

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 February 25, 2013 at 7:00 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)  
Beth Lewis, Director of Community Development  
Lynette C. Lowe, Finance Director  
Julien W. Johnson, Jr. Public Utilities Director  
Richard E. Railey, Jr., County Attorney  
Cynthia J. Edwards, Administrative Secretary

OTHERS ABSENT

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

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

Chairman Jones stated that he was glad to see everybody here tonight. He stated that we would have a few minutes of silence in remembrance of Mr. Tom Daisey. He remembers Mr. Tom Daisey as always coming into the Planning Commission with a sucker of some kind and color in his hand and he would say he was bribing Mr. Dallas Jones. Chairman Jones said he would miss Mr. Tom Daisey.

The next item of business was approval of the minutes of the regular session, January 28, 2013, and the Strategic Planning Retreat, February 1-2, 2013.

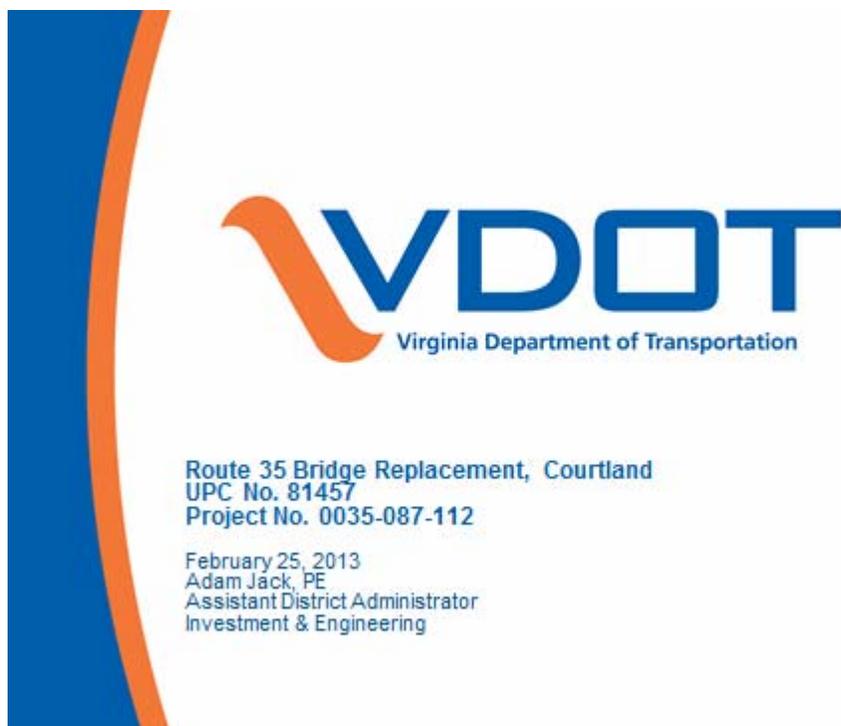
There being no corrections or additions the minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman Jones stated that the next item of business was Highway Matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item A was Discussion Regarding Route 35 Bridge Replacement. He stated that as you are very well aware, VDOT is considering alternatives to replacing the structurally deficient and functionally obsolete Route 35 Bridge. The current bridge was constructed in 1929 and is structurally deficient and weight restricted. The estimated cost to replace it with a two lane structure is slightly more than \$13.8 million, which will be financed using federal funds. Replacement along the existing alignment has been judged by VDOT as the most economical solution with the least environmental impact. VDOT would like to award the contract and begin right-of-way activities in the Spring of 2014 and initiate construction in late Fall 2014. It's my understanding that the current estimated time frame for construction is approximately 12 months, but that is subject to change based upon the offeror's proposed schedule, which will be submitted as part of their proposals for the Design/Build project. I have asked Mr. Adam Jack, P.E., Hampton Road Assistant District Administrator, to make a brief presentation and be available to answer questions. Following his presentation, Chairman Jones has indicated that he'll accept public comments from the audience tonight – Supervisor Edwards indicated that several of his constituents would like to address the Board. In your agenda there are a number of the exhibits that were made available at VDOT's February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, as well as their SYIP project budget(s) for this project, and the Route 58 interchange and Route 189 bridge

replacement project, since both have been mentioned as potential sources of funding to pursue other options with the Route 35 Bridge. He stated with that we will turn it over to Mr. Adam Jack.

Mr. Adam Jack, Assistant District Administrator for Investment and Engineering in the Hampton Roads District, for VDOT located at 1700 N Main Street, Suffolk, VA 23434. He stated that he would like to give a brief presentation tonight on the Route 35 Bridge Replacement. He said this was a very important project for Southampton County. He stated before the presentation he would like to give a few key facts about this existing bridge and the importance of the need for replacement. The current bridge is rated at a rating of ten out of one hundred currently. The structure three years ago received a down rating in weight limit so loaded log trucks, peanut trucks cannot traverse that structure at this point in time. Should that structure receive another load weight reduction only empty single unit trucks or cars will be able to pass over that structure at that point in time. Additionally this project is currently funded with federal bridge project money meaning that it is for the replacements of old structures such as this. Should this structure close this money will not be available to replace that structure. So it is imperative that we keep this bridge open to the public until such a time that we award a contract to replace it. He presented the following Power point presentation based on where we currently are:



**VDOT** **Current Status**

Status	Milestone	Date
✓	Prelim. Engr. & Survey	Sept. 2011
✓	Prelim. Field Inspection	March. 2012
✓	Value Engineering	July 2012
✓	NEPA Approval	July 2012
✓	Posting Willingness PH	Aug. 2012
✓	Begin Design Build Procurement	Sept 2012
✓	Public Hearing Summary	February 2013
	Advertise Project RFP R/W/CN Obligation	October 2013
	Complete Construction	March 2017

**VDOT** **Alternatives shown at Hearing**

Alternative	Option	Cost	Approx. R/W Impact	Env. Impact	Budget (\$13.8m)	Impacts
 No Build	No Build	\$50k/yr repairs	None	None	None	Structure has limited service life remaining
 1	Remove Bridge & Closure	\$700k	None	Minimal	None	Limits Access to Business from West
2	Replace bridge on existing alignment	\$13.8 m without Temp Bridge \$21.7m with Temp. Bridge	3.7 acre	Wetlands	\$13.8m Allocated	Best alternative with least cost & impacts
3	Build Bridge on Parallel Alignment	\$18.8 m	6 Acre	More Wetlands	\$4.9 m increase in Budget Req'd & more utility impacts	Estimated 2 year delay to re-develop plans and for NEPA process

- VDOT** **Public Hearing 2/7/13**
- At the Public Hearing**
- Registration noted attendance of 53 Citizens & local officials
  - Hearing ran from 5:30 to 7:30PM
  - Court Reporter recorded comments
  - Handout of Project Summary
  - Plan Exhibits and drawings
  - VDOT leaders available to answer questions
  - Official comment period
    - Ended 2/17/13
    - 40 late comments accepted through 2/21/13

**VDOT** **Public Hearing Comments**

- **Question 1- Do you support design presented tonight?**
  - 23% -Yes
  - 75% - No
  - (includes late responses)
  - 1% undecided

**Nearly 70 Responses**



- **Question 2- Provide additional info. to VDOT**
  - 71%- Alt 2A- Use Temp Bridge to avoid detour
  - 65% -Alt 3-Replace Bridge on Parallel alignment
  - 65% -Change construction date or transfer funds from Rte 58 Interchange Project (includes late responses)



## Public Hearing Comments

Question 3- Were VDOT representatives able to answer your questions?

- 25% -Yes
  - 3% - No
  - 72% - No Response
- (includes late responses)

• Question 4- How did you hear about meeting?

- 13% - Newspaper
  - 2%-Direct Mail
  - 2% - VDOT Road Signs
  - 72% - Other
  - 11%-No Response
- (includes late responses)



## Public Hearing Comments

40 comments in petition form letter received on 2/20/13

February 7, 2013

To My Board Representative:

I am opposed to closing the Route 35 Bridge in Courtland for 18 months. I encourage you to develop a plan that will not cut me off from Courtland, which is the lifeline and county seat of Southampton County.

I support a bridge option that will allow traffic to flow uninterrupted to Courtland and will not coincide with the Route 58 flyover project.

Most respectfully,

*M. Earl Gann*

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COURTLAND VA.

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please contact me \_\_\_\_\_

- Opposed to an 18- month bridge closure
- Support uninterrupted traffic to Courtland
- Not to coincide with the Rte 58 Interchange construction



## After Public Hearing

- Responded to telephone inquiries
- Tallied comments and investigated reasonable suggestions
- Investigated funds usable from Route 58 Interchange  
*\$1m transferrable if interchange project is sacrificed*
- Investigated in more detail a temporary bridge
  - Not readily available
  - High cost for rental, installation & removal
  - More environmental and property impacts
- Timed detour route at normal speed limit  
( starting at Courtland Rescue Squad during weekday )
  - To Southampton HS-8 minutes versus 3.5 minutes
  - To Peanut Factory-9 minutes versus 1.5 minutes



## Alternatives after Hearing

Alt.	Option	Cost	Property Impact (federal)	Wetland Impact (federal)	Bridge Closure	Constr. Period	EMS Response to HS	Begin Constr
2	Existing alignment w/closure	\$14 m	4 Acres 4 Properties	3 Acres	12 months	2 Years	8 minutes (+4 min.)	FALL 2013
2A	Existing alignment w/temp bridge	\$22m	6 Acres 4 Properties	6 Acres	2 months	3 Years	6 minutes (+2 min.)	FALL 2013
3	Parallel Alignment	\$19 m	6 Acres 4 Properties	6 Acres	4 months	2 years	4 minutes (no chg)	FALL 2016
4 (new)	Overlapping Alignment With Reversible Land & temp signals	\$20m	5 Acres 4 Properties	4 Acres	2 months	4 Years	6 minutes (+2 min.)	FALL 2014



## Technical Recommendation

- Alternate 2- Existing alignment w/closure**
- Least cost (fully funded)
  - Least property impacts
  - Least wetland impacts
  - Shortest construction time impact
  - Possible mitigation strategies for public response
    - Coordinate construction traffic impacts at interchange project
    - Weigh contractor selection on closure duration
    - Provide incentives to shortened bridge closure period

- Alternate 4 – Overlapping Alignment while maintaining one lane**
- Reversible one-lane traffic for up to 4 years
  - Higher probability of severe overlap with Route 58 Interchange construction
  - Greater impact to federally controlled environmental concerns (no guarantee of approval)

Mr. Adam Jack wrapped up his presentation by stating that he would be glad to answer any question

Chairman Jones asked if the Board members had any questions.

Supervisor West said welcome to Mr. Adam Jack. He was glad he was here. Supervisor West said you rated this bridge on a scale of one hundred and placed this bridge in condition ten.

Mr. Adam Jack said correct.

Supervisor West said he assumed one hundred to be the top condition.

Mr. Adam Jack said one hundred would be when they opened a brand new structure.

Supervisor West said so that would be the best condition and what would a ten suggest.

Mr. Adam Jack said a ten suggest that we are on the very bottom end of the life span of the structure. A ten indicates that you have problems in a number of structural elements. This particular bridge we have done many, many repairs. We are at a point now where it is really not feasible to weld steel to make repairs much longer. We have done so many repairs that there is not

enough adequate original steel to weld to. Normally when you reach this level bridge weight limits drop quickly and once they reach that level of an automobile and go below that it will essentially receive a zero rating and that bridge will be closed. Then we will have to make a determination as to where it remains closed or tear it down and simply not replace it which we have done on two bridges in this district in recent history.

Supervisor West said you said these were federal funds set aside and that is 13.8 million dollars – is that correct.

Mr. Adam Jack said that is correct. There is a bridge fund that is for repairing and replacing these older structures. They are for bridge structures with a rating of fifty or below. Once a bridge closes it is not eligible for those funds any longer.

Supervisor West asked what about the state as far as any contribution from them or are they not in this process.

Mr. Adam Jack said there is a state contribution match usually a twenty percent match to the eighty percent of federal funds; however, they federalize all of their projects to maximize the use of the state funds against federal dollars. So there are some state funds on this project, but they are a small percentage of the whole needed.

Supervisor west asked what is the likelihood of you getting the whole 22 million dollars if you go with the alternative plan.

Mr. Adam Jack said he would have to say in the current environment it is not likely.

Supervisor West asked what was his feel if 13.8 million is available and 22 million is needed to provide an alternative, if we say no we want alternative four instead of alternative two what is the likelihood of getting the funding or are you pretty well taking yourself out of any bridge prospect.

Mr. Adam Jack said he liked to relate it to an automobile that needs transmission work. You know the car needs the transmission money and you have the money to do it, but the only problem is you are going to be inconvenienced for a week and do you have the money for a rental automobile versus I can wait and try to save the money for the rental automobile and do it later, but I don't know what else is going to coming up that might take that money away. That is kind of where we are at with this project in Southampton County. If we delay there are certainly risks associated with that. VDOT does not appropriate the funds; the Commonwealth Transportation Board does and that is one vote on that Board.

Supervisor West thanked Mr. Adam Jack.

Chairman Drake called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison said he recognizes the concerns that he is hearing that so many people have, but you are saying we have the money in hand for replacing the bridge.

Mr. Adam Jack said yes sir.

Supervisor Faison said replacing the bridge will not coincide with the Highway 58 overpass project.

Mr. Adam Jack said there will likely be an overlap, but it would be at the very beginning of the Route 58 Interchange Project. Those Interchange Projects will have a number of construction activities that will not impact main line traffic for the first year or year and a half. He said their thought at the district is that if they can move quickly on this project we can get this project under way and a large portion completed before the interchange project sees major lane closures and moving traffic.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Porter.

Supervisor Porter said he had two comments. The first one is that you presented an alternative,

but he has a hard time accepting it as a feasible alternative for one he doesn't see where the money is coming from and \$6 million dollars is a lot of money. People need to get real; it is a lot of money. Number two is he has had some experience with the EPA and he hasn't had any experience with the Army Corp of Engineers, but he hears they are really tough as well and he knows in a situation like this they strongly push the least environmental impact option. The only way you can get around that is to build an overwhelming economic case that something else is better. Well the overwhelming economic case is your base case. How can you even start convincing them of something that is going to have more of an environmental impact if it is going to cost 50% more? So in reality is this a feasible alternative?

Mr. Adam Jack said it is a questionable alternative. At this stage in time he doesn't know what the Corp of Engineers may say. There lies much of the risk if we delay and we go down this path and we are unsuccessful and in a year or so we are back to where we are right now. There is a five percent escalation on the \$13 million dollars that will have to be made up and then there is the question of whether we can get the funding and also will the bridge still be open at that time. A rating of ten is very serious.

Supervisor Porter said his next question was what was the probability of the bridge lasting four more years.

Mr. Adam Jack said he didn't know.

Supervisor Porter said you must have a feel.

Mr. Adam Jack said they inspect it every year. Some of the structures undergo deterioration much quicker than others. What is concerning about this particular structure is that we have done all the repairs that we can do to it. So as it deteriorates further there aren't any other options to turn to.

Supervisor Porter said he lied he had one more question. He asked if there was any way they could accelerate the process further. He said you are going out for bids and you are planning for October of this year, but you aren't going to start construction for another year. That seems like a long period of time. If you could accelerate that period you could decrease further the probability of having an overlap with the Interchange Project.

Mr. Adam Jack said in going through a design build process the beginning of the advertisement for the bid process would not begin before July. In doing so they would obligate those funds for the bridge project so that the risk for losing them would no longer exist. Under a design build contract we can accelerate and that is dependent on the team selected and their willingness to work within the confines of the project area. For example the twelve month closure period that we had suggested a contractor may be able to reduce that by taking some risk; however, the department right now is unwilling to reduce that time frame because we know the Nottoway River is somewhat volatile. If we have a good season the contractor may be done in a much shorter period than twelve months from closure, so again that is one reason why we are here asking for endorsement now so we can go ahead and move forward.

Supervisor Porter said allow me one more time – is there any way we can encourage the contractors working on this bridge to buy from the local merchants so maybe they can offset any economic impact that the local merchants may have because of decreased traffic flow.

Mr. Adam Jack said most of the time the contractors buy from the local merchants. He stated that they had a project in Franklin where the contractor went to the local merchant for all his wood and simple supplies because it was much faster and effective to cross the street and buy what they needed to buy. Similarly he spoke with Mr. Joe Lomax, the Resident Administrator here, and we VDOT continue to buy from the Town of Courtland just as we always have because that is where our accounts are. So he fully expects that the contractor will buy locally because it is right here for him and time is money for him and it is most convenient for him to come here for what he needs.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike said he just wanted to congratulate VDOT on the fine job they had done on selection number two, but it is our money regardless if it is federal or state and he thinks it is our

responsibility to use our money wisely and he cannot see adding another \$6 million dollars to our costs and we are all going to have to accept the economic conditions and accept some of the pain and hardships that it is going to present. Again, he thought they did an excellent job in coming up with number two and he hopes the rest of the Board will feel the same.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips thanked Mr. Adam Jack for the presentation. He said he thought that Mr. Adam Jack had touched on all the major points. He said he would like to thank Supervisor Porter for asking all of his questions. He better understands now that the federal funds are the majority of this project and with the current situation in Washington, DC that is probably something that we ought to take into consideration. He said he is sitting here waiting on the comments from the public, but he thinks we have a tough decision.

Supervisor Edwards stated that he had a little bit different perspective. He said he represents the Courtland area - the Jerusalem District. He said when he tells a patient that they have cancer and that without treatment they have one year to live or if you take treatment you might have three years to live, he doesn't include in there that if you don't do a thing and ignore it that you might have thirty years to live. This is the fourth meeting that he had been to when that alternative number four was presented too. Now if alternative number four isn't a viable situation why do we keep bringing it back up? That is what bothers him about this whole process. He said he thought the people of Courtland had a valid argument about how it had been put together. He said he knew that money was short and we are all talking about that and it may go away and it may not go away. He is just extremely worried about the economic viability of Courtland. He said he is still a little bit puzzled about why alternative number four keeps popping up if it is not viable. He said every meeting that he went to alternative number four had been there. Now if that was not viable why wouldn't we just cut it off after the first meeting?

Mr. Adam Jack said he was sorry. He asked Supervisor Edwards to help him out sir. He said when you speak about alternative number four. He said there were two meetings at the Middle School and this kept coming up. He said he assumed he was talking about the parallel alignment which is item number three. He asked if that was correct. He stated that item number 4 had not shown up previously so he assumed what he was talking about was item number three which talks about the parallel

Supervisor Edwards said there were several alternatives presented when they went to the Middle School and he believed two of them were preserving traffic through the bridge and two of them also on replacing the bridge. Like he said he thought that everybody that was there took that in yet when it comes down to the nitty-gritty and the final thing it seems that was never a viable option.

Mr. Adam Jack asked Mrs. Sandi Plyler if she could get that back up on the screen.

Mrs. Sandi Plyer pulled the Power point presentation up on the screen again.

Mr. Adam Jack stated that these are the alternatives that we have before us at the moment. He stated that number four was a new alternative with the one lane which we keep open all the time. The alternatives shown previous to that at the beginning at the hearing showed Alternative two actually with an A and a B. These were the ones that we actually carried forward from the original study which we had shown three originally and alternative four is actually a new alternative as the result of the study with the public. We can't build half a bridge at the time which is what alternative four essentially is. We would build half and then move the traffic onto the half; tear the existing bridge down and then build the other half so there is an overlap in the alignment. Alternative number three you can see there is a significant acreage increase in both property as well as in areas of wetlands. The closure period is much less and the construction period is about the same. There is no change to the EMS because you essentially build a parallel alignment and then move over to it. The construction period because of the redesign process we couldn't get the reconstruction until 2016 which places the funds at risk.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any other questions that anybody would like to know.

Mrs. Virginia Cutchin of Darden Mill Estate stated that she had one. She wanted to know if they

are still leaving one lane open why there is any more environmental problem with that when you are still using the same space.

Mr. Adam Jack stated that when they build an overlapping they build one lane and they have to keep the entire existing structure in place at the same time. Since it is an overhead steel structure they can't just demolish half of the bridge and build half of the new bridge there so because of the type of structure they can't take it down in part – it has to be taken down entirely. When we build the new bridge it has to be built adjacent to the existing bridge which will have more of an impact on the environment. Additionally the new bridge will be higher than the old bridge so there are some vertical issues to deal with as well. Then because it is higher you need to have a longer length of the road way to bring the grade down to the existing grade so there are a number of issues associated with that.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

Mrs. Lisa Edwards said she had a question about the funding. She said she was a little bit confused. She said according to the posting by the Board of Supervisors she said it stated the cost was \$13.8 million dollars which would be financed by Federal funding. She asked if that was correct.

Mr. Adam Jack said not completely – it is 80/20.

Supervisor West said it is 80% Federal and 20% State.

Mrs. Lisa Edwards asked has the exact amount been appropriated for this project at this time.

Mr. Adam Jack said yes.

Mrs. Lisa Edwards asked what is that amount.

Mr. Adam Jack said yes it is fully. He said he believed it was \$13.8 million.

Mrs. Lisa Edwards said so has the proposal been made to the Federal Government that we already need \$13.8 million for this project.

Mr. Adam Jack said yes. The request was made by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in the six year plan.

Mrs. Lisa Edwards said so then if we are trying to decide which option to go with the proposal has already been made to them and the amount has already been set.

Mr. Adam Jack said no madam. It has been estimated at that amount. The public hearing process requires us to go in and address the finances. If the determination by the Board of Supervisors is that they would like to proceed with alternative four then we would approach the Commonwealth Transportation Board and request the additional funds as well as start the environmental process for alternative four.

Mrs. Lisa Edwards said at this point that is how much money has been asked for and approved – is that correct.

Mr. Adam Jack said yes at the \$14 million mark it has already been asked for and approved.

Mrs. Lisa Edwards said so if we consider another option, say the one that is 4.9 million more, we would then go back and ask for 4.9 million more to consider keeping the line of transportation open to the Town of Courtland.

Mr. Adam Jack said yes.

Mrs. Lisa Edwards thanked him.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

Mr. Bob Edwards of Edwards Hardware addressed the Board. He stated that he was third generation of owner of Edwards Hardware. He said they were at the meetings several Thursdays ago and at the public hearing and they were encouraged to ask questions and they were given some information as to where to send their comments to. Well come to find out the e-mail address that they handed out on the flyer was incorrect so he didn't know how many responses they did actually get. He said he thought they offered several different options – one being a temporary and one being adjacent and he said he thought that Mr. Adam Jack said he had rather do a temporary rather than putting in an adjacent bridge. It would be easier and friendlier towards the environment. He said he thought the current bridge was 22 foot wide and he thought what they were proposing to build would be 40 foot wide. He asked if it was possible that they could build the new bridge in stages and still allow for traffic to flow through town.

Mr. Adam Jack said it would be possible to build the bridge in stages as shown in option four however not with two lanes of traffic, but with just one because there are federal safety guidelines now that didn't exist when the existing bridge was built.

Mr. Bob Edwards said he knew the additional funds of 5 million dollars more was a lot and of course the viability of downtown Courtland is certainly quite concerning to him. He said that 70% of his business as well as the other retail outlets here in Courtland are from the other side of the bridge – Boykins, Branchville, Newsoms, Drewryville, Capron – so they cross that bridge to shop here. As everybody knows the National economics has been on the down turn and closing the bridge to 70% of his business is going to be catastrophic for all businesses in the Town of Courtland. The economics is certainly a concern for everybody. With the bridge being closed for eighteen to twenty four months he is most concerned about the impact that is going to have on all the business in Courtland. He said he hoped that Mr. Adam Jack and the Board of Supervisors will consider that as well when you vote. He asked is it worth closing a town for \$5 million dollars.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Richard Harris of Trinity Church Road addressed the Board. He said even though his business is in Ivor, Virginia this will not affect him quite as much, he lived in Suffolk for forty some years and he thought Mr. Adam Jack probably had some history on this, but the procrastination caused the demolition of the bridge across the Chuckatuck River on Highway 125 and there is no bridge there today. There was some funding available but because the people couldn't decide what kind of bridge they wanted there and the bridge that was going to be built there was going to obstruct some peoples view when the old swing bridge that was there came down there was no replacement bridge built. So the people on one side of that bridge now take Route 10 to go to Suffolk and the people wanting to go to Chuckatuck have to go the long way around. He would suggest that whatever your decision is don't procrastinate, don't let this bridge be closed, and don't lose this funding as Mr. Edwards says because it will be devastating to Courtland. He said he didn't live too far from Courtland and he liked coming to downtown Courtland. There are some things he buys too. Don't let this money slip through your hands.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mrs. Kim Williams, Assistant Vice-President and Branch Manager of EVB Courtland Branch addressed the Board. She stated that she had worked on Main Street Courtland for thirty two years and lived in Courtland for thirty eight years. First she wanted to thank everybody who had worked so hard to try to explain all the procedures and VDOT. She said she was very concerned about what will happen to Courtland if this bridge is closed. Everybody knows it is going to be a hardship on every business in town. It will close us off to all points west. It will change the lifestyle. It will be losing a family farm if Courtland closes because we are the county seat. She said she encourages the Board of Supervisors to develop a solution that will embrace what is best for Southampton County. Please consider beyond the short term what will be best and don't look at just what is going to happen right now – look at what is going to happen down the road. She said she thought people had a grin and bear it attitude about closing the bridge, but it is about saving lives, businesses, jobs, tax revenues, churches, and other groups. Her questions are first if you vote to close the bridge what are the additional expenses for the traffic on Highway 58? The turn lane there to the left is very short, if you revamp it how much will that costs. Many residents

now don't go to the stop light. Is old bridge road going to handle 3400 cars a day along with buses and emergency vehicles? How will that impact? Can you speak to that?

Mr. Adam Jack said if the projects go simultaneously we will have to build in an additional turn lane for the interchange to make sure that during the temporary period that left turn lane can handle the additional traffic. He stated that was a very good comment.

Mrs. Kim Williams said at the public hearing she asked the question did they still need the interchange and the answer was it is a county priority. Should it still be a county priority? She said she felt the need to slow the traffic down as they begin to enter what is soon to be Southampton's hamburger alley. We don't need people coming pass there running seventy miles an hour. Tonight's agenda states this \$13.8 will be financed using federal funds. In the banking world the term financed means the monies have to be repaid. Will using these funds cost Southampton County money? In the six year improvement plan the required allocations show that local and state funds for the Highway 58 interchange. She asked if any more than the \$1 million would be available.

Mr. Adam Jack said no mam.

Mrs. Kim Williams said so it has been said that this is a one shot deal if we don't use the funds or act now we could lose them. Are we not eligible for any anticipated \$880 million that was announced this past weekend for road construction and maintenance for Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia?

Mr. Adam Jack there will be additional funds available. The plans for those funds have already been identified in the package.

Mrs. Kim Williams said so will we be able to receive any of that money.

Mr. Adam Jack said not in 2014.

Mrs. Kim Williams said this has been compared to the closing of the Kings Highway Bridge. That is like comparing apples to oranges. That Bridge did not cut an artery off to a county seat nor did it have the same impact on emergency responders. It was estimated that it was a \$48 million dollar project and some of the funds were going to be repaid collecting tolls so I don't think we are comparing the same thing when we compare it to the Kings Highway Bridge. She stated that she wanted to thank them for the hard work that they do. She knows that they have a hard job, but please think about Courtland and Southampton County when you vote tonight and consider what is the best thing for the county seat.

Mr. Adam Jack thanked Mrs. Kim Williams. He said she had some good points.

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

Mr. Nick Kitchen, Mayor of Capron, addressed the Board. He stated that he was not planning on speaking tonight, but as he has heard from two businesses and he sees several others in the Courtland area he thought he better. He said that he knows first-hand what road construction can do to a business. He stated that the road construction that was done on Highway 58 last year basically cut his business off for thirty days and it hurts a lot. Granted the Town of Courtland won't be cut completely off, but being cut off from 70% of your customers for twelve months he can imagine would be devastating. He said having the bridge closed would affect him because he would have to drive around, but it was not that big of a deal for him, but his business was cut off from fire and rescue point and their time is longer which makes a big difference to him. It was stated that the money (\$13.8 million) was funded and he wonders what kind of response time would be anticipated if they went back to the transportation board and ask for more money.

Mr. Adam Jack said the next six year plan would be adopted in June and it would go into effect in July.

Mr. Nick Kitchen asked how that would impact this project.

Mr. Adam Jack said that would be your first indication as to whether you got additional funding. So that delay would essentially push it back a year.

Supervisor West said that funding that you would have on the six year plan takes away additional funding for any other projects in the county is that correct? So you would lose priority?

Mr. Adam Jack said the project yes it could be from any project within the Commonwealth. The difficulty for the Commonwealth Transportation Board would be finding \$5 million dollars and having to take it from someone. So if I am on the Commonwealth Transportation Board who do I take it from in order for Courtland to get that \$5 million more dollars?

Mr. Nick Kitchen said so if you went to the Transportation Board and ask for additional funding would the original \$13.8 million be in jeopardy?

Mr. Adam Jack said yes it could be.

Mr. Nick Kitchen said tough decision you all.

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Nick Kitchen. He asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mrs. Maxine Nowlin. She said she is coming to speak as a citizen, a member of the Courtland Town Council, and as President of the Courtland Community Center. She stated that she had been a resident of Courtland all her life. She said she remembers all the businesses that were here. Some are gone and some are still here. She said she remembers Mr. George Kitchen and they thought that Mr. George Kitchen was the best looking thing in the world. She remembers Futrell's Drug Store, Edward's Hardware Store, the banks, and laundry mat. She said in both stores you could get anything you wanted on credit and your name was as good as any signature. She said she still supports the businesses in Courtland – Edward's Hardware. She said how many times I go in the store for the Community Center trying to keep the money that she gets from Grants in Courtland. She still just signs her name for Mr. Bob Edwards too. The same is true at 7-Eleven where Ms. Fran is and Ms. Paulette and Mr. Charlie at Williams Florists. The Dollar Store sees her quite a lot. She has always tried to keep the grant money in this county. She deposited \$68,000.00 into the bank at EVB which was grant money so that we could keep our money in our town because she does believe in supporting our local businesses. We are in a recession; everybody knows that and it has a negative impact on opportunity, investment, and even on the formation of new businesses. Recovery from a recession is slow. Our businesses are not part of a large chain and with businesses like E-bay and all of those things our businesses are fighting to stay afloat – no pun intended. The businesses of Courtland play a large part in our economy and it has a rippling effect in our county. Loss of revenue for eighteen to twenty four months is damaging to any business and recovery will be slow. We all know that we need a new bridge and the closing of the bridge will affect the Town of Courtland. She said she had never been on the internet so much just looking at bridges. She has looked at bridges from the Roman Era and it has been really interesting. She realizes that this may be a daunting task for the engineers. She just feels that there is some way that we can have a win-win situation for both our safety and our businesses. She said we didn't want anybody dying over that bridge, but we don't want our town dying either so she is urging the Board to consider everything and all persons as you have to represent everybody. She said please look at any alternative. She said with the engineers we have there has got to be a better way with all the technology. She urges the Board to please not forget our economic times here in Courtland. She thanked the Board for their time.

Chairman Jones thanked Mrs. Maxine Nowlin. He asked if there was anyone else wishing to address the Board.

Mrs. Kimberly Bell addressed the Board. She stated that she was going to bring this from a different human standpoint. Although we were talking about how the economic part of this town is going to take a downfall, this bridge is out of tune. Is it going to last a year? Is it going to last six months? We don't know. Nothing was ever said about that. She stated that she is a dispatcher. Dispatcher's save minutes and minutes save lives. That is their motto. If you make somebody go around and there are three minutes on the first page, three minutes on the second page, and three minutes on the third page that is already nine minutes. Now they are in route and you have to go way around just to get to somebody – let's say at the high school which is on the

other side of the bridge. That is nine more minutes you say just to get to the high school you say.

Mr. Adam Jack said no it was about five now it is going to be nine.

Mrs. Kimberly Bell said well at nine that is going to be eighteen minutes. Eighteen minutes for a code. Eighteen minutes for a fire or an accident and somebody is trapped. That is a long time. You can't do that. Suppose you have a school bus full of kids with the way the water rises and now you have all these waits. Do you know what a massive task that would be if you don't fix this bridge? Do you have any concept of that? She stated that she ran rescue. She stated that she had been in Suffolk. She said without that bridge there it would be a nightmare for a driver in Chuckatuck. She said she had been there and knew what that was like too. She said go ahead and get through this, but consider some alternatives. We can't not have a bridge. You can't wait on funding. It just has got to happen. You have to find a way for it to happen and she urges them from the standpoint of a 911 person know what it is like from the other side of the radio with people begging you to help them. She said she had received calls where they were in the water begging for help. She said we have got to do something.

Supervisor Edwards asked did you say eighteen minutes for a code.

Mrs. Kimberly Bell said the first page goes out in three minutes.

Supervisor Edwards said but you said eighteen minutes.

Mrs. Kimberly Bell said yeah it's eighteen minutes.

Supervisor Edwards said what everybody in the room has got to realize is that after fifteen minutes you are a goner. If you aren't attended to in fifteen minutes you don't leave the hospital.

Mrs. Kimberly Bell said I understand that. We aren't just talking about codes. We are talking about anything that can happen. There are accidents on Highway 58 when the weather gets bad. We have zone car. They are paid. They go to all the accidents in the county so I'm saying we have got to look at the human size as fire and rescue to get people out and keep it short than to wait and the funds aren't there. She asked if they had any other questions.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mrs. LeeAnn Alexander, Co-owner of Southern Sisters addressed the Board. She stated that she didn't have plans to speak tonight, but when her fellow business people got up and spoke with such language to you she felt the need to do so. So listen to her – all of you – she knows this is a big county and they are just a little part of it, but a lot of blood, sweat, and tears went into it and they all work really hard. She said she had planned for that to be her niece's retirement, but anyway she had just one question. You said it cost \$13.8 million – how did you come up with that? Why was that the only amount of money we got for that one plan? Why didn't we ask for more money? Did we ask for more and only got that or somebody just said this is what we need to close our bridge? Why didn't we get more money?

Mr. Adam Jack said when they looked at the project and estimated whatever dollar figures to build the bridge.

Mrs. Lee-Ann Alexander said so at the time it was closing the bridge without any consideration. Also it happened really fast. The meetings got cancelled and then all of a sudden she found out two weeks ago that her business was in jeopardy. It really took her by surprise.

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

Mr. Spier Edwards of the Town of Boykins addressed the Board. He said he was here tonight to discuss issues concerning the closing of the bridge. He said he knew that this was a number one concern for all of them, but closing the bridge for twelve to eighteen months was not acceptable. The financial hardship on the businesses in and around Courtland would be devastating. The closing of some businesses would be very likely. He stated we are in economic hard times. He stated that it was hard to keep the businesses in his town open with the roads open. He said if they

closed the road in Boykins their town would be dead too. If you close the bridge in Courtland, Courtland is going to be dead. The response time of your fire and rescue and the saving of one life can't be measured in money. It is going to put a financial burden on the fire and rescue, school division, sheriff's personnel, and the citizen's working who will have to pay more for the fuel for the extra miles. Another thing is the money that is generated from the Town of Courtland has something to do with your sales tax as to what each town gets each month? He said he didn't know exactly what that would be; it wouldn't be a whole lot, but it would be some. You have got to figure that would be an impact on all the towns in the county. He stated that he had counted the houses on Indiantown Road and how many people were going to be put out by having to go down Highway 58 and come into Courtland from that way. He asked Mr. Adam Jack if they had looked into the number of people living over that way and how it was going to affect them. So you have got to figure that would be an impact on all the towns in the county. He suggest that you not make a decision tonight, but sit down with VDOT and come to some conclusion where this is not the right way to go. Some other option has got to be out there. He said there had to be some other option which he didn't know what it might be. He said he didn't have the answer and they didn't have the answer and he didn't think anybody did, but closing that bridge for twelve months could affect them really bad.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Allen Applewhite of 23430 Indian Woods Trail addressed the Board. He stated that his address was on the other side of the river. He stated that he had two or three questions. He asked if anybody looked at the impact or considered the number of houses on Indian Woods Trail, Medicine Springs Road, and Indiantown Road which are within three miles of Hancock Peanut Company.

Mr. Adam Jack said he didn't believe so. He asked what kind of impact he was looking for.

Mr. Allen Applewhite said there are 150 homes over there.

Mr. Adam Jack said you mean as far as the EMS.

Mr. Allen Applewhite said yes.

Mr. Adam Jack said yes that was considered. That is one reason why they used the peanut factory as a guide.

Mr. Allen Applewhite said you turn by the peanut factory and go down Indiantown Road, and follow around to Indian Woods Trail and Medicine Springs and he had done that and counted 150 plus houses. He knew that much because he had counted them. About a year ago and there have been more built there since then. He stated that we have a fine fire and rescue squad, a fine Sheriff's office and we won't get to use them like we should be able to use them. He said he didn't know if that was taken into consideration or not. His other thing is did you look at pontoon bridges.

Mr. Adam Jack said yes. He said it was not possible. The volatility of the river does not support a pontoon bridge application. Whenever the river rises and falls it creates a problem.

Mr. Allen Applewhite said they used pontoon bridges in every major war in Europe. They crossed every river in Germany with pontoon bridges. He said they would blow them up and we would put pontoon bridges on them. They are still being used today. The pontoon bridges that he had seen when you attached them together and put the rails on them they look better than the bridge that we have out there now.

Mr. Adam Jack said that was absolutely true.

Mr. Allen Applewhite said he knew the environmental impact was important to a lot of people now of days. Sometimes we put that ahead of people much to his chagrin. He thought we were wrong there. He sees tractors down there mowing stuff and he knows that you can't disturb the dirt, but you can mow on top of it and cut trees down. If we put pontoon bridges between the power line and the old right of way why isn't that feasible? He said when the river rises you have

to stop traffic there, but otherwise why isn't it feasible?

Mr. Adam Jack said as far as a military application that is okay, but as far as the common traveling of the public it is not safe.

Mr. Allen Applewhite asked didn't they use them at the Outer Banks.

Mr. Adam Jack said they used temporary truss structures down at the Outer Banks. He stated that the only pontoon bridge that we were aware of in the United States were the two he believed to be in Seattle, Washington. They were built and constructed not following military specifications, but following highway specifications for permanent structures not temporary structures.

Mr. Allen Applewhite said he can't see us sacrifice a town and the people on the other side of town because a plan wasn't put into place to accommodate the livelihood and lives for the town and the people on the other side of the river. You have a tough decision.

Chairman Jones said yes sir. He asked if anyone else wished to speak. He said it was something new he hoped.

Ms. Samantha Jones stated that she was a business owner however she is looking more at the people. She said she was glad to see all the firefighters here. She said she didn't know how many times a night they go out or how many times a day they go out. Her point it is quite a few more million dollars to have traffic be able to run one way but you have to look at the pros of that more than the cons. Also she was wondering if the county was going to pay for a firefighter since these people are volunteers to help to stay at the fire stations to help with these response times. She said she knows where Mr. Allen Applewhite lives. She said let's just say the fire truck is out his way and if we have an accident on Main Street Courtland, how long is it going to take them to move from where they are when they finish up there. That is one of her main concerns. She said supposed something goes wrong at the school. She stated that those crucial minutes could be more than just one life. She said that's it.

Chairman Jones thanked Ms. Samantha Jones. He said that's it. He stated the Board needed to make a decision now.

Supervisor West said it is a tough decision. He said it can't be a win-win; unfortunately there are going to be losers in any decision they make tonight. He said Highway 460 would impact him in much the same way Mr. Joe Lomax. He said he didn't like it, but none the less he has always found a couple of adages to be true with one of those being if you didn't use it you lose it. He said they need the funding and it is available. There has been some time spent hoping they were going to get the repairs made. At this time the money is available he would like to sit down with VDOT one last time and say can you give us a better feel for funds that may be available and prolong this decision just a little bit. If you feel more certain that we can then he would like to see that done otherwise he is going to vote in favor of building it since the funds are available and we need to move forward. He does believe what was said as far as the local businesses will receive extra business from the contractors that will be coming to the area. He believes that they will be able to sell more supplies. He said Mr. Bob Edwards I sure hope so. You know hopefully your customers from Drewryville and Capron will come back. He said if he had always been there he would always do it. He can see what you are saying, but right now he would like to sit with VDOT for one more sitting one on one and go from there. If there is no other way he is going to vote for replacing the bridge under the plan for \$13.8 million dollars.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Faison if he had any comments.

Supervisor Faison said the bridge on a scale of 100 is rated a 10 and that speaks about the condition of the bridge. Right now it has been said that we have \$13.8 million dollars available that could replace the bridge. Now those are things that are certain. The additional money of \$5 million dollars if we get it will take time for us to get it while the bridge is there consistently deteriorating. So from his point of view they have to make a decision as far as what is best for the Town of Courtland and Southampton County period. That is that we adopt the plan that VDOT has presented because there is some certainty with that. There is a little bit of encouragement in that the Town of Courtland is not projected to be cut off completely. We still have access at the

other end and he hopes that Supervisor West is right and he hopes it is not as bad as what we anticipate. Certainly it is going to impact the Town of Courtland but hopefully there are local customers and we can encourage them to take the extra few miles to come into the Town of Courtland as he said it is not completely cut off, but when something happens to that bridge and we lose that funding it is cut off so I don't see how we could not accept this proposal.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Porter.

Supervisor Porter said he shared a lot of Supervisor Faison's concerns. He said he had been down to the bridge and looked at it and he doesn't feel comfortable driving across it right now. His feeling is that the bridge is going to fail before we know it. If the bridge fails before we take action you haven't seen any damage yet. He said he would like to see this bridge replaced as soon as possible. He would like to see it start tomorrow and he would like to see the time shortened as much as possible. He said he thought we had to encourage VDOT and the contractors to shorten that time frame and be creative. He stated that he agrees that we have a lot of creative people and we need to encourage people to have that closure as short as possible. He also thinks that a lot of the businesses are underestimating the loyalty of their customers. We have good customers and they come to you because you are an end destination. They don't come to you because they are passing through and see you. You may lose some business; some people are just lazy, but he hopes that most people appreciate the value they get from you. He said he comes to their store when he had alternatives closer to him where he lives. We need to publicize that encourage people to come to your stores and do everything we can to minimize the disruption that is going to happen. He stated that he wanted to see VDOT somehow put some pressure on the contractors to come to your businesses. He wanted to see them somehow do that so that you don't suffer and you can survive this period that we are going to go through. He stated that he didn't think we had any alternative but to get this bridge replaced as soon as possible and he wanted to see that done with as minimal disruption as possible.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips stated that we need a bridge there is no doubt; the bridge has deteriorated and it is continuing to deteriorate. He said he agrees with what Supervisor Porter said. He hopes that the people of Courtland and the surrounding areas realize that Edwards Hardware has been here for a hundred years and it is going to take a group effort to help maintain these businesses whether we go to Southern Sisters or whether we shop at Edwards Hardware. He said there are people who bank with EVB. He thinks if you want to maintain the convenience you will have to work at it a little bit. There is one thing that hasn't been mentioned and that is the Port of Norfolk expansion which will increase the traffic on Highway 58 dramatically at least truck traffic is expected to. Right now there are 30,000 cars a day traveling through on Highway 58. There are 2800 cars that are traveling over that bridge. We need to keep that perspective. We don't want to lose the bridge totally. Now Supervisor West touched on an issue that could be of some help of how we could possibly take one final look at what we are looking at. He said he didn't know if we had to stop the process to do that but he talked with Mr. Rick Morris today and he said he was willing to meet with the Commonwealth Transportation Board or whoever was necessary to explore the needs and concerns. He stated that he was in favor of building the bridge and he was in favor of doing it as soon as possible so we can get that done before this flyover starts or as soon as this construction can be wrapped up. Maybe VDOT would consider some further discussion.

Mr. Adam Jack said let me help you out a little bit. The way that things work when it comes to funding and he gave this information to some of the residents at the public hearing is that money is generated by the legislator which is the general assembly and the Board of Supervisors create the priorities of the projects and that is fed to the Commonwealth Transportation Board who make the decision in regard as to which projects get funding. He said he would certainly carry it forward if they wanted to have a discussion about the funding one on one with the Commonwealth Transportation Board Member which for this region is Mr. Aubrey Lane. That is the individual who can answer your questions right down to the end as far as whether you can get more money because he is the one who would have to carry the torch forward with that twelve member board. He said if that was their desire he could certainly contact Mr. Lane and have him come visit. There again he believes that time is of the essence especially as we entering into a new six year plan as of which he expects to see a draft of in the next 30 to 45 days.

Chairman Jones said didn't you just tell us a few minutes ago that if we talk to them we would have to take the funds away from somebody else.

Mr. Adam Jack said that is correct.

Supervisor Phillips said what he was hoping was that we could do was any way to expedite the building process where they could further explain so it would lay to rest some of the concerns here tonight about the time the bridge would be closed. At this point it is a bid design process – it that correct?

Mr. Adam Jack said it is a design build process.

Supervisor Phillips said we are still waiting and the verdict is still on us as to how long it is going to take. Even if we could tell people it was going to be eight months it is still going to be a painful process.

Chairman Jones said well we don't have any control over the weather.

Supervisor Phillips said that's right. He said he was well aware of what the Nottoway River can do.

Chairman Jones said the quicker a contractor can get something done the more money they have.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike said he appreciates every citizens concern, but he can't believe we are willing to play Russian roulette on this funding. If we get more money somebody else is going to lose. They are not going to roll over and say Southampton can have these funds. If we keep kicking the can down the road the more likely they are going to close the bridge permanently. So it is unthinkable not to go ahead and approve this No. 2, \$13.8 million dollar bridge construction. It is going to be painful, but it is by far the best alternative to what we have. We can't be greedy wanting to get this and get that – that is wish list talk. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush so for goodness sake be responsible and put the bridge under construction as soon as possible.

Supervisor Edwards said this Board's number one priority for the last number of years has been developing the economy of the county. He can't believe that we are willing tonight to sit up here and discuss this risking the economy of Courtland, our biggest town and that is exactly what we are doing. He agrees with Supervisor West he would like to see VDOT go back one more time and take another look at some alternative less expensive, whatever it is to keep this bridge open. You guys are wonderful engineers and I think you know the necessity is the mother of invention. He said he would like to not have a vote tonight. He said he cannot vote tonight for this. We are going around trying to improve the economy of the county with everything else we are doing and yet vote to stifle the economy and probably kill the economy of Courtland, Virginia. He said he thought Supervisor West has a good idea. He would like to put off the vote and have another conference with VDOT and see if they can come up with some alternative that would keep Courtland from going under.

Chairman Jones said we are not actually going to vote on it tonight. We are going to have to give VDOT some direction. Like was said we have got the \$13 million dollars and we have got a bridge that might last through this year or it might last through next year, but you are going to lose it one way or another. Either the state is going to build it or either they are going to close it. You might have your business for two more years, but then they are going to close the bridge and then we won't have any money and we won't have a bridge because the money will be going somewhere else. He said his thought is that you have your money, and he has to agree with Supervisor Updike if you have a bird in your hand you don't know what is over there in the bush, so he is willing to build the bridge; we have the money.

Supervisor West said but if we can meet with this person who might be able to help us in another thirty day period and it doesn't have to be this Board it could be Mr. Rick Morris and the Commonwealth Transportation Board person, and any delegate or any person who could be of benefit. He asked if a delay of those few more days would affect them that dramatically.

Supervisor Porter asked if he could say one thing. He said they are assuming that since they have the \$5 million dollars that they are going to get the approvals.

Supervisor West said right.

Supervisor Porter said he thought that was a greater risk than a bigger risk than the money because he didn't think the EPA Corp of Engineers is just going to just roll over and say you have got \$5 million dollars so we can do this other alternative.

Supervisor Edwards said you will never know until we try it.

Supervisor Porter said in the meantime you have extended the project for two years automatically. You have lost a year because if we lose another several months we are into the next funding year so now you are three years behind and you will be 2020 continuing on the bridge and that bridge is not going to last until 2020. He stated he thought we had to be realistic and pragmatic and we have got to find a way to mitigate the negative impacts. We can sit up here and dream about the fact that we can have an ideal situation where we cannot have a negative impact on anybody and replace the bridge; it's not going to happen. It's just not going to happen. You have got to get in the real world. We are not going to be able to do some of these things because of the onerous regulations of the federal government believe it or not. You can say we won't know until we try well we don't want to try and miss the window and the bridge fails and we don't have any money and we are doomed.

Supervisor Faison said he has to agree with Supervisor Porter because as bad as it may be for us to close that bridge for the time it takes to construct one the alternatives are much worse. If during the process of us waiting that bridge is closed and the funds are no longer available then we will have a catastrophe so I think we really don't have a choice except to go forward.

Chairman Jones asked if that was the consensus of the Board.

Supervisors Faison and Phillips said yes.

Chairman Jones asked Mr. Michael Johnson if we needed to give VDOT an answer tonight.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he thought that they were looking for some position from this Board.

Supervisor Porter stated that he move that they give VDOT the direction that we want to go with their recommended course of action, but we also want to emphasize that we want to see better mitigation on the impact to businesses with the closing of the bridge.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion.

Chairman Jones asked Mr. Adam Jack if he had what he needed now.

Mr. Richard Railey stated that they needed to vote.

Chairman Jones called for the vote which passed 6 to 1 with Supervisor Edwards voting nay.

Chairman Jones told Mr. Adam Jack they could go ahead and get it done.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was B – monthly concerns. He asked if anyone had any concerns for the state.

Supervisor West stated that he was going to say the same thing he said last month Mr. Michael Johnson and that is a big issue and they are extremely busy and it is very wet, but the ditches are overflowing. He said he had a couple of month's concerns about the ditches and they are overflowing everywhere throughout the Berlin and Ivor District. Every time it rains now the ditches are overflowing and the water is running across the road and he knows the Mr. Ben Bryant is struggling. He said he was somewhat amused today to see the guard rail placed by the Bridge at Highway 635.

Mr. Joe Lomax said again that is a district wide safety issue coming under the federal guidelines. He said he knew it didn't under general maintenance.

Supervisor West said he knew that they didn't understand that from the lower level, but it just seems like you can't clean out the ditches, but you can put up a guard rail that hadn't been up since 1956. With that being said, it is okay. He does consider that an issue though when the ditches are overflowing and running across the road it creates hazardous driving conditions there is no doubt about it and he stated that he had been in touch with Mr. Ben Bryant but he wanted to re-iterate his need and his concern.

Supervisor Faison said he wanted to thank VDOT for the way they responded to a concern he had on Cypress Bridge Road. They have taken care of things there on Cypress Bridge Road, but they had almost the same identical problem on Burnt Reid Road about a quarter of a mile from Quarter's Mill Road. The water is almost across the road there or at least it was Sunday.

Supervisor Edwards stated that he wanted to thank them for the signs that they had put up at Nottoway Chapel.

Supervisor Phillips said that as this bridge project moves forward Cary's Bridge Road will pick up a lot of traffic. He said he had expressed his concerns but he wanted to do it while the constituents were here also. There are places where trees are overhanging across the road. Tractor trailers are going to be using that road after that bridge is closed because that is going to be the cut through from Capron possibly. They do occasionally use it now. There are several places that the road is very narrow and it could potentially cause an accident if two tractor trailers met there or if a tractor trailer met a school bus and he would ask them again to please look at these areas. He said he would be happy to ride with them and show them the points of concern. He thanked them for the signs that they had already put up for the curvy road and the intersection.

Mr. Joe Lomax stated that he would be glad to have him ride with him.

Supervisor Porter said he would like to thank him for the signs at Nottoway Chapel too. He said he would like to see the stripes done as soon as possible.

Supervisor Edwards said soon we will have a center line there.

Mr. Joe Lomax said he thought it was something to do about the width.

Supervisor West said we understood that, but if there is any way to stretch it because you have widened those shoulders there and it has got to be close enough now. Do what you can please.

Supervisor Edwards said it is just a thin strip.

Supervisor Porter said he would like to thank them for the changes they made to the stop light at Story's Station and Highway 58. That is immensely important and it really improved the safety of that intersection.

Mr. Joe Lomax stated that they do have the Story Station and Country Club Intersection under review.

Supervisor Phillips asked him about the bridge on Story Station Road.

Mr. Joe Lomax stated yes they were looking at that too.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike said he was just sort of repeating himself from the last three months. He said he still hadn't gotten any results. He said there had been several tractor trailers in the ditches and they had stopped up the ditches in fact the road right beside Mr. Michael Drake's house a tractor trailer went in there and not only took the shoulder out, but also broke off some of the concrete along the edge. He stated that if they run in the middle of the road they have a very good opportunity to wind up in the ditch.

Chairman Jones asked if this was Statesville Road.

Supervisor Updike said no it was Sands Road.

Supervisor West thanked Mr. Joe Lomax for handling on the local district level the snow remediation and that was excellent at the intersections and on the bridges. Your people were on top of it. Good job.

Mr. Joe Lomax said just in response to your question, I know you rode out with Mr. Jerry Kee and that work is in the queue. It has to go for the division on that. He said there were some other things he was hearing from the Board and he wanted to put them to rest this evening. There is only a certain amount of roadway that he has to work with. He stated that Mr. Bruce Phillips talked about the narrow road on Cary's Bridge and the same thing exists on Flaggy Run Road. We have talked about the thirty foot description. He stated that he has got thirty feet so if the road is "x" amount of feet and we have a little bit of shoulder and then the ditch, I can't widen the road on private property. He said he had to work within the footprint or it has to be a project. He stated if the county wanted to spend some secondary six year money he could do some projects with some of the maintenance money, but it would still have to go through the concurring engineering process which involves securing the right of way, and moving the utilities out of the way so that involves securing property. So he is stuck here in between the lines if your will. So he just wanted to let you know he can deal with the trees handing over it but when you start talking about opening the footprint up its different. Now there may be some places that we have enough room to work and we can look at those, he's not saying every curve on Cary's Bridge is like that he just wanted to put that out there because he keeps hearing we don't have enough shoulder and we don't have enough room for two vehicles. In some places you have got 18 and in some places 15 feet of pavement and those roads have been like that for a hundred years or since the Byrd Act in 1932. So it is a matter of priorities and where we want to put our dollars at. General maintenance is just what that is ordinary maintenance on an asset that you have. The moment you start changing the pavement or expanding it then it becomes betterment and that comes from a different pot of money – we are talking construction dollars, secondary six year plan money. Sometimes we can get some safety money and sometimes revenue share as sometimes the county will give us some revenue share money so there are some things that we can do but we have to work within the footprint of the existing road for maintenance. He stated that he just wanted to put that out there. He said there were some things they could do and he be willing to ride with Mr. Bruce Phillips and they would go back and look at those areas and if there are some things that have been torn up he will have that done. He said if you have citizens calling you have them call 1-800-367-ROAD for potholes, trees down, signs, ditches that need to be cleaned and they will put it in the system and give us a work order and it sends it to the district superintendent on his e-mail and blackberry and it gives the citizen a number where they can check back on it. So he would encourage you to give the residents that number and that concern will go right in the system.

Supervisor Phillips said concerning the road right of way he said he had spoken to one of the adjacent land owner and he said he would voluntarily relinquish depending upon what you needed. He asked if that was a possibility and would that ease the situation where we could move forward on that.

Mr. Joe Lomax said he understands and that would help, but they have to use secondary project funds for the maintenance. He said he didn't know we can ask as we are competing with the other counties and everybody is looking for that safety thing, but there is that possibility. He didn't want to say that it couldn't be done; we can certainly put in an application and ask.

Supervisor Phillips thanked Mr. Joe Lomax.

Commissioner Edwards stated that he thought Mr. Joe Lomax had done a great job. He thought they ought to leave him alone for the rest of the night.

Chairman Jones said he just needed Mr. Joe Lomax to get him some rock in the drive ways up in his area.

Mr. Joe Lomax said yes it is coming.

Chairman Jones said he appreciated that. He stated they had finally finished with highway matters.

Chairman Jones stated the next item of business was number 3 - reports. The reports were Financial Report, Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, Litter Control, Building Permits, Cooperative Extension, New Housing Starts, Solid Waste Quantities, and Personnel.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that there was one retirement in the month effective February 1, 2013, Dorothy U. Jarratt in the Clerk's Office. Based on that retirement they have reclassified three of the positions in the Clerk's Office to cover Mrs. Dorothy Jarratt's duties. Effective February first Melanie Cross' salary will go to \$44,058, Theresa Kannan's salary, also effective February 1, 2013 will go to \$33,100, and Linda Beatty's effective February 1, 2013 will go to \$30,322.

Chairman Jones stated other reports were Annual Report – Community Development and Turner Tract.

Supervisor West said that was a rather lengthy report in there.

Chairman Jones stated the next item of business was number 4 – Financial Matters. He stated that we have got to deal with the bills; we have got to pay them.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that before we get to the bills we have got two appropriation resolutions for your consideration. The first is total appropriation of \$1,679,348.14. That includes \$1,368,980.54 to the General Fund and \$310,367.60 to the School Operating Fund. On the revenue side, it included \$1,653,189.59 in current revenues from the sources indicated. There are two items that required funding beyond what was either included in your FY 2013 budget or designated and received for a specific purpose - \$8,000 that was approved last month for additional funding in the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office and \$18,158.55 that covers the cost of issuance and interest associated with the Revenue Anticipation Note issued last September.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County,  
Virginia on Monday, February 25, 2013

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia that the following appropriations be and hereby are made from the Fund to the Fund for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for the function and purpose indicated:

From the General Fund to the General Operating Fund to be expended only on order of the Board of Supervisors:

4-100-11010-5510	TRAVEL - BOARD RETREAT	50.05
11010-5510	TRAVEL - BOARD RETREAT	50.05
11010-5639	GAS LINE EXTENSION - ENVIVA	871,120.00
11010-5640	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT-ENVIVA	300,000.00
11010-9220	REV.ANTICIPATION NOTE/INT & LEGAL FEES	18,158.55
12310-1300	PART-TIME SALARIES	7,435.00
12310-2100	FICA	565.00
12410-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	15.47
12410-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	20.93
12410-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	37.73
12550-2300	HOSPITAL PLAN	19,458.00
21100-3848	JURORS & WITNESSES - STATE	2,660.52

21100-3848	JURORS & WITNESSES - STATE	76.84
21100-3848	JURORS & WITNESSES - STATE	5,730.00
21600-3867	GRANT-ITEM CONSERV/2013A-22	20,425.00
31200-1901	PART-TIME/SOUTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL	1,396.47
31200-1901	PART-TIME/SOUTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL	437.50
31200-2100	FICA	107.00
31200-2100	FICA	33.46
31200-3310	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	2,252.43
31200-3310	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	49.99
31200-5500	TRAVEL CONVENTION, EDUCATION	699.32
31200-5500	TRAVEL CONVENTION, EDUCATION	1,379.79
31200-5500	TRAVEL CONVENTION, EDUCATION	524.04
31200-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	29.69
31200-6011	UNIFORMS	13.50
31600-5510	TRAINING/EQUIP PROJ LIFESAVER	25.00
31600-5510	TRAINING/EQUIP PROJ LIFESAVER	25.00
31600-5510	TRAINING/EQUIP PROJ LIFESAVER	25.00
32200-5110	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	239.05
32200-5110	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	686.17
33100-3310	REPAIR & MAINT	3,358.67
33100-6011	UNIFORMS	87.00
33100-5110	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	2,334.88
35500-3310	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,371.85
43000-5241	TELECOM-SOC SER/HEALTH	817.20
43000-5241	TELECOM-SOC SER/HEALTH	1,063.82
81100-5647	LITTER CONTROL GRANT	16,109.00
82500-1100	SALARIES & WAGES REGULAR	23,135.01
82500-2100	FICA	1,719.81
82500-2210	RETIREMENT	3,366.15
82500-2215	RETIREMENT-EMPLOYEE	925.41
82500-2300	HOSPITAL PLAN	4,815.00
82500-2400	GROUP INSURANCE	275.31
83500-3860	PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLE EXPENSE	1,874.88
91400-5671	CAMP CAMPBELL FUNDS	54,000.00
	TOTAL	1,368,980.54

From the General Fund to the School  
Operating Fund to be expended only  
on order of the Southampton County  
School Board:

4-205-61100-2600-002- -100		32.40
61100-3000-002-2-100	OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS - SP	2,918.69
61100-3000-002-5-100	OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS - OTHER	219.00
61100-3000-003-1-100	OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS - REG	13,219.91
61100-6000-002-5-100	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES - OTHER	1,510.00
61100-6000-002-5-100	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES - OTHER	734.00
61100-6000-002-5-100	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES - OTHER	550.00
61100-6000-002-5-100	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES - OTHER	20.00
61100-6001-003-1-100	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FRESH START	15.70
61100-6001-003-1-100	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FRESH START	10.00
61100-6009-003-1-100	LOCAL DONA FRIENDS OF FRESH START	100.00
62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	700.00



3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	13.50
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	29.69
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	2,334.88
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	49.99
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	87.00
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	871,120.00
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.05
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.05
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	15.47
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	20.93
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	37.73
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	470.96
3-100-18030-0004	INSURANCE CLAIMS & DIVIDENDS	4,730.52
3-100-18030-0004	INSURANCE CLAIMS & DIVIDENDS	2,252.43
3-100-18030-0005	HOSPITAL PLAN	19,458.00
3-100-18990-0025	CAMP/CAMPBELL FOUNDATION	54,000.00
3-100-23020-0007	EXTRADITION EXPENSES	699.32
3-100-23020-0007	EXTRADITION EXPENSES	1,379.79
3-100-23020-0007	EXTRADITION EXPENSES	524.04
3-100-24040-0014	JURORS & WITNESSES	2,660.52
3-100-24040-0014	JURORS & WITNESSES	76.84
3-100-24040-0014	JURORS & WITNESSES	5,730.00
3-100-24040-0020	LITTER CONTROL GRANT	16,109.00
3-100-24040-0023	CIRCUIT CRT CLERK GRANT	20,425.00
3-100-24040-0030	GOVERNOR'S OPPORTUNITY FUND-ENVIVA	300,000.00
3-100-24040-0066	PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLE PROG	1,874.88
3-100-41050-0005	TRANSFER IN-GENERAL FUND RESERVE	8,000.00
3-100-41050-0005	TRANSFER IN-GENERAL FUND RESERVE	18,158.55
	REVENUE GENERAL FUND	1,368,980.54
SCHOOL FUND		
3-205-18990-0032	INSURANCE CLAIMS & DIVIDENDS	1,000.00
3-205-18990-0032	INSURANCE CLAIMS & DIVIDENDS	446.00
3-205-18990-0032	INSURANCE CLAIMS & DIVIDENDS	367.82
3-205-18990-0032	INSURANCE CLAIMS & DIVIDENDS	1,663.26
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	700.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	10,213.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	834.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	8,813.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	216.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	2,100.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	9,449.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	442.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	2,918.69
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	13.49
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	15.70
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	23,792.91
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	32.40
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	219.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	19.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	89.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	13,219.91
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	10.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	35.00
3-205-18990-0101	DONATIONS	1,510.00



12550 INSURANCE/COUNTY CODE	(1) Reimbursement received from retirees for BCBS (\$19,458.00)
21100 CIRCUIT COURT	State reimbursement received for jurors & witnesses (\$2660.52 + 76.84 + 5730)
21600 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	New Grant Received from state - (\$20,425.00) Records Preservation Program
31200 SHERIFF LAW ENFORCEMENT	(1) Reimbursement received from Southampton High School for event security-salaries & FICA (\$1396.47 + 107.00 + 437.50 + 33.46) (2) Restitution from offender for damage to M Blythe's vehicle (\$49.99) (3) Reimbursement received for extradition of inmates (\$699.32 + 1379.79 + 524.04) (4) Reimbursement rec'd from T STEVENS for buckle(\$13.50) (5) Refund from Quill (\$29.69) (6) Reimb from Selective Insurance for 11/28-2012 deer hit. (\$2252.43)
31600 SHERIFF PROJECT LIFESAVER	Donation to Project Lifesaver (\$25.00 + 25.00 + 25.00)
32200 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPTS	Reimbursements rec'd from Sedley Vol Fire (\$686.17) and Drewryville Vol Fire for electrical services (\$239.05)
33100 DETENTION	(1) Reimb from Selective for 8/25 ins claim (\$3358.67) (2) Refund from Community Electric (\$2334.88) (3) Reimbursement for uniforms (\$87.00)
35500 EMERGENCY SERVICES	Reimb from Selective for 8/25 ins claim (\$1371.85)
43000 BLDGS & GROUNDS	Reimbursement received from Dept of Social Servcies ( 355.92 + 364.35 + 343.55) and Health Dept (267.09 + 275.00 + 275.11) for telephones
81100 PLANNING	Funds rec'd for Litter Control Grant (\$16,109.00)
82500 SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION	Reimbursement rec'd for personnel costs (\$34,236.69)
83500 EXTENSION OFFICE	Funds received for Pesticide Container Recycling Grant (\$1,874.88)
91400 NON DEPARTMENTAL	Donations from Camp Foundation and Camp Younts Foundation to So County Fire and Rescue Departments (\$54,000.00)

SCHOOL BOARD See attached letter/spreadsheet for:  
 (1) Expenditure refunds received  
 (2) E-Rates reimbursement received  
 (3) Reimbursements from retirees for health  
 (4) Donations received  
 (5) Reimbursements for Insurance Claims

**APPROPRIATION - FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

**NEW MONEY REQUIRED FOR FEBRUARY 2013 APPROPRIATIONS**

**GENERAL FUND**

8,000.00	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE/SUPPLEMENTAL PART-TIME FUNDING (APPROVED AT JANUARY 28, 2013 BOARD MEETING)
18,158.55	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/FUNDS NEEDED FOR LEGAL FEES AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE (RAN APPROVED AT SEPT 28, 2012 BOARD MEETING)
<u>                    </u>	
<b>26,158.55</b>	<b>TOTAL NEW MONEY/GENERAL FUND</b>

Chairman Jones stated that he needed a motion to adopt this resolution.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to adopt the appropriation resolution.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that the second appropriation resolution provides the funding to install new fiber into the Southampton County Office Center as discussed at your recent retreat. The total appropriation is \$4,865 which covers the cost of service for three months plus an additional \$2,000 for nonrecurring expenses associated with reconfiguration of the network.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County,  
 Virginia on Monday, February 25,  
 2013

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia that the following appropriations be and hereby are made from the Fund to the Fund for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for the function and purpose indicated:

From the General Fund to the General Operating Fund to be expended only on order of the Board of Supervisors:

4-100-12510-3325	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,300.00
12510-5230	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	2,565.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATION	4,865.00
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REVENUE APPROPRIATION FEBRUARY 25, 2013

GENERAL FUND

3-100-41050-0005	TRANSFER IN - GENERAL FUND RESERVE	4,865.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	4,865.00

A copy teste: \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
 Michael W. Johnson

Southampton County Board of Supervisors  
 05/25/2013

**APPROPRIATION - FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

12510 DATA PROCESSING	Request to run new fiber (\$2300.00 + 2565.00)
	<b>NEW MONEY</b>

**NEW MONEY REQUIRED FOR FEBRUARY 2013 APPROPRIATION**

**GENERAL FUND**

4,865.00	DATA PROCESSING/FIBER CONNECTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
<b>4,865.00</b>	<b>TOTAL NEW MONEY/GENERAL FUND</b>

Supervisor Edwards said we need it.

Chairman Jones stated that he needed a motion.

Supervisor Phillips made a motion to adopt the appropriation resolution.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was paying the bills. He asked if anyone had any problems with the bills. He said if not he needed a motion to pay the bills.

Supervisor West made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,779,101.82 to be paid by check numbers 129655 through 130049. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated we would move on to item number five – Citizen Request to Address the Board.

Mr. Michael Johnson said as you will see in your agenda a request from Mr. Ed Knight requesting time to speak regarding the hunting of coyotes with weapons larger than .22 rimfire.

Chairman Jones stated that Mr. Ed Knight could address the Board.

Mr. Ed Knight thanked the Board for the opportunity to come before them and speak tonight. He said he just wanted to mention that the use of a firearm large than .22 rimfire is a useful and safe method against coyotes based on the fact that for many years we have used rifles to hunt groundhogs. Years ago Southampton County had a problem with groundhogs and the Board passed a law allowing rifles to hunt groundhogs. It has been very successful and the population has been kept under control. We still see groundhogs everywhere, but it has been safe; there have been no accidents whatsoever. Coyotes are now a new problem. They are eating up the chickens, dogs, cats, calves, ducks, and geese. They even affect wild turkeys and deer. All he is asking is for us to readdress using rifles to hunt coyotes, just adding them to the existing list. Again, it has been proved safe and effective and he thinks it would be very successful to use for coyotes.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions.

Supervisor Phillips thanked Mr. Ed Knight for his comments. He stated that we addressed this last year and we were going to have to advertise it for a public hearing and the newspaper did not run the ad in the appropriately designated time so we didn't get the ad so we could have the public hearing in prior to the publication of the Game Commission's rules in May. He said he intended to reintroduce that and if he may he will explain to you and anyone else who is concerned. He said what I think you are asking us to do is do away with ordinance 42 which says "It shall be unlawful to use a rifle of a caliber larger than .22 rimfire except that groundhogs may be hunted with a rifle with a caliber larger than .22 rimfire between March 1 and August 31." What you would like to do is add coyotes to that.

Mr. Ed Knight said he spoke last year at the meeting we had and they were going to change it to where you could use it outside of the general firearms season.

Supervisor Phillips said that would be number 68.

Supervisor Edwards asked what was the time on that. He said he had to make sure that was outside of deer season.

Mr. Richard Railey said outside of the general firearms deer season.

Supervisor Phillips said in order to draw proper public comment what he anticipated was to change the ordinance to number 68 – It shall be unlawful to hunt with a rifle larger than .22 calibers except rifles with a larger caliber may be used to hunt groundhogs and coyotes outside the general firearms deer season.

Supervisor Faison said that is what he suggested also.

Supervisor Phillips thanked them.

Supervisor West said we are behind you and do we need to advertise that for next month is that what we are saying?

Mr. Michael Johnson said no actually you conducted your public hearing last year on May 29, 2012 and you deferred action until March 2013. You said you would bring it up again at your March 2013 meeting so we will put in on your agenda for next month.

Supervisor West said so your reminder is there and we will talk about it next month.

Mr. Richard Railey asked wasn't the public hearing invalid because it wasn't properly advertised.

Mr. Michael Johnson said no, we tried to schedule it in April 2012 and the Tidewater News failed to advertise it so we went ahead and scheduled it, published it, and conducted it in May 2012.

Mr. Richard Railey said okay.

Mr. Michael Johnson said but it was after we could get it in the game publication.

Supervisor West said so we will have it on next month's agenda and then we will have it for that May 1 deadline.

Mr. Ed Knight asked if there would be another public hearing or just a decision made.

Chairman Jones stated there would not be another public hearing.

Supervisor Edwards said you may not be able to buy a rifle larger than .22 rimfire. We will figure that one out later.

Supervisor West said this comes down to the little things and he will repeat what he has been told. He understands that the hunt clubs said they had less deer killed this year than in the most recent years and this has something to do with the coyote activity perhaps and destroying some of the fawns.

Supervisor Phillips said the coyotes are killing us. They are eating the fawns.

Mr. Ed Knight said at the last meeting concerning this the pups had just been born and breeding season is in March so now they are getting ready to have their second litter of pups just since the last meeting. They are growing in number just like cats. If you have ever had a cat one year about three years later you have fifteen.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said it takes two.

Supervisor West said he would like you to know Isle of Wight's issue on it because they just dealt with the issue and they did not put the \$50 bounty per animal on it, but they did ask to work with and partner with the hunt clubs in the county and see if they would take the initiative to reduce the population.

Supervisor Edwards said you don't need to ask that; it has been going on for the last five or six years. That is their number one priority.

Supervisor West said that is the action Isle of Wight took and he thought we needed to encourage it even more.

Supervisor Edwards said he can guarantee you that it is an outstanding policy.

Supervisor Faison said he agreed he didn't think it would hurt to put foot behind it.

Supervisor Edwards said bounties don't work. They just change the population from older ones to younger ones. The population doesn't change.

Supervisor Phillips said no historically bounties don't work.

Mr. Ed Knight said a lot of people just want money and they will bring them in from the western part of the state. They will go out into the western part of the state where there are a lot more of them, kill them over the weekend and just bring them in to the county on Monday morning.

Supervisor West said then you have got to pay for them and then the disposal of them; so then you have a whole other deal.

Supervisor Edwards said they might have come from another county; you don't know.

Supervisor West said that is what he just said.

Mr. Richard Railey said they aren't just born in Southampton County.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to item number six – Project Update – Nat Turner/1831 Southampton Insurrection Trail and Restoration of the Rebecca Vaughan House.

Mr. Michael Johnson said as you are aware, Southampton County agreed to serve as grantee, fiscal agent, and project sponsor of the Southampton County Historical Society's development of the Nat Turner/1831 Southampton Insurrection Trail. In July of 2010, we were awarded a \$420,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant to connect travelers, tourists, students, and residents with sites associated with the Nat Turner rebellion. The project will include fabrication of orientation exhibits, installation of interpretive signage, acquisition of easements, construction of turnouts and production of a brochure and map. The Rebecca Vaughan House, located on the Museum of Southampton History campus in Courtland, will function as a Visitor's Center and trailhead. Here, the public will learn about the rebellion, explore the route traveled by Turner and his insurgents, and discover period artifacts, including Turner's sword and the lock from his jail cell. Since fiscal year 2008, Southampton County has contributed an aggregate sum of \$133,750 towards this project. Mr. John V. Quarstein, the Historical Society's project consultant and well as Mrs. Lynda Updike who is President of the Historical Society will provide you a status update on the project and share some recently developed video vignettes that I'm sure you'll find interesting. You had included with your packet a copy of the long range plan which gives you an excellent overview of the project and with that he turned the meeting over to Mrs. Lynda Updike and Mr. John Quarstien.

Mr. John Quarstien thanked the Board for having them here today. He stated that Mr. Richard Francis, President of the Historical Society was here with them also and he is very involved with helping them in trying to create this educational and tourism resource for the county. You notice that you have 30,000 cars driving down Highway 58 and if you think about those 30,000 cars what will make them stop at Courtland and other places in the county. One of the most powerful events in American History took place right here in Southampton County and that happened to be Nat Turner's Rebellion of Southampton County Insurrection of 1831. This event changed America in so many ways because once it happened the next General Assembly of Virginia almost ended slavery because it was so shocked by the occurrence. Not only was Nat Turner and his followers, the 57 people they killed, but also the vicious response of the militia that killed approximately 200 people many of them not even involved with the insurrection. Here in Courtland many sites which are related to this event and as the result of that the Historical Society put together this very large and ambitious project which they have gathered over \$703,000 dollars in resources to implement it. They have a long range plan that they kind of evolved around with the very thought that it was not just that Nat Turner was born here in Southampton County in the first part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century but also Dred Scott who chose to take the legal approach to try to change slavery. Also born here was Anthony Garner who became President of Liberia. He was a person who was able to go back to Africa thanks to the American Colonization Society. One other man who was named Fed and was later named John Brown was sold into slavery down in Georgia and using the under-ground railroad found his way into Canada and then it was to Great Britain where he wrote this very telling story about life as a slave. He was born not more than four miles from where we are standing right. I have to tell you that all this history is very, very powerful and enthralling so we decided to put it together in a multifaceted manner. Number one the Rebecca Vaughan House which was donated to the society by the Pittman Family has now been issued a contract to have the exterior restored. We are raising money to complete the interior because it is the Rebecca Vaughan House where we will have an expressive map which will tell people the story and of the route that Nat Turner followed and also placing into context using exhibits within the museum of Southampton History we will be able to show the causes and the impacts of Nat Turner's rebellion. Furthermore we will also start a program where we will have interpretive signs. We have actually planned 40 interpretive signs that will be found throughout Southampton County. The first grouping of signs is going to be 17 that are going to be coming into Courtland sometime in late spring. Your packets show how they are designed. They are designed like the Civil War Trail Signs. What we thought we would do even more is we thought that we would film these

vignettes and so far we have filmed 32 of them. In fact we can see one now with the marvels of technology now you know. He presented a DVD showing an example of the story. Mr. John Quarstien said actually we did two episodes of that one that says it all happened here in Southampton County in 1831 and the other one says it all happened here in Hampton Roads. You see these have a multitude of uses. Number one we are going to use them in seminars, number two they are already aired on WHRO. He said he was watching "Doubting Abbey" last night and soon it was over on came the episode about "Seven Gables" which is where Thomas Gray transcribed the confessions of Nat Turner. Then we are going to do a mobile application for smart phones, ipads, and all those technologies so then a driver can go throughout the county and when they get to a site they can push a button and up pops the story so that is pretty effective. So then using e-media which is the education component of EPS every one of these stories is going to be streamed into every classroom in the United States so we are going to have a far reach for our product and our program. So basically we have been working on this project for six years he thinks and it is very complex. He stated that they just recently had two public hearing to review the signs and get public input for the signs that we are going to put up in Courtland. The sign and trail also need a procure which they are getting ready to produce, then a map, and some other techniques which will really help modernize how people gain access to this information, but more importantly people believe in place based education. They are going to want to come here. They are going to want to stand right in front of that courthouse where Nat Turner was tried, or right where the old jail used to set, or to go to the Rebecca Vaughan House. The fact is that just last year Isle of Wight County generated \$35.5 million dollars in tourism and they don't have the story that we have. So we are doing this from an educational standpoint and we are also doing it from a heritage tourism because people use that detour to get to see these events. It has happened time and time again. History is what Virginia has and it is about time for this story to be told in an accurate, even handed, and well documented fashion. That is what they insisted on no rumors or this or that; we had to be able to document each statement that we are making to make sure we are offering a well balanced approach to the statement. He stated that he could talk forever. He stated that his middle name was Vernon, but most people just called him verbose. He asked if anyone had any questions about the project. He stated he thought that they had a copy of the long range plan, but if they would like a hard copy he had some right now. He said he had some of the scripts too if they wanted to see them, but they had not been edited.

Supervisor West said you are taking that Hampton Roads part out aren't you.

Supervisor West said when you are in Jamestown you don't say Hampton Roads do you.

Mr. John Quarstien said yes I do.

Supervisor West said you do.

Mr. John Quarstien said yes I do.

Supervisor West said well then you aren't from here buddy.

Mr. John Quarstien said he was from Eastern Shore but I live in Hampton. He said the one you saw tonight airs on WHRO; the other one they did has a different closure which says it all happened here in Southampton County in 1831 and that is what is going to go on the ipods and that is what is going to go on the emedia.

Supervisor Faison questioned Hampton Roads also.

Mr. John Quarstien said that WHRO serves all the areas in the Hampton Roads Region which includes Southampton County, Chesapeake, and Norfolk. Basically this program "Here and Then" is something that he has filmed hundreds of on all sorts of topics at Jamestown and Williamsburg, on the Eastern Shore, Norfolk, and any town in the area which has history that he can stand in front of a place and talk about. That is exactly what he does. Everyone that he has filmed here in Southampton County he has gotten as close to as he could without getting shot. He said it has been a very interesting project. He said they are still raising money to complete the Rebecca Vaughan House. Hampton Roads of course is the greatest harbor in the word and he guessed instead of called this Tidewater somebody saw fit to call is Hampton Roads.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions. He thanked Mr. John Quarstien for coming.

Mr. John Quarstein thanked Chairman Jones.

Supervisor Phillips told him not to forget the Barn Tavern Rural Historic District.

Mr. John Quarstien asked Supervisor Phillips what he wanted him to do with that sir.

Supervisor Phillips said put it on your list.

Mr. John Quarstien said put it on my list; I can do that sir. I will have to get a tour so I can understand it even better.

Supervisor Phillips said call me.

Mr. John Quarstien said yes sir, will do.

Chairman Jones said let's go to item number seven – Designation of Surplus Property.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that in your agenda you will find a resolution for your consideration declaring certain property owned by the county as surplus and ordering it to be sold at Blythe Auctioneer's Spring Consignment Auction. The list consists of one pick-up-truck from the Department of Public Works, one pick-up truck from the Sheriff's Office, a trailer from the Sheriff's Office and a John Deere Gator from the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Jones asked if any of the members had any problem with this. He said it is just surplus property so we need to do something about it.

Supervisor West made a motion to sell the surplus property as soon as possible.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was number 8 – Consideration of a Request to Vacate a Portion of a Plat – W. Robert Simmons, Jr.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that in your agenda please find correspondence from Mr. W. Robert Simmons, Jr. seeking your consideration in vacating a portion of a plat "Showing Sub-Division of Property of Mrs. W. S. Deloatch, recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 76 on September 2, 1949. The property is located on what is now known as Whitehead Road, just north of the Town of Branchville. When platted in 1949, a 30' strip between lots 24 and 25 was shown as "reserved for street," (highlighted in yellow on the attached plat). After consulting with the county attorney, based on 15.2-2265 of the Code of Virginia (copy attached), we concluded that recordation of the plat effectively transferred that 30' strip in fee simple to Southampton County. Mr. Simmons currently owns lots 12-37 and is asking for you to vacate only that area shown as "reserved for street." The process of vacating a plat is governed by 15.2-2272, Code of Virginia, and provides that a portion of a plat may be vacated by ordinance of the governing body, but only after notice has been given as required by 15.2-2204. The notice must clearly describe the plat or portion thereof to be vacated and state the time and place of the meeting of the governing body at which the adoption of the ordinance will be voted upon. Any person may appear at the meeting for the purpose of objecting to the adoption of the ordinance. An appeal from the adoption of the ordinance may be filed within thirty days with the circuit court. Upon appeal the court may nullify the ordinance if it finds that the owner of any lot shown on the plat will be irreparably damaged. If no appeal from the adoption of the ordinance is filed within the time above provided or if the ordinance is upheld on appeal, a certified copy of the ordinance of vacation may be recorded in the clerk's office. Recordation of an ordinance destroys the force and effect of the part of the plat vacated, and vests fee simple title to the centerline of any streets in the owners of abutting lots free and clear of any rights of the public or other owners of lots shown on the plat. In this case, that would be Mr. Simmons. He seeks your consideration in vacating that portion of the attached plat by ordinance, in accordance with the requirements prescribed by statute. He stated that Mr. Robert Simmons is here tonight. He said he didn't know if he had any additional comments.

Mr. Robert Simmons, Jr. addressed the Board. He stated he didn't know if they had any questions or not. He stated that this property was owned by his relatives and sub-divided back in 1949 and passed on to different members of the family. He is now the one that owns all of it now. The county hasn't used it in the last 63 years and have never spent any money on it or done anything with it so it appears that it has been more or less abandoned anyway.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions.

Supervisor Phillips asked Mr. Robert Simmons, Jr. is this piece of property was being used now.

Mr. Robert Simmons, Jr. stated that he discovered around the being of 2012 that somebody had removed the pines planted by his family probably almost 30 years ago and put a path through there. The actual property is surrounded by a creek or canal and it did not cross the canal, but in any case again somebody did come in and cut these trees, took them out, installed large pipes in the canal and also installed additional pipes and a substantial amount of fill on the other side but they didn't come across without any permitting or engineering studies or anything like that.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

Supervisor Faison asked Mr. Robert Simmons, Jr. if he was aware of the purpose of that path.

Mr. Robert Simmons, Jr. said to his knowledge there is no main purpose. The land behind the property already has public road access so he is not really sure why it was done. It does appear that there is a lot of dumping that is going on.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions. There being no other questions he thanked Mr. Robert Simmons, Jr. Chairman Jones stated that we needed to get on the agenda to come before us as a public hearing.

Supervisor West made a motion that they authorize a public hearing on this matter for March 25, 2013.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item of business was number nine – Consideration of Recommendation from the Planning Commission Regarding Subdivision Ordinance Amendments Related to Street Lighting.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that at your December 2012 meeting, the Board directed the Planning Commission to evaluate Section 14-207 of the Southampton County Code as it relates to the provision of street lighting in proposed subdivisions. As you are aware, our current ordinance requires the developer/owner of any proposed subdivision containing five (5) or more lots with average lot sizes of less than one (1) acre to install streetlights at approved locations at no cost to the county. In addition to paying the cost of installation, the developer/owner also pays upfront to the county a sum that will cover the annual charges per light for the first 5 years. While not a part of the subdivision ordinance, practically speaking, the operating charges after the initial 5 years are paid by the county taxpayers through our general fund. Attached for your consideration, please find a summary of the Planning Commission discussion from their January 10 meeting. They recommend no change in the subdivision ordinance (Section 14-207), but suggest as a matter of policy that the Board consider additional means and methods of passing the operational costs along to residents of the subdivisions that are served. Their recommendation is certainly logical, but because the county does not generate monthly electric bills or track the sale of property on a monthly basis, you may wish to give consideration to requiring creation of Homeowners' Associations (HOA) for all new subdivisions. That way, the HOA's could assume all fiscal responsibility for street lighting and the County would absolve itself from functioning as the fiscal agent and the associated responsibility for billing and accounting.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any comments on this.

Supervisor West said he really thought the Homeowners' Association was the answer and in the

long run it takes away any of the problems associated with costs as well as maintenance or any other thing. He thinks we need to move forward with this as soon as possible.

Supervisor Faison said so this Homeowners' Association would apply to a new sub-division, but what about existing sub-divisions.

Supervisor West said they would be grateful would they not.

Supervisor Faison said yes.

Supervisor Porter said only if we agree.

Supervisor West said we would have to.

Supervisor Porter said no, no. He said he had been in localities where if you have an area that wants a special service that is not provided to the general county then they had a supplemental fee that they had to pay for that and in many cases it was like an extra penny on their real estate taxes to make it easy to collect. He said he didn't know if we could do something like that for existing ones or do something like that for all of them. If you have a sub-division that wants lights and is willing to pay an extra penny or two on their real estate taxes you could handle it that way as well. He didn't think that we as a county should be providing specialized services to certain subsets of the county.

Supervisor West said he agreed.

Supervisor Porter said not for either new construction or existing construction.

Supervisor Edwards asked Mr. Richard Railey if he had any comments.

Mr. Richard Railey said he didn't think they could go backwards. He said he thought they could go forward. He said he understood the philosophy that everybody shouldn't pay for what some people get. He thinks the difficulty, and Mr. Michael Johnson might be able to help out on this, but without a homeowners association collecting from the people that we don't get electric bill payments from he wasn't sure how we would tack it on. He said he thought if we put it in the sub-division ordinance that you have got to have a homeowners association that homeowners association is going to be responsible for it he thinks that is the way to attack it. He said I think that will accomplish what you are talking about Mr. Barry Porter.

Supervisor Porter said he didn't think it was necessarily fair to give people street lights now and not to give them under the same situation to new developers. We have got to be fair to everybody. If we are not going to pay for street lights for some people, than we shouldn't pay for them for anybody. He asked why can't we give a notice that if you want to continue your street lights then you are responsible for paying for them after a certain notice period.

Supervisor Phillips said he agreed with Supervisor Porter. With this new fiber system that we are bringing in to upgrade our computer system we could give notice to them and create an ordinance could we not?

Mr. Richard Railey said he had no problem with the legality of doing that if you give notice. Where I have a problem with is the enforcement of it. If I am told you can enforce it as far as the legality of it I have no problem with it.

Supervisor West asked if this was something to turn back over to the Planning Commission then.

Mr. Richard Railey said he thought so as far as the mechanism of it.

Mr. Michael Johnson said if the tool of it is going to be mandating the creation a Homeowners Association for new sub-divisions that is a matter for the Planning Commission. Supervisor Porter what I heard you describe may be another tool which is what we call creation of sanitary districts in which you can impose a special assessment on the real estate rate for districts that have a higher level of service. Now there are statutory requirements for those and it has been a long time since I

looked at it, but he would like to revisit it. He said his recollection of that is that you have to have leaps and bounds surveys of every one of those districts. Now in planned sub-divisions, for example Scottswood, that is not very difficult because there are platted surveys on record for that entire sub-division, but then in more rural areas there may be five or six houses that have one or two lights those lots have been individually platted, there may be gaps in between those lots. It would be a pretty big deal to go back and look at all of those and come back with a leaps and bounds and come up with a sanitary district.

Supervisor Edwards said it would probably cost more than it is worth.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it would. It would cost you a lot more than you are spending for the street lights.

Supervisor Porter said that was only part of his conversation. His statement was that you have these five or six houses which we generally pay for street lights for and let them know that as of a certain date the county will no longer pay for street lights and we turn the cost of operating those street lights to those individuals if we can't find the mechanism to do it ourselves and be reimbursed for it.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is an option. We are looking at creating a different class of citizens and we shouldn't be doing that; we should treat everybody the same.

Mrs. Barbara Story said exactly.

Chairman Jones asked what they wanted to do with the issue.

Mrs. Barbara Story said everybody should be treated the same.

Chairman Jones asked Mrs. Barbara Story to please be quiet.

Mrs. Barbara Story said isn't that right. She said I'm coming up soon – up to that stadium.

Chairman Jones stated there is an easement right at the edge of his property and there is a street light that the county put there. He said he didn't own the easement and asked who would pay for that.

Supervisor West said he kind of likes the combination of the way things are because with what you just said about anything new coming in development would have a homeowners association set up and that is what is happening in most cases to begin with.

Supervisor Edwards said let's work on one thing tonight.

Supervisor West said right and then the other thing would be to go back and send notices to the people who have the light and give them the option of paying for the light which costs about \$7 or \$8 dollars a month.

Chairman Jones said it's seven dollars a month.

Supervisor West said he knew because he had one. He said if they didn't want to pay for it then we would cease to pay for it. The reason that they were put there to begin with was because the houses had proximity and people said they wanted the light so maybe someone would pick up the tab on it and if they don't then they would be cut off. Let's treat everyone fairly, okay. He said he agrees with both ends.

Supervisor Edwards asked why don't we send it to the Planning Commission and let them work something up and bring it to the Board.

Supervisor West said exactly.

Chairman Jones said alright I need a motion I think.

Supervisor West said it just says give some direction given not necessarily a motion.

Chairman Jones said yes we will send it back to the Planning Commission and go with the existing one that we already have way we can give a notice of six or eight months or year or whatever we decide and we will let everybody know this is going to happen and if they want to keep it they pay the money.

Supervisor West said that will be the most fair and equitable way.

Supervisor Edwards asked Mrs. Beth Lewis if she was on Board with that.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said yes sir. She said there are two ways that street lights come about - one is in new sub-divisions which the sub-division ordinance governs and the other is houses along a road which ask for street lighting later which the sub-division ordinance does not govern. The requirement of the creation of an HOA to pay for street lighting in a new sub-division that is a simply fix. That can be added to the sub-division ordinance. We will have to work with Mr. Richard Railey to find where in the municipal code is the mechanism for the existing lots because they are not governed by the sub-division ordinance. That change is not going to sit in the sub-division ordinance; it will need to sit somewhere else in the municipal code, but we will find a place for it.

Chairman Jones asked if that suited everybody.

Supervisor Phillips asked didn't he need a motion on that.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he didn't think so.

Chairman Jones said no there was no motion required on that one.

Chairman Jones stated we would move to item number ten – Consideration of Preliminary Site Plan AMAC Leasing, LLC.

Mr. Michael Johnson said as you may recall, on October 22, 2012 the Board rezoned approximately 20.86 acres and issued a conditional use permit for AMAC Leasing, LLC, to develop a manufacturing facility west of the Town of Ivor for the processing and production of asphalt, concrete, and cement treated aggregate. While a preliminary site plan accompanied their CUP application, the applicants' plans have now been further refined and updated to facilitate earth-moving and construction activities. An official ground-breaking event is expected in late March. The attached plan was reviewed by the Planning Commission at their regular meeting on February 14 for compliance with our zoning ordinance, and Mrs. Lewis indicates that they unanimously recommend approval of that site.

Chairman Jones asked if Mrs. Beth Lewis had any comments.

Mrs. Beth Lewis stated that conditions of the conditional use permit that were put in place when it was granted are included in this. There is a land scape buffer along Highway 460. They are using both landscaping and a berm to do the screening there. The one that was seen by this Board and the Planning Commission at that time was just a conceptual plan that said office was going to be here, and this type of activity was going to be here. This is a much more detailed plan. It includes their erosion and sediment control and the beginning of their storm water plan as well. They have been granted their erosion and sediment control permit. They are starting to move dirt. They have silt fence up and delineated their wetland. Their plan is in review as far as the Department of Transportation as to where exactly their driveways are going to be and this plan shows two driveways which make a loop through the property. This meets the requirements of the zoning ordinance for the approval of a preliminary site plan. A final site plan will show a little more detail as to the final grading. This here is the rough grading for when it is under construction.

Supervisor West said he is on Board with it. He stated that the folks are ready to go. He stated that they have already taken down the old house site and done some other cleaning up. He said they are moving a little ground. With that being said he made a motion that we approve the site plan as presented.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Beth Lewis stated that when the final site plan comes in it can be approved administratively under the zoning ordinance. She said all they expect is that there will be more refinements especially to their storm water maintenance plans and some of the building and structures themselves that they are putting up.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was number 11 – Miscellaneous.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that he just had a few items to touch on. He stated that in your agenda you will find for your reference a copy of the latest Community Profile for Southampton County, prepared by the Virginia Employment Commission. I thought you'd find it interesting – it's chocked full of current demographic, economic, and educational data. It is a very good resource. For item B you have a copy of the recently-released population projects by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia. He stated that he had highlighted the projection for Southampton County on page 3 of their report – our population is projected to remain flat through 2040. He stated that there were several copies of various notices attached for your reference as well as copies of correspondence.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was number 12 – Late Arriving Matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that we had two late arriving matters. The first one was A. Appointments – Litter Control Council. He stated that he is working diligently to reorganize and reenergize the Southampton County Litter Control Council. Their organizational bylaws provide that 7 members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, 6 members by the 6 respective Town Councils, and up to 6 additional members may be selected to serve at large by these 13 members. In addition, VDOT, Southampton County Public Schools, the Southampton County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Works are to be represented ex-officio. After surveying the membership, I have determined that vacancies exist for 6 of our 7 election districts (Drewryville is the only district with a board-appointed member) and 3 of our towns (Boykins, Newsoms and Capron are represented). Accordingly, with the exception of Drewryville, I am seeking your cooperation in appointing a district representative to serve on the Litter Control Council. Terms are for a 3 year period. The Council currently meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Southampton County Office Center. Prospective appointees should have strong interest in at least one of the following: a) development of a litter control communications program; b) development and promotion of educational programs; c) organization of litter clean-up projects; d) expansion of countywide recycling programs; or 3) development of an effective and practical littering enforcement program. Don't forget to give consideration to younger members – their understanding and use of social media is a tremendous opportunity that we're currently missing. With the exception of the Drewryville District, each Supervisor should be prepared to make an appointment to the Litter Control Council at your March 25 meeting.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions. He asked the Board members to please bring the name for a litter control person as soon as possible.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that we would have it on your agenda for next month.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item B. is First Reading – Ordinance Amendment Related to Wastewater Discharges. One of the conditions that VDEQ imposed when providing the interest-free financing for the Boykins wastewater upgrades was a review and update of Division 3, Article IV. Chapter 18 of the County Code, as it relates to wastewater discharges. Following review, there are several amendments that VDEQ feels are necessary to insure that we continue to meet state and federal regulations. Accordingly, I am attaching a draft ordinance amendment which incorporates these amendments. It is necessary that the amendments be advertised for public comment before the Board may consider adoption – accordingly, I am seeking your authority to advertise the attached ordinance amendment for public comment next month.

Chairman Jones asked if he had a motion on this.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to authorize a public hearing on this matter at your March 25

meeting.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was number 13 – Citizen Comment Period. He stated that they were allowed to speak for two minutes.

Mr. Ash Cutchin of Darden Mill Estates addressed the Board. He stated that as we all know he is a fiscal conservative and he is very uncomfortable with the fact that you the Board seem to be satisfied with our current level of debt. It also seems that you have no trouble living with it and even increasing it or at least maintaining the current level as we pay it down with the amortization schedule that is already in place. He said he would like to quote Supervisor Porter from earlier tonight – he made the statement that “Six million dollars is a lot of money” and he even said it a second time “Six million dollars is a lot of money”. You said it twice Supervisor Porter and yet out debt is more than ten times that amount which in his way of thinking is a whole lot of money. He said we will soon have a new budget in front of us and it seems reasonable to him that none of them will attempt to decrease it. He said he attended a portion of your session over at the Incubator Building in Franklin and watched you in action. Soon we will probably have someone from every department within the local government standing here asking for an increase for at least level funding. At this time he would like to invoke one of Mr. Charles Turner’s favorite phrases, who is the retired School Board Superintendent, and share this thought with you time and time again has shown that throwing more and more money at school systems does not necessarily improve the educational product. What improves the education of our school children is better support at home. He said he would like to share with you another event. He said he was watching some of the preview stuff before the super bowl a few weeks ago and Baltimore Offense tackle Michael Orr was being interviewed. He stated he was sure they knew who Michael Orr is. His wife was the basis for the movie “The Blind Side”. Michael Orr was an Offense Tackle with the Ravens. Michael Orr was adopted. He was an African American and he was adopted by a white couple in Memphis, TN while he was still a teenager. He commented about his life in the projects before he was adopted and said the following. He said there was no one at home encouraging me to study and I did not see anyone in my neighborhood going to work every day. So that is where he came from. Mr. Ash Cutchin said he would like to share one more thing with you and he stated that this came from his Pastor, Mr. Ed Pickup. He stated he was going to quote Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was a famous German Lutheran Minister who was executed by Hittler in 1945 and Mr. Bonhoeffer said “in order for the little turtle to get anywhere he has to stick his neck out.” He stated as you know he is a member of Citizens for Responsible Government and they will probably revoke his membership after this, but he says he understands that it will require about \$75,000 dollars in local matching funds to finance this 2% raise for the school teachers. The \$75,000 is equalivant to about a half of a penny in the real estate tax. He would like to go on record at this point as sticking his neck out and saying that he supports a 2% increase if and only if it goes to the pay checks of the teachers – not to the bus drivers, not to administration, not to a certain group of children, but only to the teachers. He said there was something that he had mentioned several times and he would like to do it one more time. He said they have talked about street lights in his sub-division several times and you know I have a street light in front of my driveway. He said he thought that he had heard them mention several times that the citizens in the Boykins District who get public sewer and water do not pay the full costs of delivering public sewer and water to them. Is that correct? So part of this is subsidized by the rest of us. So part of his taxes go towards Boykins sewer and water. Is that being treated fairly? He thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak.

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

Mrs. Barbara Story of Newsoms addressed the Board. She said she knew everybody got tired of looking at her face, but she loved all of your faces. She stated that she knew she only had two minutes so she better move on. She said it is a shame that you turn the TV on and in the City of Franklin and in Isle of Wight County you have to write a letter seven days in advance to speak. I’m here to tell you it happens to be the buddy-buddy system you know I pat your shoulder and you pat mine. Let’s go for it. We are using everybody’s money in Southampton County. You have got to pay it doesn’t matter if you are poor, middle class, or high class. You have got to put your shoes on the same way in the morning. Have you ever tried to put in on your left foot when you are right footed or whatever you need to do to get it done? The bottom line is you are talking

about this light. What are you going to do for disabled people in the neighborhood? What are you going to do for Monroe Road out there when it is like suicide strip out there? Are we going to turn around and help the people in Boykins and everything and we are paying taxes for that. Is that fair or unfair? You need to call an ace and ace and a spade a spade – let's get with it. You know. You are going to hire this one and that one. Let's hire the young folks. You know what – have you ever heard of an old timer? Then you have a newcomer. Do you know the difference? You can have all the college sense in the world, but if you don't have any common sense you are in bad shape. She said she rested her case. Furthermore, she had a trailer stolen in Southampton County and it was parked down at the Bronco Club in a woman's garden. Fortunately she has educated children, Bless God. She stated that she lost her husband at 35 years old. She said she was proud that she had worked several jobs. She stated that she had worked several county and federal jobs and she was an Edwards girl that had worked at Virginia Electric Power in Richmond, Virginia before she got married. She ran a machine and helped start the key punch. She stated that she was one of the top twelve in her class right here at Southampton and she was voted most unforgettable. She stated that she was Buck Edwards sister and was Hurricane Speck Edwards baby sister. She stated that thirteen years ago Speck Edwards died and he made money for Southampton County and she knew he raced in parts of North Carolina and Virginia. Unfortunately her daughter has become disabled so she asked where in there heart did this lay in there. She said she appreciated her home, but it was too far down hill and they needed to knock a hole in the wall and attached the 700 foot trailer to the 935 foot home in order to have more and then they would have somewhere to live, Bless God. She asked what they were going to do about it. She said she was going to tell you something you forgot years ago when you took the peanut land away from people who were raising a family. She said if she had to take this to Richmond or Washington DC she said it didn't matter to her she was very educated.

Chairman Jones thanked Mrs. Barbara Story.

Supervisor West stated that was a tough act to follow.

Mr. Richard Harris of Trinity Church Road addressed the Board. He said he had mentioned this before in a citizen's request to address the Board. You all got it a third of the way down your agenda. He said he looked at it as early appearances. He said that while he may have to write and request to speak he is resentful of the fact that he has to tell you what he wants to speak about. He said he thinks he has freedom of speech as a citizen of the United States. He said he may change his mind about what he wants to speak about when he comes at night. So he doesn't think he needs to write to tell you he wants to speak and what he wants to speak about.

Supervisor Edwards said you are doing that right now.

Mr. Richard Harris said yes I am. There may be other things I want to speak about and that is why you have late appearances.

Supervisor Edwards said you don't have to write a thing.

Mr. Richard Harris stated that Mr. Ed Knight spoke earlier about the coyote problem. Most of his life he has tried to obey the law. His wife feeds a lot of birds. Up until the six months or year they had had about twelve or fifteen turkeys that would come up every morning and eat the droppings from those bird feeders and now he doesn't have any turkeys so when he sees those coyotes he is going to shoot them with whatever is available in his home. So if the game warden is here tonight he can listen to that too. He said he hoped they would take into consideration what Mr. Ed Knight said tonight when it comes up to send to the game commission because he likes the turkeys. It is like he told Supervisor West recently; he hasn't hunted in forty years. He has nothing against the hunters. He supports them. He sells to them, but he doesn't hunt deer or anything else, but he is going to shoot the coyotes.

Supervisor West said Amen.

Mr. Richard Harris said last, but not least he looked under the bill section on your agenda and he sees there is a bill for \$158.99 for a spy camera so now are we working for the CIA, the NIS, Homeland Security, the FBI, or the Border Patrol. He said he wanted to know what this Board or someone in this county needs a spy camera for. He asked if he could find out or if he had to fill

out a freedom of information act.

There was a gentleman in the back of the room who wanted to speak.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak. He told Mr. Richard Harris he could talk to Mr. Josh Wyche with the Sheriff's Department who was in the back of the room regarding the spy camera.

Chairman Jones stated that at this time it was necessary to conduct a closed meeting.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that 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 purposes:

- 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 2.2-3711 (A) (3), Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to discuss the possible acquisition of certain private water systems in Southampton County where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the governing body.
- 3) In accordance with 2.2-3711 (A) (29), Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to discuss the award of a public contract, including the terms and scope of the aforesaid contract as it relates to infrastructure improvements at the Turner Tract, where discussion in an open session might adversely affect the bargaining position of the governing body.
- 4) In accordance with 2.2-3711 (A) (1), Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to discuss the employment of prospective candidates in the Department of Public Utilities.

He stated that he needed a motion to go into closed session.

Supervisor Porter made a motion to go into closed session.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Supervisor Edwards 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 go back into open session.

Supervisor Porter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that they were back in open session and they did not discuss anything that

was not on the agenda. He stated they had two items that they needed to take care of. The first one is a personnel matter. He stated that they wanted to hire a person in the Water Department in Boykins.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion that the Boykins Water Department be able to hire a new person.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that the next item was an offer to issue Enviva the addition to the road.

Supervisor West made a motion to offer Enviva the addition to the road that they requested.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

Supervisor Phillips said he had one question. He asked who was in charge of grant writing now.

Supervisor West said no one.

Supervisor Phillips said someone had given him an article showing where the office of the inspector general criticized the State for not using \$38 million of the \$90 million home security land grants that it received from 2008 to 2010. The point he is trying to make is whether there were any monies sent back to the federal government those monies could have funded the generators that we need at the courthouse.

Chairman Jones asked if we had sent any monies back.

Supervisor Phillips said no we haven't. What I'm saying is do we need to repurpose some of the money that we have or is it being taken into consideration how we can take advantage of these monies if they are sitting out there.

Chairman Jones said we don't have anybody right now do we?

Supervisor Edwards said we can put you in charge of it. He asked Supervisor Phillips if he would like to be in charge of it.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Updike if he would like to volunteer for it.

Supervisor Updike asked what he had to do.

Chairman Jones said all you have got to do is a little bit of writing and calling and we don't have anybody right now.

Supervisor West said his point was well taken, but the thing of it is to understand what is available. He said he read about it and heard about it and the State of Virginia was chastised for it for not entering the programs. Sometimes the Federal Bureaucracy ties you in so deeply when you do something like that that it is not worth what you have done.

Chairman Jones said thank you.

Supervisor Phillips asked if they would accept a volunteer.

Supervisor West said sure.

Chairman Jones said yes.

Supervisor Porter stated that he had an announcement and it was that he is still selling tickets to the Hunterdale Ruritan BBQ.

Supervisor Edwards said we haven't resolved this other problem yet.

Supervisor Porter stated that it was May 15, 2013.

Mrs. Amanda Jarratt stated that she had tickets to a fund raiser on April 15, 2013 and she only had five tickets left.

Supervisor Phillips asked if they were having casino night or what?

Supervisor Porter asked where it was.

Mrs. Amanda Jarratt stated that it was at the Fairgrounds.

Chairman Jones said he felt bad the other day when he had the Plant Manager of Enviva with him.

Supervisor Porter said he paid his share of the meals at the retreat voluntarily. He said he didn't remember inquiring about it. He said he paid it because he was supposed to pay it.

Chairman Jones said didn't you get a bill from the county.

Supervisor Porter said he received a bill alright and he paid it because he was supposed to pay it.

Chairman Jones stated that he paid his as soon as he got the bill. He said Supervisor Updike wasn't that what you said.

Supervisor Porter said there was never a motion by the Board for them to pay the bill for the meals at the retreat voluntarily. He stated that he got a letter from Mr. Michael Johnson wrote a letter saying what it was going to cost and asked if that was okay. He stated that was fine. He said the same thing with the salary. He said he gave up his salary voluntarily and he will defend your right to the end not to do that because when people come up here and ask him to give up his salary the first thing he is going to ask them is if they are willing to write a check for \$5,000.00 to the County and if not why are you asking someone else to do that. When you are on county business you deserve to get reimbursed for that.

Chairman Jones said right that is what I'm talking about. So go to the bank and don't send us any more bills. You telling me we can't get one meal a year – that's not right he didn't care what anybody said. He said he wasn't going to invite people to his house and then say here's your bill.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he would give him his fifty bucks.

Supervisor Edwards said next time he was just going to have to eat more.

Supervisor Porter said you didn't have money budgeted for that.

Chairman Jones said yes we did.

Supervisor West said we have always had some help from the Camp Foundation or someone else that has provided money when we went to the 4-H Center and various places for the retreats and it has never cost the county anything in the past because it has always been funded by Southampton Charities and this year with the austerities that we have taken nobody gets anything and it is an attitude and it is an attitude that has become a stink to us all. It is ugly and if you want to live that way so be it but it has also created some animosity within the Board because we are feeling this side against that side and it is wrong.

Chairman Jones said it is.

Supervisor West said there has got to be cohesiveness. He said he had never served like this before. It is working; we are coming together, but we are struggling because of a dollar bill. He said he went to Ivor the other night to the municipal building and June Radford reminded him that you all do not spend any money to buy any food, if they were going to have this retreat it is going to cause us taxpayers to have to pay. That is the prevalent attitude in the county and it is wrong.

He said it does bother him because you have to constantly defend your position.

Supervisor Porter said he had not ask any of you to give up your salary and never asked any of your to pay your funds on stuff; he said he had only offered to pay his because it all goes back to having to ask the county residents to pay a \$200.00 fee and I had to stand up here and I had to pay more than I was asking anyone to give and that is the only reason I was doing it and I never asked anyone else to do that. He said he never asked anyone else to do that.

Chairman Jones said he wasn't talking about you.

Supervisor West said he didn't think that was the issue over all. I think that we have just been nit picking and we need to leave it alone. We are back to the garbage issue. I paid it in the past and I'll do it again because I enjoy a game of golf. He said he paid for other people last you and you did the same. We didn't cost the county anything and the money we paid out of pocket went to charity which were good causes.

Supervisor Edwards said he thought it was worth it rather than put up with the public misconception. Any time you have that misconception you know how things are the public is going to stir that and it is going to be in the Tidewater News and he had just as soon not hear that.

Chairman Jones said the public that we are hearing from is 1/8 or 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the 100 percent.

Supervisor Edwards said well we sure get in the Tidewater News enough.

Supervisor Porter said the issue about that is your own decision and nobody else's. As I have said I have followed many people out on occasion after the meeting they don't have a right to do that. If they are willing to write a check for \$5,000.00 then they have the right to do that. When you are asking someone to give up more than you are willing to give up then you don't have the right to do it.

Supervisor Edwards said he agreed.

Supervisor Updike said we have to set an example. We can't afford to sit here and spend money like the school board. We can't sit up here and say the tax payers of the county have to pay for us to have a retreat or go to "xyz" or the Homestead. We can't be expecting the taxpayers to pay extra fees and additional taxes. When we are leading and in charge we have got to do everything that we can to get the county back on track. Whether it is \$1 or \$1,000 dollar we can't let the county sees us wasting money in any way, shape, or form.

Supervisor Faison said if we were doing this for our personal pleasure and using the county's money for that then I would say you are exactly right, but the retreat served a purpose so we could become better able to do what we do. As far as the Homestead he hadn't been able to go there that much, but that is something that is for our personal growth and enrichment so it is not. He said he didn't think that anybody who sits on any of these Boards in county asked to be reimbursed for gas when we drive our personal cars to Portsmouth, Norfolk, or wherever it is we need to go. So I think we do a lot and so these other things that we could do and not have to pay for our meals or whatever. There are a lot of things that can't be counted by the dollar bill, and that is personal morale and personal job satisfaction. Any time we have high morale and high job satisfaction we get greater productivity and it pays for itself.

Chairman Jones stated that we are setting an example, but it has to go down the hill. We aren't doing like these other counties. We have to be just like all the other counties our size. We have to be the same way they are.

Supervisor Updike said he had to remind you why we are in such a mess if we were going uphill and now we are going downhill. He asked why we were in such a mess.

Supervisor Faison said because of the economy and a lot of the things we did that people criticize us so much has put us in a position where we are better able to maintain as much as we have. We got so much slack because of the Turner Tract, but now because of the Turner Tract we were able to attract Enviva. We got so much slack about the wastewater treatment plant, but now there is

potential for us to benefit from that. Now we could pinch every penny and lose dollars because of it or we can decide that we are going to be productive and recognize individual potential of people and try to keep people working at the highest moral that we possibly can and then we increase productivity where it pays for itself.

Supervisor Edwards said that brings us to the school situation coming up this year. He said he didn't know if they wanted to discuss that or not now. He said with the 2% raise for the teachers they all needed to be thinking about that. He stated that he had nightmares over that. You know they are the lowest paid teachers around. There is going to be a teacher strike, but look at the position we are in. We are going to be a very anti-education board whatever we do one way or the other.

Chairman Jones said we are hurting our own future.

Supervisor Edwards asked what are we going to do about it? This is a gift that the governor gave.

Supervisor Porter said we can do what we can do; unfortunately we can't print money like the Federal Government. We have had the credit card maxed out for several years now and we have to be careful with that. We don't have a lot of room to raise taxes. Hopefully we will get a few more dollars from Enviva this year and a few dollars from Hardee's and a few dollars from AMAC and maybe when the economy is a little better maybe we will get a little bit more money from sales tax or something like that. There is no windfall out there.

Supervisor Edwards said he and Supervisor Faison talked with the school board and then with Mr. Michael Johnson and he said the tuition thing made pretty good sense. He said they wanted to leave it at \$1,000.00 this year. He told them the Board would like the tuition to be a little higher than that and they said if they chase off three people that is \$15,000.00 we have lost to try and get another four or five hundred bucks which kind of made sense. The other thing is I've been trying to trace down that money. He asked where that money fit into their budget. He asked Mr. Michael Johnson if he knew.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it is in there but they always historically underestimate it. It shows up at the very front on the revenue side of their budget at the top of the page under local revenue.

Supervisor Edwards asked if it was \$74 or something like that.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated it was thirty some last year. But again that is only the local money; the state money shows up in the state revenue piece.

Supervisor Phillips said he is talking about the tuition.

Chairman Jones yes.

Supervisor Edwards said that's right.

Supervisor Updike asked if they were double dipping.

Chairman Jones said we can't solve this tonight, but it is something to think about.

Supervisor Edwards said his idea was to let us look for some internal money this year, but education people don't understand that.

Supervisor West said when he left out when we were adjourning prior to closed session he had two to ask about that and he explained to Mr. Cutchin about the amount of money we would receive and we would have to put out substantially more next year to get it whether it is state funded or not. He said there is a fairness question as to whether you give the 2% to the Sheriff's Deputies or any other county employees in that as well.

Supervisor Edwards said we can't give everybody else 2% and keep our employees hanging.

Supervisor West said he was told well sure you can. You can chose who you want to give it to

and let them get their money from another source. He said he was wondering like where. He said he told them you put your life on the line for \$28,000 for a Sheriff's Deputy and a teacher for \$38,000. He said he was told it was more dangerous in a teacher's position than in a deputy position. He said he was told that tonight.

Supervisor Edwards said a teacher has just spent about \$150,000 bucks getting out of college after four years.

Supervisor West said it is such a varied opinion level trying to satisfy everyone.

Chairman Jones said well we can't do that tonight.

Supervisor Edwards said we can just think about it.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

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Michael W. Johnson, Clerk