proposing to decide on that generator based on the serving idea; we are basing the size on the actual load there. The question before you, and I understand what you all are saying, you don't want to spend the money to go from the third option to do the second option which is \$7,000 more.

Supervisor West said it's \$10,000.

Mr. Eddie Abram said yes it's \$10,000 and then to go on to feed everything is another \$7,000.00 so it is more, but for \$17,000 you are backing the whole building up.

Supervisor West said the \$7,000 is not the big issue, it's the overall picture.

Mr. Eddie Abram said I agree and I don't have a side in this we can do whatever you all want.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said let me summarize the big picture as to why we keep talking about this. You are responding to a need to having security at the courthouse and today's security systems require electronics. So, in order for the building to be secured, we need to have backup power. What Mr. Eddie Abrams tried to explain is that it is not practical to come in with a small generator and rewire the whole building just to hit certain circuits. We would spend as much money as we are going to save running conduit all over the building and tearing out dry wall. So, in this case it is a really old building with wires all over the place, the most practical way to do this is to bring a generator in and power the entire building then we could take off the certain circuits that we can isolate and take off plainly. One of those is the air conditioning and another one is the elevators. So I think the minimum sensible picture here if we are going to power the security system is to do the base cost of \$176,000. I know that is a big cost, but that looks like what it is going to take to do the job. Sure we are going to end up powering things that don't have to be powered for security, but if we went in and tried to do a 350 KW generator, and I'm just picking that number out of the air, we would probably spend every bit of the additional money that we would spend to get security all over the building.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor West.

Supervisor West said it is my understanding, and help me if I'm wrong, hasn't the scope of everything changed from the standpoint of the changes that would have been made in the parking area particularly to provide security for judges and their arrival and departure and so forth basically saying hold it don't do anything else right now, meaning I'm going down the line of hold it period because I'm thinking there is too much going on if the judges are already saying don't do the security thing for the parking lot. Then you are talking about this. What are the statistics; one time in how many years?

Supervisor Phillips said 30.

Mr. Rick Francis, Clerk of Court, and of the audience said are you talking about the electricity going out?

Supervisor West said yes.

Mr. Rick Francis said it has been out once in six years since I've been here.

Supervisor West said I'm looking at a picture of spending a couple hundred thousand dollars that may be in a building that basically becomes un-useful. And, then you said there were wires everywhere. That is not a pretty picture and I'm scared to put too much money in this project period.

Supervisor Edwards said I think we decided essentially as a Board that we would do this in stages.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison said I was thinking I was hearing something about maybe we need a new court house. The work that is done here, would that be something that is compatible with a new courthouse that was built or would we just be investing in something that we are not going to be able to use at all.

Mr. Eddie Abrams said the generator would be reusable. It would be a 120/208 volt, three phase, four wire generator which is standard commercial power for a building of this size. When you go beyond that the voltage becomes 277/480. I know I'm throwing numbers out there and it is kind of hard for people to understand. In commercial buildings you have three phase power and you either have 120/208 or you have 277/480. If you have 277/480 you have to have 120/208 to do the transformation inside the building to get power to your receptacles to get your laptops to work, coffee makers, etc. The nature of this being a 120/208 volt, three phase generator it would be reusable probably in any scenario I can imagine for a new courthouse.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said Mr. Jeff Stodghill I know we have come around about with this and it seems we are going again, but my recollection was that we were trying to achieve a situation, with I like the term bare essentials, to enter and safely exit the building. The elevators were a concern and moving inmates from court back to the Sheriff's office where they could be taken care of. The other concern that the Clerk's office felt was that, and I don't think this is going to do anything to address that, was to protect the computers so that their work product would be saved at the end of the day. So, if you could address whether that would be the case here or have we done anything. And, I see the Clerk is coming.

Mr. Rick Francis, of the audience, said I know you mentioned the Clerk's office, but...

Supervisor Phillips said my recollection was that we were just trying to close the building down safely so that people could get out, not to continue to run the building during an emergency.

Supervisor West said but there are other things that have come up during this time period.

Supervisor Phillips said yes.

Supervisor West said when you spend over a hundred thousand dollars...

Supervisor Phillips said yes and now all of a sudden it has become almost two hundred thousand dollars.

Supervisor West said right and then you have already had judges that said don't do the parking lot. I do see the need for security and the need for a check point when entering the building and protecting those that are in there by going through the checks and the videos like you do at an airport. I do see the need for that. Not only that if you are looking at a horse that is lame it looks like to me that you shouldn't do but so much other than shoot him okay.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said part of the discussion has been about getting people out of the building safely and that is a concern, but the main reason we have been talking about the emergency power and we have been doing it the whole way through is that we are going to have cameras, we are going to have electronic devices that let people in and out of the building, and we are going to have a computer running the security, and there are devices that have to run in the event of a power outage. If the power goes out we do not want the security system to blink and then go off. We need to power the security system so that if power goes out the doors still lock so we can determine whether somebody should get into the building or they shouldn't.

Supervisor Phillips said or whether they can get out.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said or whether they can get out. The only reason we started talking about emergency power was because we want the security system to be able to operate if the power goes out. It may go out only once every thirty years. It may go out once in a blue moon, but we don't know, so we need back up power for that. Further, the judges have requested, or at least pointed out and requested, that when the power goes out the building goes dark in a lot of areas. That is a safety concern. But, the reason we are talking about emergency power is to run the security

system. So, we have looked at it and analyzed it and the most practical approach is to, and it's not necessarily the lowest cost, power the entire service and then look at what things we can take off. That is what we have brought to you. This memo doesn't add to the same picture that we were looking at months ago, but because it was brought up last month I wanted to come back and look at it and try to get some consensus out of it. Supervisor Phillips' last question was what would we be doing in the scenario that would insure that the Clerk's computers would continue to run. If you put in an emergency generator and power most of the building then the computers will continue to run because we are going to be powering most of the building. We would only take off the air conditioning and the elevators if you choose. Hopefully that is a correct characterization Mr. Eddie Abram?

Mr. Eddie Abram said I think the computers will probably need a small UPS I'm not sure.

Mr. Rick Francis, of the audience, said I have one on every computer over there. When the power goes off we have fifteen minutes to shut everything down. There isn't a computer that I have that doesn't have a backup. So I'm happy as far as backup. The Clerk's office is fine as far as backup. Where we get into an issue is that we are not in full consensus as to what needs to be done as far as other things and I may be the stick in the mud on that one because give me duck tape and some banding wire and I'm okay in my little area of the world. But, I will tell you that from our judges Mr. Jeff Stodghill is in the right kinds of wires with what the judges are looking for at least Judge Eason. Judge Eason is the one that I have had the most contact with because Judge Delk is our senior judge, but he, in my opinion, is too close to retirement to make a decision. He stated that he went back to Judge Eason said that I don't want to put you out there anywhere you don't want to be Judge, what should I relay? And, what he basically came up with was that they need to realize that they are putting the money into an old building that moisture issues, antiquated floor, single court room which can't handle more than one case, the inmates have to come back by the juror or at least the Judge's bench at least to get to the desk, he is concerned about the shape of the jail, the parking as it is now, but also mentioned the lack of handicap access for a juror or if one of the Judge's becomes handicapped in the future as far as being able to access the bench so the Judge is interested in a separate secure entrance from parking to Judge's chambers so they are interested in backup power so that everything runs for his courthouse, security, personnel and inmate security as well. You are dead on with what Judge Eason would like to have and conveyed to the Board. He stated that he had confirmed that today. He just wanted to make sure we are still on the right track as he said he is relaying this message. He did indicate that Judge Delk is the Chief Judge and that any contact should probably be made with Judge Delk, but he and Judge Delk I'm sure would be happy to sit down with everyone. That is probably what I would recommend. I'm the messenger. Judge Eason and I may not agree particularly, but he is not here tonight. So, I'm at least relaying what he asked me to relay last month. So, you will probably at least want to have a pow-wow with at least those two. Judges don't bite they just growl.

Supervisor West said he thought that was good information. He said that changes the playing field quite a bit by what you just said.

Mr. Rick Francis, of the audience, said Judge Eason is going to be our Chief Judge in two years and I think he is probably more on top of the security issue than some and he hasn't said anything about the Court house having to shut down as far as security. He hasn't gone into that territory. It's not like Judge O'Hara or anything like that.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Porter if he was ready to comment.

Supervisor Porter said I am. He said it seems like Judge Eason is sending us a conflicting message. For one he wants a new courthouse, because I read that in the message that he was talking about this whole building. He is concerned about how much money we are putting in it, but then he wants the security improvements. In other words he wants the security improvements. If he has a new courthouse in mind, who wants to spend all this money and when he becomes the new chief judge comes in he wants a new courthouse. If we have the understanding and think that we know what the judges need us to do and then we spend all that money upgrading the courthouse they have to accept the fact that they are going to have to live with it for a while. That is one thing and then number two I have a question for Mr. Jeff Stodghill. I keep seeing these big numbers. Can you give me some break down as far as the cost? How much is the generator and how much is the other stuff?

Mr. Eddie Abrams said yes sir. We got quotes from Carter Machinery which is located right there in Chesapeake. Now if you bid it you would probably get better pricing. We bid the conduit, the wire and other components.

Supervisor Porter said just the major components, we don't have time to go line item by item tonight.

Mr. Eddie Abrams said just the generator is \$53,000 the transfer switch is another \$20,000, and then \$1,400 for the concrete pad. That is just for the material; that doesn't cover the installation. Those are the big ticket items.

Supervisor Porter said so now we are up to \$80,000 in material which includes the switch and the generator.

Mr. Eddie Abrams said actually all the materials are \$95,500. That is without the sales tax.

Supervisor Porter said so to run the conduit it is another \$20,000. So we are talking about \$100,000 for the materials and about another \$100,000 to do the job.

Mr. Eddie Abrams said yes sir it's like \$190,000.

Supervisor Porter said I just wanted to get some answers on that because then you have a better understanding and better appreciation for the cost between the different options. That is something that helps me. I know that when you go from 100 KW to 150 KW there is an incremental cost, but it is not a huge incremental cost.

Mr. Eddie Abrams stated that option three is \$176,000 and again that is without markups on the materials.

Supervisor Porter said when we met over at the courthouse we talked about this and one of the things that I said was that the only way that I would support the generator is that it qualified and was paid for out of courthouse funds. I think we were badgering back and forth with the Sheriff as to who was going to pay for that. If he wants this then I think some of his money should go for that. As far as the dark, we would be a lot more cost effective just to have some battery back-up lights that would last for a couple of hours to get people out. In that respect that's just another alternative. The real thing that we need to do before we can make a decision is to see where the judges really are with this. Mr. Rick Francis you are telling me what they say to you, I hear what you are saying, but I hear a conflicting message coming from you. I think that if they believe that we need this and they are willing to live with it for a while, we should do it. If they are going to tell us we need to do it and then in a couple of years we have to build a new courthouse then there is minimal benefit for doing any of it. So, we need to know what the future is going to be.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike said he appreciates Mr. Rick Francis for speaking and bringing this to the Board. He didn't sit back like most of the county residents. The citizens sit back and don't say anything. He is the one who brought this to the attention of everybody. Thank you and thank you for looking after the county. This is sort of like an old car and you put new wheels on it and then you are going to junk it next week. I'm with the rest of the Board from what I've heard. It is ridiculous to spend all of this money for a short term of one or two years. Believe me the courts or judges could walk in tomorrow morning and say you build a new courthouse and then if we have spent all of this money it has gone down the drain. So, I think we have got to get together on an agreement of what we are doing. I think we are spending a lot of time spinning our wheels.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Edwards.

Supervisor Edwards said just to sort of re-echo that Mr. Rick Francis came tonight to give us his opinion on it. He has shed some light on it and I think we ought to respect that and go with his opinion.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Phillips if he had something else.

Supervisor Phillips said if there is no further discussion, he said he would consider making a motion to table this until we have had the time to talk with the judges.

Supervisor West said is that something that would be done publicly over here or something that would be done in closed session.

Mr. Michael Johnson said I think it needs to be publicly.

Mr. Richard Railey said I don't think you can have that in closed session.

Supervisor West said he didn't know.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any more comments.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said he would like to give a reflection on the fact they came forward to design a security solution. He said he realized that this could be a messy process. He said their purpose was to design courthouses, renovate courthouses, add-on to courthouses and they have done it from the Eastern Shore to Charlottesville. Since you hired us and I work for you I feel like that as you move down the path that you have sketched out tonight you obviously see the security as an important issue and now that it has dollars attached to it that are significant you also need to realize that a new courthouse is a whole different animal. You are probably aware of what Isle of Wight spent. I'm not saying that you need an Isle of Wight solution. But on the Eastern Shore in Northampton County the courthouse that we finished about six or seven years ago was a \$5 million dollar project and it was as tight as you could get it. That didn't necessarily include the water tower and some of the septic system that it took to run it. So, I know that you are value conscious tonight. I appreciate that, but I do not want you to wonder into the notion that a replacement courthouse is going to be an inexpensive thing. If I can give you any advice tonight it would be let's study this, let's make sure that you get comfortable with whatever decision you choose. Let's make sure you meet the judge's requirements, the courts requirements, the Commonwealth Attorney's requirements. Let's not go rushing into anything out there. But, in the end doing some options analysis and looking at this in terms being straight up what the options might be. It would really behoove you before you move down the path too far to where we started to add security, but now we have to add a courthouse. I just think that is something that I need to share.

Supervisor Porter said I appreciate that and we don't want you to feel like that you are not doing your job because you are doing your job. We feel like that we don't have control over whether or not that we build another courthouse. The judges have control over that and that is indicated by what has happened around us. I think our issue right now is we need to have a warm feeling that if we spend this money we are going to get value at least for a period of time. Not that we do this and then the next year the judges step up and say we need a new courthouse. If they say they want a new courthouse then we have got to have a new courthouse. History around us tells us that we have to provide it. Look what happened in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Emporia. Those courthouses are dictated by the judges not by the Board or the Council Members. We just don't want to waste the taxpayers money in the county just by doing something on a whim and then basically say well we've got to build a new courthouse. It is not aimed at you.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said I appreciate that. But, you realize by discussing this like you say with the judges you are going to be approaching this in the most responsible way. What you want to avoid in this is getting to a point where if you can't have good communication with the judges and the judicial branch then they turn to their last resort and go to the Supreme Court at which point you really lose control. So, I would encourage you to talk with them, then perhaps not tonight, but let us know what the next step is. So, I will wait for the County Administrator to tell us what the next step is.

Mr. Michael Johnson said from what I have heard tonight is to table the discussion for 30 days and try to arrange a meeting with the Judge with or Judges next month.

Supervisor Porter said sometime during that period. We don't have to wait until the next meeting to have that. We can have a meeting in the mean time because I think we need to get to this issue as soon as possible.

Supervisor Edwards said that would be a public meeting.

Supervisor West said it seems to be snowballing on us. And, if we eventually have to build that is not our choice. But, you have done great to this point and you have certainly opened our eyes to our needs. The walk through with you was an eye opener. And when we see the people working in there every day who are basically insecure and unprotected to some degree, we don't want to make history on and be on the front page of the newspaper here in Southampton County. He did a long time ago I'm sure, and we don't want to do that now.

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Jeff Stodghill and Mr. Eddie Abrams. He said we will let you know what the next step is.

Chairman Jones asked the Board if it was a consensus with them that we meet with the judges.

Supervisor Edwards said you need a motion for that.

Chairman Jones asked said do we need a motion for this?

Mr. Richard Raiely said make a motion to lay it on the table.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to meet with the Judge before we make a decision on what to do on the courthouse security improvements.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Supervisor Faison asked how are we going to do this? Are we going to call a special meeting?

Chairman Jones said Mr. Michael Johnson will let us know when the Judge can meet with us.

Supervisor Porter said both judges.

Mr. Richard Railey said there are three judges.

Chairman Jones said both of them.

Mr. Richard Railey said no there are three.

Mr. Rick Francis, of the audience, said there are three judges at the present time.

Chairman Jones said we will meet with all three.

Supervisor Updike said he would like for it to be at the Board meeting so the public would be here it hear it.

Chairman Jones said we need to meet with them first and see what they want us to do then we can call a meeting for that.

Supervisor Fairson said we have to hold a meeting.

Supervisor Edwards said it has to be a public meeting.

Chairman Jones said it can be an open meeting.

Supervisor Phillips said do you have to advertise a call meeting.

Mr. Michael Johnson said you have to give notice. You don't have to advertise it.

Supervisor Edwards said we can let Mr. Rick Francis handle setting that up. He is our liason to the court system.

Mr. Rick Francis, of the audience, said would you like a late afternoon or evening meeting?

Chairman Jones said that would be fine.

Mr. Rick Francis, of the audience, said I will email them and see if the judges can give us some times that they are available.

Chairman Jones said thank you very much.

Supervisor West said it seems like there is a big stake in this thing, there is no question about that, so as soon as we can if we can have an open meeting.

Supervisor Updike said again, Mr. Rick Francis, I would like to thank you on behalf of the public; you are doing a good job.

Chairman Jones stated that we would move to the next item number twelve.

Mr. Michael Johnson said number twelve, Mr. Chairman, is a deed of easement and maintenance agreement with Enviva Pellets Southampton, LLC. Section 13.5-9 of the Southampton County Code (Storm water) requires the owner of a site with storm water facilities to execute an inspection and maintenance agreement that is binding on all subsequent owners of land served by such facility. Among other things, the inspection and maintenance agreement requires the owner to grant an easement providing access to the storm water management facility at reasonable times for periodic inspection by the director of community development, or his/her contractor or agent, in order to ensure that the facility is maintained in proper working condition to meet design standards and any other provisions established by the county code. This easement is required to be recorded by the owner in Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office. Enviva's outside general counsel, Hirschler Fleischer, has prepared the attached legal instrument to satisfy the requirements of Section 13.5-9 of the Southampton County Code. In accordance with Section 15.2-1803 of the Code of Virginia, it is necessary for the Board to authorize acceptance of the instrument and further authorize the County Administrator to execute it on the Board's behalf, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions on this.

Supervisor West said he was sure legal counsel has reviewed this and finds no heartburn.

Mr. Richard Railey said it's fine. It is a simple lawyer's instrument, but it's fine.

Chairman Jones asked if anybody else had any questions about this.

Supervisor Edwards said Mr. Michael Johnson I've been called a lot of things, but I've never had Jr. behind my name there.

Mr. Michael Johnson said ah.

Supervisor Edwards said can you delete that.

Mr. Michael Johnson said I'll take care of that.

Chairman Jones said if there aren't any other questions, I need a motion to authorize this.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to authorize acceptance of the consideration of a deed of easement and maintenance agreement with Enviva Pellets Southampton, LLC.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that the next item of business was number thirteen.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item number thirteen is a discussion regarding enabling legislation amendment authorizing the county to contract with power companies to collect the solid waste management fee. As you all know, back in 2012, the Board enacted an ordinance imposing an annual \$200 waste management fee on all occupied households in the county. The fee was enacted pursuant to Section 15.2-298 of the Code of Virginia and you have a copy of that

in your agenda packages. The fee is currently collected annually by the County Treasurer and is due and payable by March 15. Several of you have indicated that your constituents have expressed an interest in paying this fee in smaller, monthly increments, perhaps at the same time that other utility bills are paid. Section 15.2-2159 of the Code of Virginia authorizes certain counties (Accomack, Augusta, Floyd, Highland, Pittsylvania, and Wise) to impose a solid waste fee that is managed as an Enterprise Fund (deposited in a special account to be expended only for the purposes for which it was levied) and further authorizes them to contract with local power companies to collect the fee on their behalf. In 2010, Southampton and Isle of Wight Counties sought legislation that would've given us this authority, but the bill was left on the table by a Counties, Cities and Towns subcommittee. Interestingly enough, Pittsylvania County was successful with a very similar request in 2012 and had it successfully amended again in 2013. Several of you have indicated to me that you would like to at least discuss this and if it is the consensus of the Board we would need to reach out to Delegates Morris and Tyler and Senators Lucas and Cosgrove for their consideration in introducing that legislation in the upcoming session.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions.

Supervisor Edwards said the only question he has is have we looked at the difference in what it would cost us through them as to our own Treasurer's office?

Mr. Michael Johnsons said the only difference would be that the power company is entitled to an administrative fee of 5%.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else.

Supervisor West said that is \$50,000 on a million.

Supervisor Edwards said right.

Supervisor West said it's \$65 for the power company. I mean it is necessary to do it in the sense that there are houses perhaps that are not being identified. And there are some questions right now about that. But, is the cure more costly than what we are missing? We really don't know.

Chairman Jones said you really don't know.

Supervisor West said it goes back to the bigger issue which you just said and that is the desire by a number of people to break down the amount to \$17.00 and some change a month to an already existing utility bill rather than walking in and paying the \$200.00 up front.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Porter.

Supervisor Porter said I think there are two issues. One is that it would be easier for some people to pay it because it would be almost automatic. We do have a cost of collecting it now. We have a separate mailing. We also have people collecting the money. We would still have a little bit, but getting a big check from a power company is a lot better than getting six thousand checks from the residents. Number two, it will more than likely increase the success of collecting the fee. We could more than likely collect more, \$50,000 more, because people are going to pay it with the utility tax. So, I think that will have a positive collection impact by going this route.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else. He called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike said the only thing we really have to change is the exemption. You said right now is six months. This being bi-monthly when people move in and they get an electric bill that is when it starts. They won't get the six months grace period so that will be a plus. The electric bills go out every month so everybody will be changed every month they are in the county being served. That would be a positive on the collections.

Supervisor Porter said he agreed. That is one thing he hadn't thought about, every month that they are in the house they will pay the fee. It is not like right now, it is due for everybody that is in the house July 1 are supposed to pay if for the full year. So people that leave won't be penalized because they moved out of the county and people that come in on August 1st won't get a free year's ride not having to pay anything.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison said he thought it would be good because it would relieve a burden on the people who are hurt most by this fee. Those who are the least able to pay will only be paying \$17.00 and some cents a month.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said I have one question. If we had granted some form of relief to different people because of their economic situation and disable veterans in other cases, and there are numerous other things. And, we have had numerous other people come in requesting some type of relief. Now my question is would we be able to transfer that to the electric company and they would be able to modify their billing at a reduced billing.

Mr. Michael Johnson said I can't answer that tonight. That is part of the discussion that you would have to have with the power companies. Keep in mind that this legislation only authorizes you to contract with power companies. It does not obligate power companies to collect it on your behalf. So the legislation is the first step, but then you have to go initiate an agreement with that power company.

Supervisor Phillips said if that is the case, I would be in favor of moving this forward with the understanding that those negotiations would have to take place.

Supervisor West said I agree with that.

Supervisor Edwards asked if anybody had considered that they should make this a public hearing to see what the public thinks about it. I don't know exactly how the people in the Jerusalem District think about this. I really don't want to make this decision until this is out there in the public.

Supervisor Porter said I think the problem with that is, we need to start that before they get into the legislation session. If we wait too late we are going to miss the boat this year and then we will be a year behind then. By getting the legislation done now, we can make the decision to do it later, but we have to get the legislation done now.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the legislation only enables you to do it; it does not obligate you to do it.

Chairman Jones said we can either do it or not do it. He stated that he was in agreement for that.

Supervisor Phillips said there is a time constraint.

Mr. Richard Railey said it needs to be pre-filed like the first of December.

Mr. Michael Johnson said December 1 is the pre-file date.

Supervisor Porter said we need to get it done before then.

Chairman Jones said we can file, but we still don't have to do it.

Supervisor Edwards said the proper step would be to get it done and then have a public hearing and see what the public wants.

Chairman Jones said then we can move on with it.

Supervisor Phillips said that way we will be heard at this session of the General Assembly.

Chairman Jones asked if they want to make a motion to that effect.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion directing the County Administrator to communicate the Board's interest in having this legislation introduced in the upcoming session.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would move to item number fourteen.

Mr. Michael Johnson said item number fourteen is a couple of issues related to the peanut warehouse fire here in Courtland. As you're aware, at the request of Fire Chief Brian Futrell (Courtland Volunteer Fire Department), on Friday, October 11, I issued the attached Declaration of Local Emergency in order to make certain resources available to local responders as they battled the fire at the Courtland peanut warehouse. While our Emergency Operations Plan authorizes me to declare a local emergency, it further requires the Board of Supervisors to ratify the Declaration. As you know, the only outside resource that we ended up utilizing was a contracted EMS crew beginning at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening through the end of the incident on Saturday afternoon.

Southampton County
Declaration of a Local Emergency

WHEREAS, the Emergency Operation Plan for Southampton County, Virginia provides that the Director of Emergency Services, with the consent of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors, is the constituted legal authority for implementing the Emergency Operations Plan and declaring a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Operations Plan of Southampton County, Virginia empowers the Director of Emergency Services for Southampton County, Virginia to take all necessary actions to mitigate the effects of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Operations Plan of Southampton County, Virginia provides that funds shall be appropriated from the county's un-appropriated fund balance to cover reasonable operational costs of emergency services pending further report to the Board of Supervisors as deemed necessary to cover the expected scope of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the effects of a peanut warehouse fire at 22541 Meherrin Road present a condition of peril of life and property which necessitates the declaration of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Southampton County Director of Emergency Service declares the existence of a local emergency retroactively effective to Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 12:08 p.m., and

BE IT FURTHRE PROCLAIMED that this declaration is subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors at its next regular meeting on October 28, 2013 in accordance with the provisions of § 44-146.21, Code of Virginia.

Signed this 11th day of October, 2013.

Michael W. Johnson, Director
Emergency Services

ATTEST

Lynette C. Lowe

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions on this.

Supervisor West said we appreciate it and I don't have any further comment on that. I will make a

motion to ratify the Declaration of Local Emergency.

Supervisor Porter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would move to item B.

Mr. Michael Johnsons said item B is a resolution of appreciation to the individuals, agencies, and organizations that responded to the peanut warehouse fire. He stated that if he was in order he would like to read that into the record.

Chairman Jones said yes sir.

Mr. Michael Johnson read the Resolution of Appreciation as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation

WHEREAS, at approximately 12:08 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, a 9-1-1 call was received at the Southampton County Emergency Communications Center reporting a peanut warehouse fire at 22541 Meherrin Road; and

WHEREAS, the Courtland Volunteer Fire Department was the first on the scene and Chief Brian Futrell assumed the role of Incident Commander; and

WHEREAS, fires involving peanuts are often difficult to extinguish requiring a tremendous amount of water, and because there is no municipal water system serving 22541 Meherrin Road, water to extinguish this fire had to be brought in from other nearby locations; and

WHEREAS, the initial response began to strain the limited water resources that were available in the nearby Town of Courtland, Southampton County Business Park, and elsewhere in the region; and

WHEREAS, Davis & Sons, Inc., a local farming operation, generously and graciously volunteered the use of their irrigation pump and rigid pipe to establish a nearby water drafting operation for use by responding fire engines; and

WHEREAS, the overall response lasted more than 74 hours until 2:47 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the outpouring of assistance and support from more than fifty agencies, departments and other organizations throughout the region was simply incredible, and because of their heroic efforts, property damage was minimized and the fire was successfully extinguished.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia that the agencies and organizations listed on the attached sheet are hereby recognized and commended for their generous and heroic service in responding to this incident or otherwise supporting organizations that did.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, it is ordered that a copy of this resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of this Board on the twenty-eighth day of October, 2103, preserving and recording this Board's gratitude to the aforesaid agencies and organizations and, further ordered that a copy of this resolution shall be mailed to each agency or organization as visual representation of the high esteem in which they are held by the Southampton County Board of Supervisors.

WITNESS the Honorable Dallas O. Jones, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia on this twenty-eighth day of October, two thousand thirteen.

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Those agencies and organizations are as follows:

Southampton County

Boykins Vol. Fire
Branchville Vol. Fire
Capron Vol. Fire
Courtland Vol. Fire
Ivor Vol. Fire
Drewryville Vol. Fire
Sedley Vol. Fire
Newsoms Vol. Fire
Boykins Vol. Rescue
Courtland Vol. Rescue
Ivor Vol. Rescue

Other North Carolina Jurisdictions and Agencies

Gates Fire (Gates)
Millennium Fire (Hertford)
Como Fire (Hertford)
Murfreesboro Fire (Hertford)
Severn Fire (Northampton)
Seaboard Fire (Northampton)
Conway Fire (Northampton)
Rich Square Fire (Northampton)
Woodland Fire (Northampton)
Garysburg Fire (Northampton)

Other Virginia Jurisdictions and Agencies

Hunterdale Fire (Franklin)
Franklin Fire (Franklin)
Emporia Fire (Emporia)
Jarratt Fire (Greenville)
Ford Fire (Dinwiddie)
Namozine Fire (Dinwiddie)
Disputanta Fire (Prince George)
Prince George Fire (Prince George)
Sussex Courthouse Fire (Sussex)
Wakefield Fire (Sussex)
Waverly Fire (Sussex)
Surry Fire (Surry)
Clarmont Fire (Surry)
Dendron Fire (Surry)
Carrsville Fire (Isle of Wight)
Windsor Fire (Isle of Wight)
Carrollton Fire (Isle of Wight)
Rushmere Fire (Isle of Wight)
Suffolk Station 1 (Downtown Suffolk)
Suffolk Station 7/Holland Vol. Fire
Suffolk Station 8/Whaleyville Vol. Fire
Suffolk Station 9/Chuckatuck Vol. Fire
Suffolk Station 10/Driver Fire

Courtland Rescue Rehab
Isle of Wight Rehab
Suffolk Rehab
American Red Cross

Medical Transport, Inc.
Hampton Roads Regional Communications Center
Virginia Communications Cache (Chesapeake)
Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Southampton County Sheriff's Office
Courtland Police Department
Virginia Department of Transportation
Virginia Department of Fire Programs
Davis and Sons, Inc.

Chairman Jones thanked all of them; they did a marvelous job. He stated that he needed a motion to adopt the resolution.

Supervisor Porter made a motion to adopt the resolution.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to number fifteen.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item number fifteen is the Planning Commission recommendation regarding disposition of the Ivor School Property. As you all requested at your July meeting, attached herewith please find a memorandum from Mrs. Beth Lewis summarizing the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the former Ivor School property. They're recommending that the Board consider initiating a zoning map amendment to change the zoning from its current designation of Residential R-1 to Agricultural A-2.

They reached this conclusion based on the following:

1. The change to A-2 zoning eliminates the opportunity for a future purchaser to subdivide the property for residential development;
2. The A-2 zoning designation is consistent with other adjacent property;
3. The property is located too far away from the proposed "Commonwealth Connector" to benefit from associated industrial or commercial development; and
4. The highest and best use of the property is for storage of equipment/grains/materials which is permitted by right in an A-2 District.

The Planning Commission further recommended that the Board sell this property as soon as the zoning map amendment is approved.

Chairman Jones said we sent this to them and they gave us an answer. They said sell and we have had an offer.

Supervisor West said well I think it has got to be rezoned first.

Chairman Jones said all sorts of things have to be done.

Supervisor West said he certainly supports what has been done. Thank you.

Supervisor Porter said he would like to move that we authorize a zoning map amendment.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to item number sixteen.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item number sixteen is the consideration of a resolution recognizing and commending Gilfield Baptist Church on the occasion of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary. Supervisor West has indicated that either he and/or Chairman Jones will present this resolution on your behalf at the church's morning worship service on November 17th. Gilfield Baptist Church is located at 9040 Doles Road in Ivor. If I'm in order Mr. Chairman I will read that resolution into the record.

Chairman Jones said yes sir.

Mr. Michael Johnson read the resolution:



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION 1013-16

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia, held in the Southampton County Office Center, Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

- The Honorable Dallas O. Jones, Chairman
- The Honorable Ronald M. West, Vice-Chairman
- The Honorable Alan W. Edwards
- The Honorable Carl J. Faison
- The Honorable S. Bruce Phillips
- The Honorable Barry T. Porter
- The Honorable Glenn H. Updike

IN RE: A RESOLUTION RECOGNING GILFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Motion by Supervisor _____:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the will and direction of the Creator, Gilfield Baptist Church was duly organized in Southampton County, Virginia in the year of our Lord 1863; and

WHEREAS, Gilfield Baptist Church has remained true and faithful to the Lord's calling and Great Commission for a century-and-a-half, spreading the Gospel and multiplying its fellowship of believers since it was first established; and

WHEREAS, the faithful members of Gilfield Baptist Church have been motivated by the love of Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit in providing spiritual encouragement, promoting the Christian faith and shaping the lives and character of countless numbers of Southampton County citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gilfield Baptist Church has stood as a solid rock in Southampton County, for one hundred and fifty years, a living monument and testament to the God it serves; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia recognize and commend Gilfield Baptist Church as it celebrates one hundred and fifty years of faithful service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia that, with this resolution, it honors the rich legacy of Gilfield Baptist Church and recognizes its faithfulness and obedience in serving its Lord and surrounding community for the past one hundred and fifty years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it does, with these presents, proclaim and declare that Sunday, November 17, 2013 shall be known as “Gilfield Baptist Church Day” in Southampton County, Virginia and calls this observance to the attention of all its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the congregation of Gilfield Baptist Church on behalf of all persons, past and present, whose faith has been strengthened by worship there during the last one hundred and fifty years.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the Seal of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors to be hereunto affixed.

Seconded by Supervisor _____.

VOTING ON THE ITEM: YES -
NO -

A COPY TESTE:

Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator/
Clerk, Southampton County Board of Supervisors

Chairman Jones asked if he could get a motion to adopt the resolution.

Supervisor West said he would like to adopt this resolution of appreciation and for the record before we get a second is made from 1806 to 1863, 1853 rather excuse me, Gilfield Baptist Church was part of Tucker Swamp Baptist Church. Then they divided off and separated into two churches.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones said he will go that day and make the presentation himself.

Supervisor West said that’s fine.

Chairman Jones stated that the next item is number seventeen.

Mr. Michael Johnson said Mr. Chairman number seventeen is a discussion regarding the roof at the former Voter Registrar’s Office. With the relocation of the Voter Registrar’s Office now complete, it’s time to turn our attention back to the leaks in her former office. As you may recall from your discussion at your August 10 retreat, we received competitive quotes for four different options:

1. Replace with architectural shingles - \$12,000
2. Replace with 30 gauge roll tin - \$15,000
3. Replace with pre-engineered standing seam tin - \$21,450
4. Replace with “Snap-Lock” 26 gauge tin - \$25,000

While we have no immediate need for the space, the building will deteriorate rapidly if we continue to ignore the condition of the roof. There are sufficient funds in the FY 2014 building maintenance budget to replace the roof. I am seeking your direction on whether (or not) to proceed, and if you choose to proceed, which option you wish to pursue.

Chairman Jones said alright you have heard Mr. Michael Johnson. What do you want to do with it?

Supervisor West said give the building away before we put a new roof on it, to the Historical Society.

Chairman Jones said that’s one option. We need to ask them if they want it.

Supervisor Edwards asked if the Historical Society was interested in that proposition.

Mrs. Lynda Updike, of the audience, said we can't afford it.

Chairman Jones said well that answers that question.

Supervisor West said well then without a question the roof has to be replaced whether it be architectural or whatever. And, they are nice looking shingles.

Supervisor Updike said he would go ahead and recommend that we put shingles on it because it is just going to deteriorate regardless of what we do with it. And, we need to preserve it regardless of what we do with it. I make a motion that we put shingles on it.

Chairman Jones said let's let everybody have their say first before you make that motion.

Supervisor Updike said okay.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else had anything to say about this.

Supervisor Phillips said I believe that we need to make the building weather tight and it needs a roof on it to do that at this point. I think the discussion at this point is what type of roof we are going to put on it.

Supervisor Porter said what are we going to do with it? I mean what value is the building. If we have no use for it or no plan for the future, why would we spend \$12,000 just to preserve a building that has no value? I may be playing the devil's advocate here, but if we just want to stop it from leaking and preserve it, I'm sure that there is some fix that can be made to stop the leaking that cost less than \$12,000. Find someone that can go out there and fix the leak. Then try to sell the building as it is. Unless we have a use for it for the future why do we want to spend the County's money to do something that won't add any value to it?

Chairman Jones said Supervisor Faison we haven't heard from you.

Supervisor Faison said I know there is a desire for the building to remain by a lot of the citizens of the County and so I think we should invest something into it to make sure that it doesn't just deteriorate. As far as what is going to be done with it, I don't have an answer for that tonight. At some point we will have to determine the answer to that question, but I think we should do something to preserve it.

Chairman Jones said Supervisor Phillips I haven't heard from you.

Supervisor Phillips said one thing that comes to mind is that currently when you have to sign up for water in Courtland you have to go to Boykins. If you are subscribing to the water system in the County I don't care where you are, I think you have to go to Boykins to sign up where the public works warehouse is down there. When I made my tour with Mr. Julien Johnson that is one of the things I took note of. I'm saying there is a possible use for that building to bring that phase of our county operations to a more central location. I think that we should do something to make the building secure and it certainly has a historical value. Now I think there would be a human cry if we decided to make a parking lot out of it.

Supervisor Porter said the land has no historical value. The building was not constructed there; it was moved there. If the building has historical value give it away and let them move it where they want to.

Supervisor Phillips said then we would have a parking lot.

Supervisor Porter said look we don't have a use for the building; we don't have a plan for the building. Isn't there some way we can spend a lot less than \$12,000 just to fix those leaks?

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Edwards.

Supervisor Edwards said he was willing to spend \$12,000 to give the benefit of the doubt to see what the Historical Society can come up with in the future. He stated that he had received some calls and evidentially it was built in 1805. There are a lot of other things that we waste money on. I don't think this would be that much of a waste to spend \$12,000 on and let the Historical Society get to work on that and see what they can do with it. It will give them some time at least.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Porter again.

Supervisor Porter said if we can do it for \$3,000 to preserve it and not have any further deterioration I would be willing. If you change the roof it is going to lose its Historical value. An architectural shingle roof is not a historical roof for the building. So, what you are saying is I'm spending all this money just to stop the leak. Isn't there just some alternative where we can just stop the leak?

Supervisor West said probably.

Supervisor Phillips said the roof is what is called a press tin roof. I don't think you can replace that as it is.

Supervisor Porter said what I'm saying whatever we do it is not going to be historically correct. Why would we use a more expensive preservation option than we need to, to preserve the building?

Supervisor West did you say pressed tin or standing seam?

Supervisor Phillips said pressed tin. It is a piece of tin with a pattern that is pressed into it that may or may not look like an old shake shingle or something like that. But, there are several houses right here on Main Street that have that type of roof.

Supervisor Porter said that is irrelevant what type of roof it has because we are not going to replace that. We are not going to spend \$25,000 to replace that roof.

Supervisor Phillips said no, no.

Supervisor Porter said why are we going to spend \$12,000 to fix the leak when we could probably spend \$3,000 or \$4,000 to fix the leak. I don't see why you are going to spend \$12,000 because by putting an architectural roof we are straying from the historical significance of the building.

Supervisor West said he would be inclined to agree. He said he did say architectural, but we can repair it at this time and give time to make a decision as to what to do with it. And if indeed the Historical Society is able to get in a position at a later time then good. Or, if indeed whoever needs it for whatever purpose in the county as far as county government is concerned then you have the building retained at that point. So, as he has already said it is a historical building. Let's hold to it and repair it as reasonably priced as possible up to replacing the entire roof with architectural shingles.

Supervisor Phillips said that would be fine.

Supervisor Edwards said if we are going to plug the leak why do we have this decision to replace the whole roof now anyway. Why didn't we just plan to plug the leak to begin with and not even be having this decision? Obviously, there is a reason for that.

Supervisor Phillips said that his discussion with the County Administrator was that our staff has done what they could to fix the leak.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the leaks (plural) have been ongoing and have been patched and repaired on a number of occasions over probably the last decade. And, the report that I have gotten back from our people is that the roof has reached its useful life.

Supervisor Edwards said so repairing this roof is not an option then according to our people. Am I reading that right?

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor West said with that being said that answers the question.

Chairman Jones said that answers the question so now we have to decide on one of these options.

Supervisor Updike made a motion that we put shingles on it.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed with Supervisor Porter voting nay.

Chairman Jones stated that we would move to item number eighteen.

Mr. Michael Johnson said Mr. Chairman, number eighteen is a discussion regarding the maximum height of wireless communications towers. At this past month's Planning Commission meeting, while considering issuance of a conditional use permit, the topic of the maximum height of wireless telecommunications towers arose. Currently, Section 18-427 (f) (1) limits the height of telecommunications towers to 199' above ground level in Business, Industrial and Agricultural zoning districts. This height limitation was widely debated by the Planning Commission in September 2002 when the ordinance was first adopted. The initial draft ordinance, developed by the consultant and recommended by the staff, had established 250' as the maximum height in Agricultural zoning districts. The issue that the Planning Commission had at the time, revolved around an FAA regulation that requires towers which are 200' or higher to be lighted, and there was concern about a proliferation of lighted towers blighting the rural landscape. Based on my understanding of the discussion at this month's Planning Commission, there now appears to be an interest in revisiting this issue. Limiting the height of towers to 199' is seen by some to be an obstruction to provision of wireless services in rural areas of the County. It's my understanding that the Planning Commission has already directed Mrs. Beth Lewis to research the issue and she's currently working with a consultant employed by a number of wireless service providers to develop a report and recommendations. In order to amend the ordinance, public hearings will be necessary by both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Updike had expressed an interest in placing this matter on your agenda just for discussion.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike said the amount of communications that we have in the County is so limited. There are very few who have good access to good communication wireless reception. Anything that we can do to get more communication available in the County, the better off we are. You have heard time and time again that we have got to be open for business. This would allow the businesses like Verizon to extend these towers an extra ten to fifteen feet to where the maximum wave of communication can go out to the maximum number of people. So it is a win-win for both ends to allow the expansion of the towers so we can get better communication throughout the County. Then we have got better communication for the citizens. It is a win-win situation for the County to remove this ordinance off the books and to allow additional coverage. This will allow additional coverage for all of us. So, I don't see any down falls or pit falls to not go full steam ahead to extend these towers. The sooner we can advertise it and get it on the books, the better off we are.

Supervisor Edwards said to add to what Supervisor Updike has adequately covered, I'm not sure that you can tell the difference between a 200' and a 250'. At least I can't. Once you get over 199' you get all the Federal Agencies in, but the tower people don't seem to mind that. And, it may be that we will have fewer towers, they may be a little taller, but then maybe we will have fewer towers built in the County. I am in favor of doing that do too.

Supervisor Updike said one other thing is that at the last Planning Commission it was stated that they would be advertising the trail and when we can advertise two or three different hearings at one time it cost less money for a public hearing. So, let's lump them all together and that will give us some additional savings.

Supervisor Edwards asked if Mrs. Beth Lewis had anything to add to that.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said the public notice for the November Planning Commission has already gone to the newspaper so the soonest that this could go on the Planning Commission agenda would be

December. You have already decided this evening to put the zoning map amendment for the Ivor School on the next available agenda and that would be December as well and we have also had a private citizen apply for a zoning map amendment so that will be two. So, with this there will be at least three public hearings that night so that will help with the cost.

Chairman Jones said Supervisor Phillips do you have something.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said the consultant today provided Mr. Michael Johnson a map showing where the towers are in Southampton County now. And, earlier today he provided me with some propagation maps that show how far the service goes out based on how high the towers go up. There is an increase in the strength of the service and the quality of the service as the tower goes up, but this area is in a hundred mile wind zone according to the building code so the height of the tower and the structure is one dictated by whatever their engineer will seal. And, the setbacks in the zoning ordinance are based on the height of the tower so there is a chart in the zoning ordinance that says this zoning district has this height and it doesn't say what the setbacks are because we have to do whatever they say as they are twice the height of the tower so that is not something that we have to change in the ordinance, but that is something that will change as the height of the tower goes up. So, this will be heard at the December meeting.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions for Mrs. Beth Lewis.

Supervisor West said this is only a proposal for one tower, is that what this is?

Supervisor Porter said no.

Supervisor West said I realize that it is for a 250', but we have only one requested tower to increase right now.

Supervisor Porter said no.

Supervisor Edwards said we don't have any that are more than 199'.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said should the ordinance be amended to permit a taller height tower as the gentleman explained at the Planning Commission meeting, they can make amendments to existing towers rather than building a new tower that is 250' tall they can add height to existing towers just like now they add antennas to existing towers. So, there could be an increase in service without them having to come out and build new towers.

Supervisor Edwards said the other thing is remember all these towers require conditional use permits so you can pretty much safeguard the public by putting whatever conditions on these that you deem necessary to safeguard the public and the scenery.

Supervisor West said absolutely. That's a good deal.

Chairman Jones said we need to go ahead and let the Planning Commission go ahead and rezone it, if we have a consensus here.

Supervisor West said I think so.

Chairman Jones said let's move on to number nineteen – Miscellaneous.

Mr. Michael Johnson said as far as miscellaneous there is just a hand full of notices, some from the Health Department and then there are a number of Foreclosure Notices. This is a new requirement that was imposed by Section 15.2-979 of the Code of Virginia which was amended in 2013. It requires any Trustee or Substitute Trustee that conducts a sale under a Deed of Trust to provide written notice to the Chief Administrative Officer of that sale. So, you will see a number of those notices in your agenda packet.

Chairman Jones stated that item twenty is late arriving matters. He asked if there were any late arriving matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that there was one. He said at your places tonight and I sent it out

earlier this morning is an email that I received this morning from Mr. Ken Fanfoni who is a professional engineer. He is the Executive Director of the Augusta County Service Authority. Ken does some volunteer work with the Virginia Water Association. It is in that volunteer capacity that he contacted me on behalf of the Town of Tangier. Just to give you a little bit of background, in September of 2005, after evaluating options to rent, we purchased a reconditioned Rotary Fan Press that's housed in a 7' x 14' cargo trailer to dewater sludge that had accumulated in the drying beds at the Courtland Wastewater Treatment Plant. The cost to rent a comparable unit at the time was more than \$100,000. The Fan Press performed its function well, getting us out of a real bind at the time. We paid \$78,490 for the unit, which included delivery, installation, start-up, testing and training as well as a 2-year warranty. When the new WWTP was constructed in 2010, it included a new centrifuge to perform sludge dewatering. With a functional sludge belt press to perform dewatering at the Boykins WWTP, we have no current need for the Rotary Fan Press – it's been in storage since the new Courtland plant came online in August 2010. The Town of Tangier is in the final stages of completing a \$1.78 million rehabilitation project of its wastewater treatment plant but, unfortunately, the project did not include sufficient funding to purchase new dewatering equipment. Their old dewatering equipment is on its last leg, and they're looking for cost effective ways to solve their problem. The Virginia Rural Water Association put them in touch with us. They have approximately \$25,000 remaining in their USDA Rural Development Grant, but that has to cover the cost of transportation to the Island plus any repairs that may be necessary. While we haven't actively marketed the Press, potential buyers are somewhat limited – typically folks aren't looking for this type of equipment until their dewatering process runs into problems – that's why we purchased it in 2005 and that's why the folks in Tangier are looking for a solution now. They have indicated that they need to identify a solution and close this grant out in the next thirty days so it is a time is of the essence issue and that is why I have included it on your agenda tonight as a late arriving matter. I have talked with Mr. Julien Johnson. I won't speak for him, but Mr. Julien Johnson has confirmed that we no longer have a need for the equipment and he is in favor of trying to help the folks on Tangier Island.

Chairman Jones said you have heard Mr. Michael Johnson. What say ye now on this?

Supervisor West said Tangier Island is a wonderful idea.

Supervisor Edwards said let's help them out.

Supervisor Faison said he agreed.

Chairman Jones asked if everybody agreed to help Tangier?

Supervisor West said they are a friend in need.

Chairman Jones said we ought to do that then.

Supervisor Porter asked what is the salvage value? I'd imagine that is probably what we would end up doing with it.

Mr. Julien Johnson said it's not that heavy. There is very little in there, unless we sold it as a complete unit that would be useful to anybody. There is a chemical additives pump in there. I wouldn't pull it out and put it anywhere because it has just been there. But, if you are in a situation like Tangier is it is certain that they don't care. They need something that will operate. I wouldn't put it in a brand new situation. If I was in a bind, of course with the equipment that we have now I don't have that problem, it got us out of that situation and actually saved us money. As far as the trailer, they don't need the trailer; they need the machine.

Supervisor Porter said there is no market for it though.

Mr. Julien Johnson said no. As far as the weight of the trailer, if you took the machine out of the trailer you might get \$1,000 for the trailer, maybe \$2,000 I don't know; it's in pretty good shape. It is a cargo type trailer with a roll-up door on the back. I don't think Tangier needs the trailer from what I hear. They may need the trailer to get it there. Transportation wise I don't know what they are going to do there; they have got to get a bigger boat. I don't know how they will get it there; it's entirely up to them.

Supervisor West said according to Mr. Michael Johnson I think they have one tractor and one smaller, older pick-up.

Mr. Michael Johnson said they have got one small pick-up and one tractor that are capable of pulling the trailer on the Island.

Supervisor Phillips said the rest is golf carts. He asked if we were selling it to them or giving it to them.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is up to you all. I mean they are willing to pay you what they have got. They have got \$25,000 left, but they have got to get it there and get it set up.

Supervisor West said I think that is reasonable because I'm talking about receiving whatever balance they have left over after their associated expenses are covered.

Supervisor Porter said they may have some repairs to make; we are not going to give them a warranty. They might get it there and it might be useless.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it worked fine the last time that we used it, which was when Mr. Julien Johnson?

Mr. Julien Johnson said probably about nine months before the new plant opened.

Mr. Michael Johnson said so late 2009.

Mr. Richard Railey said make sure there are no warranties, expressed or implied, it's as is, where is, you get it like it is.

Supervisor Edwards said and "good luck".

Mr. Julien Johnson said this is something that I have always believed in, do good deeds and they come back to you.

Supervisor West said my point is that it is a government grant that goes back after thirty days or whatever day and if it is a government grant then I think we need whatever is left after expenses. Otherwise, it is a gift.

Chairman Jones said it is not coming out of their pocket. We need to let them know that whatever they have left, we will accept that.

Supervisor Edwards said we will take what the insurance pays.

Chairman Jones stated that he needed a motion.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to let Tangier Island get our Rotary Fan Press for the balance after the other expenses are paid.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones said he had one other item that he would like to bring up under late arriving matters. He said we have a problem out here at the Voter Registrar's Office. There is no parking on the street for handicapped or anybody else to stop the car and try to get the handicapped person out. So, we need to do something about that. We have talked about it several times. We said we were going to do something about it and we haven't done anything. Now we have moved another tenant in there and we need to do something tonight.

Supervisor West said I agree with you. I have had calls. I have had a single call and my personal opinion was that when you come in to the administration building the building is on the right. You could take out part of that curbing and put two or three handicapped spots there. I know there is cost associated with it. I think Mr. Spier Edwards sought that effort a long time ago, but I don't think we need vehicles parked down the street on that curbing.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the National Fire Protection Association required that we maintain a free and unobstructed fire lane to this building of at least 28 foot. A standard parking spot is nine foot wide. In order to be a designated handicapped parking spot you have to have a five foot access isle so that if a person in a wheelchair is driving a vehicle they have a safe place to get out, unload, and move around. So, if you take 28 and you subtract nine, you only have 19 for a standard parking place which is not wide enough for the fire lane. If you take 28 and subtract nine and then subtract four more then you only have 14 so you really don't have room for handicapped parking on the street. You have already got two curb cuts. You have got one that is up just past the old lunchroom building to the right and there is one to the left. We have looked in the past at what it would take to take those curbs out and create handicapped parking in those places. And, you could certainly do that, but what you gain is you reduce the length of travel from the current handicap spaces by probably 40 to 50 feet is all you are improving it. So the question is, is it worth the investment to go in and create a new handicapped parking area to reduce the length of travel 40 to 50 feet.

Supervisor West said he would like to be given the opportunity to contact AMAC on Highway 460 since this is a new business in the county and see if he could help us in any way and report back to the Board between now and next month.

Chairman Jones said that is a good idea.

Supervisor Edwards said that is fantastic.

Chairman Jones said at least we are doing something.

Supervisor West said he is a big time contractor and his name is Mr. Andy Curtis for those who want to know. Hopefully he is going to be involved in the new Highway 460 construction by providing the asphalt and concrete work and things of that nature, not that I'm so excited about the new Highway 460, but that is a fact of life.

Chairman Jones said okay.

Supervisor West said if you will give me that opportunity, I will report back to you at the next meeting.

Chairman Jones said that will be fine.

Supervisor West said Supervisor Faison has one other item.

Chairman Jones said alright Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison said at our last meeting we talked about the security of the County and we mentioned something that can be done in different places, maybe a neighborhood watch or something like that. So today, Supervisor West and I met with Sheriff Stutts and I think we had a very good conversation with him in terms of what can be done. But, I think we already know what can be done; it has to start with the community. And, if the community wants to get something done, the Sheriff and his department are very open to meeting with and helping people set up and providing avenues for providing a neighborhood watch or whatever you want to call it. I'm not sure if they still call it neighborhood watch or not now.

Supervisor West said that Sheriff Stutts said it was Citizens Watch.

Supervisor Faison said so the Sheriff's Department is open to it and willing to help in any way, but it has to be generated or initiated by the community.

Supervisor Edwards said so how do we get a role in that.

Supervisor West said meet with the community itself and find that interest and you have to have people that are willing to be involved in the program. Then he will come out from the Sheriff's Department and his representatives and present the details of what needs to be done and how the program can run, but it will not be run from the Sheriff's Department. They will not appoint

people to be involved in that way; it has to be Grassroots and that group working and he will provide signs, did he say, and materials and things that would be needed for that group to organize for a certain area that you would call a congruent area for that neighborhood watch.

Supervisor Faison said and this does work because the community of Boykins has this operating right now. Sheriff Stutts Department has met with them two or three times. They have established this, but again this was done by that community.

Supervisor Edwards asked how exactly do they organize that.

Supervisor Faison said Mayor Spier Edwards is here tonight maybe he can give you that information.

Chairman Jones called on Mayor Spier Edwards of Boykins to come up and help us out a little bit.

Supervisor West said I know I'm putting you on the spot.

Mayor Spier Edwards said he didn't have anything to do with it.

Chairman Jones said that's alright you know about it.

Mayor Spier Edwards said we had a couple of incidences in Boykins and some of the citizens felt like they needed to get involved and we contacted the Sheriff's Department and two of the deputies came and laid out what you have to do in order to perform neighborhood watch. We had one girl to agree to volunteer to be the director. The way the thing is going to work is the first thing when you see something you call 911 first. Then we have provided her a telephone where a citizen can call her and tell her what is going on. Then we have other people that are designed that will make other phone calls once she has called one of them; they will call somebody else. It is not for somebody speeding down the road or something like that. It is something that is suspicious, people trying to break in or something like that. We are having another meeting, I believe that is tomorrow night and that will be the last meeting that we will be holding in order to let the citizens know exactly what is going on. But, the Sheriff's Department will be glad to come and tell you exactly how to organize, but they don't get into it themselves. I think it will be a good thing. We tried it several years ago and it didn't work; people don't want to get involved. That is the main thing. They don't want to have their name brought up, but you can call in and tell them what is going on, but you don't have to get involved. And, they will ask you do you want us to get back in touch with you and that is something that most people don't say they want to be gotten back in touch with to let them know what is going on. He stated that he thought it was going to work in his town. He said they have some people that are really excited about it; and hopefully it will solve some of the small problems that we have got.

Supervisor West said but it had to start with you first.

Mayor Spier Edwards said right.

Supervisor West said you had to have a community wanting to do this and find the citizen's desire to participate in an organization like this and then contact the Sheriff's Department and then either he or his deputies will come and help you organize the program.

Mayor Spier Edwards said they met at the Boykins Fire House and we had pretty good attendance and at each meeting we have had more people to come out.

Supervisor Faison said Sheriff Stutts said it is not about how many people, he will meet with one or two people to start it and then if those two people learn the procedure then maybe they can share it with their community. That might be a good start so when you talk to your community you know something about it.

Mayor Spier Edwards said you have got to get people involved. If you don't find someone who wants to initiate those type programs you might as well forget it.

Chairman Jones said right.

Supervisor West said just let me make a comment if you Supervisor Faison will support me in this. He is very open to meeting with you and if you would like to he will come one on one and talk to you. He would really like for you to come to his office and sit down and talk to him individually. And, he listens.

Supervisor Faison said this is not just a Board member. He said it can be a citizen.

Supervisor West said any citizen. If you have got a concern, please call Sheriff Jack Stutts; he wants you to do that. He has been to the Tucker Swamp Community because as Mayor Spier Edwards has said we had a rash of break-ins. I think there were nine within about a two month time period. These people traveling out of Portsmouth are doing damage and then I just saw where they are coming here out of Como, NC and various places, but it is an opportunity to reorganize and protect you. If you have a director and a grand swell of support, it will work. And if they are willing to come and put up the signs that say if I don't call the law, my neighbor will. Let's get involved in this thing. This is an opportunity. So, I'm not so sure about giving somebody a free phone, but none the less that is out of good too.

Supervisor Updike said what I'm looking for anyway is someone to provide leadership. And, when I say leadership I mean promotion. I have been involved with organizations all my life and that is that you have got to create the interest and then you have got to lead them. They are not going to knock your door down to volunteer. If they don't know what is going on, they are not going to get involved. We need a County wide promotion. I don't know who will take the leadership in this area. Here is what we need to protect our citizens and reduce the cost of the Sheriff's Department. Every eye and every ear in the County is worth a hundred times more than a deputy because they have got on hands, on site experience. I don't know who wants to take the leadership and promotions aspect of it.

Supervisor West said Supervisor Updike please note what we said, and Supervisor Faison please verify, that it has to start in Statesville or the Newsoms area and show a grand swell of support and then come to the Sheriff. No, Sheriff Stutts is not going to come out there and say okay you all come out here and meet let me tell you what to do. That is not the way it is going to come. You have got to have the basic support. He knows this and he is willing to come and talk to you about it and then as Mayor Edwards says he is not going to run the program for you from the county level or the local level or anything else. It is run within the Statesville area, Newsoms area, or just whatever, am I right sir?

Supervisor Porter said I think that one of the things that Supervisor Updike said is true. You have got to have leadership for the program to be successful. But, I think the leadership has to come within. Listening to Mayor Spier Edwards, Mayor Spier Edwards says that they have an individual who is willing to be that leader in Boykins and to make the program successful. I think what you have to do is to have a leader in each community that wants the program. There are many, many case studies about neighborhood watches. There is not one case study where a neighborhood watch was successful where it was imposed on a community from without. The only ones that are successful are where you have the leaders within that drive it and are committed to making it work. Yes, we need leadership, but the leadership has got to come from the community that is concerned about it like in Tucker Swamp. And, I suggest that if Supervisor Updike wants leadership in the Statesville area, then he take the leadership role and try to convince his neighbors that this will provide a solution to some of the problems that we are having.

Supervisor Edwards said I agree. The leadership starts right here with our members of this Board. It should be a liaison between the Sheriff's Office and the public. When you get notified from the public you want to start, we should share the information with them that we know and even go to the meeting and help them get started.

Supervisor West said we were just asked to present this, okay.

Chairman Jones said right, this is just the report that they brought back. We know what to do now and you have to start in your own community.

Supervisor Updike said the other thing that was on the agenda was the response time. I don't see why the Sheriff's Office, the County Administrator, and town patrols can't organize and work together to provide quicker response to the calls. I'm not complaining about the Sheriff's

Department. They are here in Courtland. They might be in Ivor. It might take three hours to get down to the other end of the County. It looks like they would want to cooperate with the Towns and work out procedures for a quicker response time. Don't put isolation between us. So, it's that issue also.

Supervisor West said Sheriff Stutts said that the Sherriff's Department had been accused of taking over forty five minutes to respond when in fact, it was much less time than that and an arrest was made and that person was jailed. And, sometimes when information gets out, I'll tell you again, you need to go to Sheriff Stutts. And, if you have an individual problem you have got to talk directly with the man. And, if you are hearing this forty five minutes or an hour, you need to go confirm that because that is not true as I have heard it today. I did ask where the closest person toward the Ivor area, and that was someone that has a Sedley address and there would be a second one perhaps coming on and that could even be Mr. Michael Johnson's area for Ivor. But, that would be the closest toward our end of the county. So the predominance is this way. Face the facts. But, there are erroneous reports out about it taking extreme lengths of time for them to get there and then it gets built upon as time goes on. That is not to say that it doesn't take longer than you think it should sometimes.

Supervisor Porter said they do keep statistics on each call as to when it is called in and when they arrive in their reports so that it is not someone says they are faster than they are. So, we all want fast response time. The only way that we are going to have a faster response time than we do now is to put more deputies on the street. If we put more deputies on the street, we are going to have to spend more money. We can't have it both ways.

Chairman Jones said he had an incident last Wednesday a week ago. I called the Sheriff's Department and within fifteen minutes there was someone there. So, I don't live in Ivor or Newsoms so I can only talk about my area.

Supervisor West said do you live in Greenville County.

Chairman Jones said I live in Greenville County. I can only talk about what happens up that way. I don't have any complaints about the time.

Supervisor West said we will keep you informed because we will keep an ongoing process. Supervisor Faison and I will receive some individual information about neighborhood watch. Mayor Spier Edwards has already done so and that is an example of a good start. Tucker Swamp will be doing that in the Tucker Swamp/Unity Community.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else.

Chairman Jones stated that the next item was the citizen's comment period.

Mr. Ash Cutchin of the Jerusalem District addressed the Board. He said he built a house fourteen years ago and that we have a security system on every window and door in my workshop and I have set it off three times and within twenty minutes there was a deputy in my driveway. A couple of things have happened tonight that have caused me to take note. I would like for you to let us know whenever you get a letter from the ACLU about your resolution about Gilfield Baptist Church for violating separation of church and state. Regarding the \$200 trash collection fee, if I remember correctly it started out as a one year thing. I heard that time and time again.

Supervisor Porter said never. You can check all the minutes of the meetings and it was never said that it was a one year thing. One of the things that we did say was that the amount of the fee would not exceed the cost of disposing of the trash. Once the cost of fee for disposing the trash goes down, the fee can go down.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said I think the perception of the majority of the public was that it was a one year thing. So, we were all incorrect, but now we are in the second year and it sounds like you are just trying to set it up with the power company to collect it so you are already on the road to making it permanent and I don't think that is what the citizens ever wanted. And, I personally feel that if you are going to make it permanent make it a tax instead of a fee so I can write it off on Federal Income Tax just like I can my real estate property taxes. You have got the same amount of money. The County gets the same amount of money and I'll get an eighteen or twenty dollar tax

write-off.

Supervisor Edwards said we can't make it a tax. We can't make it a tax. We are not enabled to do that.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said I don't understand why.

Supervisor Porter said if it is made a tax then it will not go down as would the garbage fee. One of the reasons that I support it is that the collection from this fee can never exceed the cost of disposing of our garbage. Right now we are paying \$125.00 disposal fee; by 1918 that should go down to the \$50.00 range.

Chairman Jones said 2018.

Supervisor Porter said we should see a significant decrease in the cost. When this happens by law we are required to reduce that fee to no more than the cost of disposing of our trash. Consequently, if we put a tax in there it is going to be there and it is never going to go down regardless.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said okay, thank you. He said he had one item. Regarding the generator and the \$176,000, the electrical man sitting over here said the generator itself I believe he said is \$83,000.00.

Supervisor Porter said it was \$57,000.00

Supervisor West said \$67,000.00.

Supervisor Edwards said it is \$67,000.00.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said well that is movable so if we ever do build a new courthouse like Isle of Wight built which is ugly and like Greenville County built which is not quite as ugly, and like Lawrenceville has, and Suffolk has where all these judges go. They are going to make us build a new courthouse. There is no doubt and I might live to see that. My first question is where do we put it. We don't have any space in downtown Courtland I don't think and next what are we going to do with the old courthouse. That is just something to consider and then finally regarding the Registrar's Office in the appraisal profession there is a difference between replacement cost and reproduction cost. And, what you said is correct, if you don't reproduce what is there you destroy any historical value so the only way to save it is to put the exact roof that was on it when it was built. That is called reproduction as opposed to replacement. But, I think it would make an excellent attorney's office. I don't see why we can't fix the roof and then advertise it for sale. The highest and best use for the building is going to be an attorney's office as long as the courthouse is where it is. Thank you.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Mr. John Burchett of Sebrell addressed the Board. Good Evening. I know this is going to be in the public hearing, but I might not be here then I might be hunting or something then so I just want to make a couple of comments.

Supervisor West said first things first.

Mr. John Burchett said ninety percent of people have paid their taxes so that means if we pay the electric company five percent of the \$2 million, is that correct.

Mr. Michael Johnson said \$1.3.

Mr. John Burchett said what?

Mr. Michael Johnson said \$1.3.

Mr. John Burchett said if we are paying them five percent we are paying them half of what we have haven't collected which means if it was \$2 million it would be \$200,000 that we haven't

collected which is ten percent. And, five percent of \$2 million if my math is right is \$100,000. So, in order to collect ten percent we are going to spend...

Supervisor West said you are wrong with your figures.

Supervisor Porter said it is \$65,000.

Supervisor West said yeah its \$65,000 at five percent.

Mr. John Burchett said what I'm saying is that we are going to spend a lot of money to collect that last ten percent.

Supervisor Porter said we also spend roughly \$25,000 sending out bills that we won't have to send out.

Supervisor West said we are not even going to say that we are working with this. We are seeking an enabling legislation to be able to do so.

Mr. John Burchett said I understand.

Supervisor Edwards said there is going to be a public hearing to decide what the people of Southampton County want to do.

Mr. John Burchett said I appreciate that. Like I said I just wanted to comment on it while I'm here because I might not be here for the public hearing.

Supervisor Porter said and I'm responding because you might not be here. The issue is you have to take all the pieces of the puzzle. You can't just take that one \$65,000 piece. We spend a lot of money sending out bills that will go away. We will collect a higher percentage of the outstanding amount and we will make it easier on many people to pay the bill.

Mr. John Burchett said I don't argue with that part. He asked if it was going to be voluntary. He said I don't need to make the payments of whatever it is a month \$10 or \$15.

Mr. Ash Cutchin, of the audience, said its \$17.

Mr. John Burchett said I don't need to so why give the power company five percent of what I pay when I pay mine.

Supervisor West said that's something that we have to look at. Just as he said there are some other issues that will be brought up.

Mr. John Burchett said well I just want to make these comments because I may not be here.

Supervisor West said we know what is important to you.

Supervisor Porter said it takes two percent of what you pay just to send you the bill, but we wouldn't be sending you a bill.

Mr. John Burchett said well does that mean you are going to be able to reduce the demanding amount.

Supervisor Porter said it means we are going to reduce postage cost, we are going to reduce printing cost, and we are going to reduce paper costs.

Mr. Ash Cutchin, of the audience said well what about reducing the \$200 fee.

Mr. John Burchett said well why not mail that in with my taxes, then you wouldn't have to bill it separately. That would be a savings. When I get it I don't care. I know I've got to pay it. I went to pay it when I paid my taxes, but...

Supervisor Porter said they wouldn't take it.

Mr. John Burchett said they didn't say. They just said you don't need to pay it until March 31st.

Chairman Jones said they will take your money any time.

Mr. John Burchett asked what happens if somebody doesn't pay it?

Supervisor Phillips said it's pretty safe to say that your lights will be cut off.

Mr. John Burchett said so they'll turn your lights off. So the power company is going to be the ones who are going to enforce our tax collection.

Supervisor West said keep in mind that this is a vehicle that can be used. This is not the way we are going to go. We need to be in a position to do this. It is a possibility. It is a vehicle. It is a way to collect. It is a way to identify houses right now that are paying nothing in this county because we have no other identification in the county for these people. There are houses that are unidentified for this program, am I right sir?

Mr. Michael Johnson said keep in mind that this is not unprecedented the power companies already collect the utility tax that we all pay every month. This program would work exactly the same.

Chairman Jones said we are already paying somebody to try to collect from those people who have not paid it.

Supervisor West said sure.

Chairman Jones said we have got to pay somebody to try to collect it. There is a cost any way you go.

Mr. John Burchett said we have beaten that horse enough.

Chairman Jones said okay.

Mr. John Burchett said the Registrar's Office, I think I was here when you all decided to move it, you moved to I believe where the Zoning Office was located. If I'm not mistaken what I heard was that it needs a roof replacement so we are going to move them out of that building. Now, we are talking about replacing the roof without a plan of what we are going to do with the building. Supervisor Porter, thank you; I appreciate it. Supervisor Updike I am very disappointed in you; you didn't oppose spending \$12,000 when we don't have a plan. Usually you are on top of the game, but tonight you let me down.

Supervisor Edwards said you have got to realize there is a pretty good cause then if he did oppose it.

Mr. John Burchett said the only thing that I'm concerned about is tonight the Historical Society won't take the building, but with a new roof will they take it?

Supervisor West said we will see if they will.

Mr. John Burchett said what I'm concerned about is this is a back door county paying to fix a roof for the Historical Society to take the building. I ain't real dumb, but I ain't real smart either. But to me we don't have a plan. What other reason would it be to spend \$12,000 when we don't even know if we could get \$12,000 for the building if we put it up for sale? It's just like the Ivor property, it's just out there. Now, we turn around and find out that we are going to have to do something about handicapped parking. Now, who was behind the plan for that? We knew it was there. Somebody said they knew it. But, I didn't hear anybody say anything about that. We moved the Registrar's Office, and now that is not going to be cheap to modify parking in order to put handicapped parking there. Who is going to pay for that?

Mr. Ash Cutchin, of the audience, said Supervisor West is going to look into it.

Mr. John Burchett said we are spending money and we are going to increase the budget without another hearing. If you are going to spend \$12,000 on the roof then that increases the budget so there ought to be a public hearing.

Supervisor Phillips said we have a county building that has a leaking roof. Now are you saying that if this building has a leak we need to have a public hearing to fix the roof?

Mr. John Burchett that's not what I'm saying.....

Supervisor Phillips said that doesn't make sense....

Mr. John Burchett said we need to save the money...

Supervisor Phillips said no, wait a minute, stop. I'm trying.

Supervisor Porter said I agree with you. I vote no because we don't have a plan for the building. The money is in the budget to do it.

Chairman Jones said hold on, one at the time.

Supervisor Porter said there is money in the budget to fix the roof so it is not outside of the budget that is the point I want to make.

Chairman Jones said okay Mr. John Burchett.

Mr. John Burchett said that doesn't mean we have to spend it. You could save it. I thought that was why we were moving the Voter Registrar's Office to save money. He told Mr. Ash Cutchin, you and I are doing too good tonight.

Supervisor West said hunting season is calling.

Mr. John Burchett said it seems like to me tonight that we have gone to people in Richmond and now we have judges in the courthouse who care less if we have got to spend money. I keep hearing we are going to have a new courthouse because some judge doesn't like the one he is in. The poor tax payers in Southampton County haven't got a chance; they really don't. And, let me throw you one more little curve, and Mr. Richard Railey can at least I think he will back me up on this...

Mr. Richard Railey said let me see what you are going to say first.

Mr. John Burchett said I'm going to share a little story with you. Last month one of my neighbors called me and said I've got two dogs, two strays at my house. He said can you help me. I can yeah, I'll come and get them and take them to the pound. I went over to his house, got those two dogs, and took them to the pound. I've done a lot of business with those guys because anybody that has got a stray dog knows to call me and I'll come get it. Anyway I went down and talked to the deputy. The deputy said Mr. John Burchett I'm sorry but, we are full. We cannot take your dogs. He took me back there and showed me the place where they had a bunch of dogs that belong to an inmate and they were under court disposition. The problem is we need a new pound. As much as I hate to say that we need to spend any money.

Supervisor West said mercy.

Mr. John Burchett said I think we are under some kind of legal thing where we have got to do something about it. Let me tell you what, you all know as well as I do that if a deputy gets a call and he can't go get a stray dog and somebody gets bit, we are going to be in deep poo-poo. I just thought I'd throw it out there. But, I do say we don't need to cut the school budget to fund a new pound. But, we are going to have to do something. Thank you.

Chairman Jones said raise the taxes. That's the best thing to do. Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Mr. Nick Kitchen, Mayor of the Town of Capron, addressed the Board. He asked why not move the Voter Registrar's Office back where it was? He said that's just a thought.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Mr. Milton Taylor of Drewryville addressed the Board. He said Chairman Jones I have talked with you on the phone about this solid waste management fee...

Chairman Jones said yes, sir.

Mr. Milton Taylor said and I also received a notice from the county saying that if you are disabled and stuff then you would not have to pay this.

Chairman Jones said I said if you qualify.

Mr. Milton Taylor said okay. He said he went through the whole proper channel with Mrs. Margaret Smith. She sent me to Mrs. Amy Carr and I still came up with the same solution there. I have been disabled for over twenty years and I don't make \$30,000 a year because I'm on disability so that still doesn't make me not have to pay this solid waste fee.

Chairman Jones said as I told you before there are several criteria that you have to meet and just being disabled is not one of them. You have to be disabled in a way that you can't pay it.

Mr. Milton Taylor said I can't pay it. I explained that to you. I explained that to Mrs. Amy Carr and Mrs. Margaret Smith. And, I also told them and she also had the report on me from the Social Security building, all my incomes and everything to see that I cannot afford it. And each time I go in they send me like a used dish rag to this person, this person, and this person and I still come up with the same answer. They are still saying the same thing. The thing that bugs me is that if you all make the rules that states if you are disabled why can't it be upheld to live by. You say if you are disabled and I gave the all the material and everything showing that and it is still saying like Mrs. Amy Carr told me if you go back to owning anything you might as well go back to riding bicycles because if you own a car or anything it's taxable and they aren't going to stand for that. But, if I can't afford it, I can't afford it.

Chairman Jones said I understand that, but we still have to go by the criteria that everybody meets the same criteria.

Mr. Milton Taylor said it also states and Mrs. Amy Carr and Mrs. Margaret Smith explained to me, that everyone has to pay this if you use the trash dumpsters. And, I explained to you and to them that I do not use the trash dumpsters.

Chairman Jones said I understand that.

Mr. Milton Taylor said so why should I give away \$200 that I can't afford to be giving away for nothing. I don't think anybody in here would just give away \$200.

Chairman Jones said let me look into it again and see what I can come up with. I've got your number.

Mr. Milton Taylor said thank you.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Mrs. Ginna Cutchin of the Jerusalem District addressed the Board. She stated that she attended the meeting for the Citizens for Responsible Government last week and our speaker for that evening was Mr. Rick Francis. I'm going to tell you, and I think I probably speak for all of the group that was there, he is doing a fantastic job as Clerk of Court. It is such a big job. We didn't realize that he was doing all these different facets of the job. He's doing a lot more than just sending out the jury notices. So we were very impressed with his job. And, one of the things that the Citizens for Responsible Government haven't been seeing all this time is keeping cost down. We were very impressed with how well he has been able to keep the cost down even including the duct taping

and the band wiring he talked about. She stated that she just commends him and glad to see you all seem to appreciate his help too. I know that the plans for the courthouse will be done who knows when in the future, but one of the things that is needed is some more lighting. As the people leave their offices at night especially if they stayed for extra time in the evening in the winter time. The lighting could be put on like a ten minute timer so that you are not paying for humongous light bills like some of the schools have with all their lights burning all night long. This would just be enough to get people out to their cars safely, for their personal safety as well as for someone who might want to force them to open the courthouse as they leave.

Supervisor West said you are not referring to this building; you are referring to the courthouse building.

Mrs. Ginna Cutchin said she was referring to the courthouse building.

Supervisor West said okay.

Mrs. Ginna Cutchin said this could be something that wouldn't have to be lit all the time; it could just be for a set time where they set the timer when they leave they set the time. She would like to suggest that this would be something very beneficial.

Supervisor Edwards said you talked about the schools. He stated that they had looked at that and those lights are on to meet insurance requirements. That is what they have to do.

Mrs. Ginna Cutchin said oh really. She stated that she presumed the lights that were on at the courthouse now were to meet the insurance requirements, but she thought that this is just a little extra for personal safety.

Chairman Jones said I will tell you about the lights. He said he had his car under a light pole right there at Southampton High School and it was broken into at that high school right under the light itself. Lights sometimes deter criminals, but if he wants to do it he will to do it.

Mrs. Ginna Cutchin said hopefully this will at least get the people out of the building safely.

Chairman Jones said I understand exactly what you are saying, but my car was parked right under the light with the light shining right down on them and he went right there and broke into it and took the stuff all the way to Chesapeake.

Mrs. Ginna Cutchin said thank you.

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

Mr. Spier Edwards said he wasn't going to get up any more, but he just wanted to ask one question. When the utility tax was put on our electric light bills, didn't the money coming from that go to disposable waste?

Mr. Michael Johnson said the money goes into the building fund.

Mr. Spier Edwards said the building fund uses that money, is that right?

Mr. Michael Johnson said it is used to pay for capital projects in the county.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Mr. Jason Fowler addressed the Board. He said first he wanted to commend you on the reorganization of the utilities department. Just from the outside it looks like a good idea. The only question I would have would be that hopefully there is enough manning there to get the job done. As far as saving the money, that is a good idea. If the manning is good, it sounds like a good idea. The second item is the courthouse security and it sounds like we have just gotten a little bit ahead of ourselves in the planning regarding the securities. You say we are going back and talk to the judges now, shouldn't this have started in the beginning to see what we wanted. I mean we just paid \$60,000 for this investigation and also at one time we added \$12,000 more to size the generator. It seems like the talks with the judges should have happened before we decide to spend

all that money. The last thing is the building that the Voter Registrar moved out of and now you are going to put a roof on. If you are going to repair the roof then I suggest that you sell it. It was deemed when the Registrar moved out of that building that we didn't need it so I suggest that you sell it.

Supervisor West said we had a local young man, your Honorable Judge Westbrook Parker, who was our judge for many years. And, he was satisfied with working within the system and was working with the courthouse as it was. The change since his retirement has brought in Judge Rodham Delk and well as Judge Eason. So, it didn't lack planning; it happened. And, we have to respond to it as well. Judge Westbrook Parker is fine with it, but the new guys may not be as happy about the present security at the courthouse. It may not even be an issue, but we are aware of that issue potential.

Mr. Jason Fowler said so I guess the investigation started with Judge Westbrook Parker.

Supervisor West said after he retired.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is a good point, but to clarify it Judge Rodham Delk was actually over here the night the Board decided to hire the architect and spoke in favor of the project so the judiciary was involved from the start. The architect has personally interviewed every single judge from the three circuit court judges all the way down to the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Judge and General District Judge. So, what I heard here tonight is a mixed message and a new message. But, it hasn't been because we haven't been engaged with the judiciary.

Mr. John Burchett, of the audience, said can I ask one more question real quick. The people who paid early, I'd like to thank them for paying. Did that impact our having to borrow money any?

Mr. Michael Johnson said you may remember that the Board authorized a \$3.5 million line of credit a couple of months ago. We have not fully drawn that down. We have drawn down about \$2.5 million and at this point I think that will be sufficient. We don't anticipate the need to draw any more down this month.

Mr. John Burchett said so did we have to spend the \$2 million plus the draw down.

Mr. Michael Johnson said you draw down the line of credit and then we pay it back as the revenues come in, so we have drawn down \$2.5 of the \$3.5 million line.

Mr. John Burchett said and we have already paid it back.

Mr. Michael Johnson said no, not yet. We will pay it back as the revenues come in.

Mr. John Burchett said but we have already collected \$2 million right.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes, but you have got bills each month, Mr. John Burchett, so we are monitoring the cash flow.

Mr. John Burchett said so we did save a little bit.

Mr. Michael Johnsons said yes.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said but we still have \$1 million unpaid from last year's taxes, right.

Mr. John Burchett said that is another issue.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said yeah, that is \$1 million \$21 thousand uncollected from last year.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Chairman Jones asked if any other the other Board members had anything else. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

Michael W. Johnson, Clerk