

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 April 22, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

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

SUPERVISORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator (Clerk)
Beth Lewis, Director of Community Development
Lynette C. Lowe, Finance 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 asked if he could get a motion to go into closed session.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to go into closed session.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION OF CLOSED MEETING

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

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

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

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

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we are now in open session; we did not discuss anything that was not on the agenda. At this time we have the approval of the minutes.

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

Chairman Jones stated that we would move on to number 5 – Highway Matters – Monthly Concerns.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he didn't have any matters other than to receive your directions.

Chairman Jones asked if anybody else had anything.

Supervisor Updike stated that on Cypress Bridge Road and Highway 671 at the railroad crossing, I don't know if the asphalt was put down properly or not, but I know there have been a lot of complaints about as you leave Highway 671 and go across the railroad track there is an extremely deep dip and the people's car front ends are hitting the road before they level out. There is a big drop off and I don't know whether it is legal or not, but it is a concern with people's cars hitting the road.

Mr. Michael Johnson said right there at Mr. John Brown's house.

Supervisor Updike said yes, right there at Mr. John Brown's house.

Chairman Jones asked if any of the other Board members had anything.

Supervisor West said he just wanted to comment. He stated that Mr. Joe Lomax has made an effort to be with him and spend time in the field, and he appreciates that. He said that Mr. Ben Bryant has done an exceptional job in keeping up the Berlin/Ivor District. We have touched on all things that we know about at this point.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Edwards.

Supervisor Edwards stated that everything was quiet.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said he also had a meeting with Mr. Joe Lomax to address some concerns that he saw on Cary's Bridge Road concerning what he thought might be an increase of traffic after or during the construction of the bridge; and that is ongoing.

Chairman Jones said Mr. Michael Johnson I still need some rock on Highway 58. I have gotten some calls over the last couple of weeks that the driveways that the state owns have been washed out; and there are several of them.

Mr. Michael Johnson said they had reported that they had gotten those.

Chairman Jones said they went all the way up to the other end of the county and got some; down on this end, from the trailer park up, they have not done one thing.

Mr. Michael Johnson said where are you talking about exactly; I want to make sure I get it right.

Chairman Jones said from the trailer park going west on Highway 58.

Mr. Michael Johnson said okay.

Chairman Jones said let's go to number 6 – Appointments.

Mr. Michael Johnson said Mrs. Gloria Evans has recently indicated that she is unable to continue serving on the Blackwater Regional Library Board of Trustees following the expiration of her term on June 30, 2013. Accordingly, the Library Board is seeking your consideration in appointing another representative from Southampton County for a 4-year term beginning July 1, 2013 and

ending June 30, 2017. The Library Board meets nine times annually on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. with meeting locations rotated among member communities in the service area (Franklin, Southampton, Isle of Wight, Sussex and Surry). Ms. Evans represented the Capron District and Supervisor Phillips is aware of the vacancy. I am unsure, however, if he has a successor in mind or if he would prefer Ms. Evans' successor represent another District in the County. Also representing Southampton County on the Library Board is Mrs. Bernadette Whitley (Jerusalem District) and Ms. Barbara Hoskie (Newsoms District). He said he knew that Supervisor Phillips is aware of the vacancy and I think he has some thoughts on a potential successor and I will let him speak to that.

Supervisor Phillips said Mr. Chairman I have approached one lady, but she also works in a group called Friends of the Library and that group is directly supervised by the board. And we are concerned that was a potential conflict so I have discussed that with her and she is going to help me further look for anyone who would be willing to serve. I have got a call in to Mrs. Betty Britt who works through the Blackwater Regional Library and I will keep you updated.

Chairman Jones said we will move to item B – Litter Control.

Mr. Michael Johnson said Item B, Mr. Chairman, we are still awaiting an official appointment of representatives from the Franklin and Berlin/Ivor District. I know Supervisor Porter contacted me the day after the meeting last month and indicated that he intended to appoint Mr. Marvin Wise and Mr. Wise had attended a meeting; but we do need that official motion for the record.

Supervisor Porter moved that Mr. Marvin Wise be appointed to the Litter Control Council.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Supervisor West said he would also like to make an appointment at this time and that would be Mr. Will Haas. He has agreed to conclude this three year period. In addition, I have spoken with Mayor Vick and she is here this evening and she also has an appointment form the Town of Ivor, Mr. Michael Johnson, and that would be JoAnne Hickman. I will provide an address for you tomorrow as well. I would like to submit both names with a motion that we make these appointments permanent tonight.

Chairman Jones said can you give those names to me again.

Supervisor West said Will Haas and JoAnne Hickman. Chairman Jones asked if we can vote on both of them at the same time.

Mr. Michael Johnson said actually Mrs. JoAnne Hickman is not our representative; she is the representative of the Town of Ivor.

Supervisor West said yes and I am doing that on Mayor Vick's behalf; she requested it. She is here to confirm anything that you need.

Chairman Jones said you have heard the nominees; I need a motion and a second.

Supervisor West made a motion to accept the nominees.

Supervisor Porter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was number 7 – Reports.

The reports were Financial, Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, and Litter Control.

Mr. Spier Edwards addressed the Board. He stated that after Mr. John Jenkins and Mr. Jon Mendenhall left he now represents the Litter Control Council. After Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Mendenhall left our County Administrator felt that the Litter Control Council needed to be reorganized. For the first two meetings Mr. Michael Johnson did a fine job in getting the Litter Control Council set up. At the April 3rd meeting I was elected Chairman of the Litter Control and the Honorable Mayor Danny Williams of the Town of Courtland was elected Vice-Chairman.

This group consists of nineteen members which consist of six towns, seven districts, and six at large members along with Mr. Jerry Kee of VDOT, and Mr. John Griggs of the Sheriff's Department. The Litter Control Council is divided into five sub-committees. They are: Communication, Education, Clean-Up, Law Enforcement, and Recycling. Each committee will develop at least three measurable goals and they will implement a plan of action to control litter and to promote recycling. This council will be seen and heard. We will be seen at the Southampton County Fair, Franklin Fall Festival, Boykins Pumpkin Fest, Downhome Day, and other events. I will represent the Council at each Board of Supervisors Meeting and advise you of what action we have taken during the month. We will also be heard as we will have an article in the Tidewater News each month talking about litter control and promoting recycling. This council cannot function without citizen's involvement. We also need civic clubs, hunt clubs, boy scouts, girl scouts, churches, fire departments, and anyone else who is interested in making Southampton County a more attractive place to live and work. The recycling program has been put in place and will reduce the tremendous amount of money being spent to dispose of our trash. The objectives that have been set will be difficult, but it can be done if everyone gets involved. We need your support. Thank you.

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Spier Edwards. He asked if anyone had any questions.

Other reports were Building Permits, Cooperative Extension, Treasurer's Office.

Supervisor Edwards asked where we stood on the solid waste collection.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that 63% had been collected as of the 20th.

Supervisor Updike said he would also like to know how our cash flow is; it has been mentioned that we are going to have to borrow money for operating. He wanted to know when that was going to take place and how much and what is our financial situation.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that our financial situation right now is fine. Typically, the peak of the cash flow crunch comes in September so I would anticipate in August being able to better answer that as far as how much. There is no question you are going to need to do that again this year.

Supervisor West said it is over \$13 million dollars in there right now isn't it.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes, right now you are fine.

Supervisor West said it will be dwindled down after tonight.

More reports were Solid Waste Quantities.

Supervisor West said he wanted to comment on that if he may. He said he couldn't open his reports here, but he could at home earlier. He said it looked like over last couple or three months that the solid waste quantities had been down a little bit in the sites in the county substantially. I know the county needs to know that you are able to use the 5% set aside, Mr. Michael Johnson you might explain that, of moving it so that it doesn't cost SPSA the cost of \$120.00 a ton and you are moving it straight to the site of waste management. Also, would you state if you have an available fee of approximately what it costs at this time that this program has achieved.

Mr. Michael Johnson said in the current fiscal year we are averaging 681 tons per month and if you will compare that back to before we went with the attended sites which was the fiscal year 2006, we were averaging 1426 tons so you have cut your solid waste stream by more than half. To give you an idea if you look at it on a monthly basis from FY 06 through March of this year we have avoided with the attended sites over 51,000 tons of solid waste. If you multiply that by the cost of disposal per ton over that period of time we have achieved avoided costs in excess of \$6.6 million. Now of course there are some costs associated with having the attendants at the sites, in round numbers that has cost us along with the modest capital improvements slightly less than \$2 million dollars. So, your net avoided costs over the 81 months that you went to the attended sites are about \$4.6 million dollars.

Supervisor West said so keeping it as we use to use the large containers and anybody dump anything in by truck load of whatever out of the town, out of the city, out of anywhere \$4 million dollars would have had to been paid by Southampton County.

Mr. Michael Johnson said if you had no modification or change in your program and we had continued to receive the amount of waste we were receiving in 2006, you would have spent \$4.6 million dollars more for dispose over that six year period or 81 months.

Chairman Jones said probably more.

Supervisor West said he thought that was a remarkable amount.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the other thing that you all had ask about is the 5% carve out and as you all know our contract with SPSA , our use and support agreement, provides that we will send to them at least 95% of the solid waste generated here in the county. We actually carve out 5% or try to achieve 5% each month and we haul that to the waste facility in Waverly where we pay a gate rate of \$32.25 which is substantially lower than the \$125.00 a ton that we would have to pay at SPSA. So far through this fiscal year we are running a little bit ahead of schedule; we are averaging sending them 38 tons a month to Waverly which is round numbers we are at 5.59% so we need to slow that down a little bit to maintain compliance with contractor.

Supervisor West said will you make one more comment please and that would be the availability of a recycling for the towns that we are starting to roll out as much as possible. The Town of Ivor, the Town of Sedley, and other towns that are involved in the process as to how this could be cost effective for the towns as well as the county. Would you just comment on that as such please?

Mr. Michael Johnson said we do have a contract with AVES which is based out of Smithfield to manage our curbside recycling program for us. We currently provide recycling services in the Town of Courtland, the Town of Boykins, and the Town of Newsoms and in the areas where there are sub-divisions right around the Hunterdale area. We are looking to expanding that into the Sedley area. We have already bought containers. We need to get those distributed and get those folks signed up and on board. Ivor will be the next area, but obviously every bit of waste that you can pull out of the waste stream saves us money.

Supervisor West said any of the recycle products that they have already carried that they are paying to carry at the tipping fee will be saved by this program as well is that correct? So, that will be cost effective for the town as well as the county.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes.

Supervisor West thanked him.

Chairman Jones stated the last report was personnel.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated there were just a few personnel items to report on Mr. Chairman. The first one is that one employee was hired this month effective April 1, 2013 in the Department of Utilities, Robert C. Howell at an annual salary of \$23,383. There were a number of adjustments made by the state compensation board for employees in the Sheriff's office. All were effective on April 1st – Michael R. Vandiford, Jr. annual salary \$31,162, Eric E. Dimick at \$31,162, Wesley L. Parker at \$31,162, and Cynthia M. Sherrill at \$31,162.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions. He said if not we would go to item number 8 – Financial Matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that included with your agenda packages you will see an appropriation resolution with total appropriations of \$168,855.14. The resolution includes \$65,387.95 to the General Funds and \$103,467.19 to the school operating fund. On the revenue side it includes \$168,855.14 in current revenues from the sources that are indicated on the resolution.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia on Monday, April 22, 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	50.06
11010-5510	TRAVEL - BOARD RETREAT	50.06
11010-5510	TRAVEL - BOARD RETREAT	50.06
11010-5510	TRAVEL - BOARD RETREAT	50.05
12410-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	33.95
12410-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	61.11
12410-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	93.52
12550-2300	HOSPITAL PLAN	15,264.00
35500-8205	FRAN/SO CHARITIES-TURNOUT GEAR GRNT	14,500.00
43000-5110	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	948.31
82500-1100	SALARIES & WAGES REGULAR	23,135.01
82500-2100	FICA	1,719.90
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
		TOTAL 65,387.95

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

4-205-61100-3000-003-1-100	OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS - REG	331.47
61100-3000-003-1-100	OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS - REG	31,013.96
61100-6001-003-1-100	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FRESH START	14.10
61100-6009-003-1-100	LOCAL DONA FRIENDS OF FRESH START	100.00
62110-5500	TRAVEL	30.00
62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	2,800.00
62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	10,689.00
62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	10,913.00
62120-5500	TRAVEL	483.33
62120-6000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	122.00
63200-2300	HOSPITALIZATION	221.00
63200-2300	HOSPITALIZATION	221.00
63200-6009	VEHICLE & POWER EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES	10,516.54
68100-5001-09- -100	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	5,456.56
		TOTAL 72,911.96

CAPRON DAYCARE, PROGRAM 225

4-205-61100-1140-002-5-225	TECHNICAL SALARY CAPRON DAY CARE	1,444.59
4-205-61100-2100-002- -225	FICA BENEFITS	101.51
		TOTAL 1,546.10

NOTTOWAY DAYCARE, PROGRAM 226

4-205-61100-1140-002-1-226	TECHNICAL SALARIES	3,749.99
4-205-61100-2100-002- -226	FICA BENEFITS	259.14
		TOTAL 4,009.13

CAMP FOUNDATION GRANTS, PROGRAM 310

4-205-61100-6004-002-1-310	EARLY CHILDREN'S LITERACY	3,900.00
4-205-61100-6004-002-1-310	EARLY CHILDREN'S LITERACY	1,009.00
4-205-61100-5500-002-1-310	TRAVEL PROF DEVELOPMENT FY	1,241.00
		TOTAL 6,150.00

FRANKLIN SOUTHAMPTON CHARITIES, PROGRAM 320

4-205-61100-1120-002-1-320	TUTORIAL SALARIES - MEHERRIN	3,250.00
4-205-61100-1121-002-1-320	TUTORIAL SALARIES - RIVERDALE	4,925.00
4-205-61100-1122-002-1-320	TUTORIAL SALARIES - CAPRON	3,250.00
4-205-61100-1123-002-1-320	TUTORIAL SALARIES - NOTTOWAY	930.00
4-205-61100-2100-002-1-320	FICA BENEFITS	945.00
4-205-61100-6013-002-1-320	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - RES TUTORING	700.00

4-205-61100-6015-002-1-320	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - CES TUTORING	500.00
4-205-61100-6017-002-1-320	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - MES TUTORING	500.00
		<u>TOTAL 15,000.00</u>
INTERNATIONAL PAPER GRANTS, PROGRAM 330		
4-205-61100-6002-002-1-330z	NES "MOMENTUM" CLASSROOM FY2013	3,850.00
		<u>TOTAL 3,850.00</u>
	TOTAL SCHOOL FUND	<u>103,467.19</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	<u>=====</u> 168,855.14

REVENUE APPROPRIATION APRIL 22, 2013
(REVENUE RECEIVED FOR ABOVE EXPENDITURES)
GENERAL FUND

3-100-16120-0001	REIMB-SOIL & WATER SALARIES	34,236.78
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.06
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.05
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.05
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.06
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.06
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	33.95
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	61.11
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	93.52
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	948.31
3-100-18030-0005	HOSPITAL PLAN	15,264.00
3-100-18990-0003	GIFTS, DONATIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS	14,500.00
	REVENUE GENERAL FUND	<u>65,387.95</u>

SCHOOL FUND		
3-205-016120-0010	DAYCARE	3,749.99
3-205-016120-0010	DAYCARE	259.14
3-205-016120-0010	DAYCARE	1,444.59
3-205-016120-0010	DAYCARE	101.51
3-205-18990-0032	INSURANCE CLAIMS & DIVIDENDS	10,516.54
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	2,800.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	10,689.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	221.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	10,913.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	221.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	483.33
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	30.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	14.10
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	331.47
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	31,013.96
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	122.00
3-205-18990-0101	DONATIONS	21,150.00
3-205-18990-0101	DONATIONS	100.00
3-205-18990-0101	DONATIONS	3,850.00
3-205-18990-0200	E-RATES REFUND	5,456.56
	REVENUE SCHOOL FUND	<u>103,467.19</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	<u>=====</u> 168,855.14

A copy teste: _____, Clerk
Michael W. Johnson

Southampton County Board of Supervisors
04/22/2013

APPROPRIATION - APRIL 22, 2013

11010 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	Reimbursement from G. Updike, R. West, C. Faison, D. Jones, and B. Porter for board retreat (50.06 + 50.05 + 50.05 + 50.06 + 50.06)
12410 TREASURER	Reimb from towns for PP and RE forms Newsoms (33.95) Boykins (61.11) and Courtland (93.52)
12550 INSURANCE/COUNTY CODE	Reimbursement received from retirees for BCBS (\$15,264.00)

35500 EMERGENCY SERVICES	Donation from Franklin-Southampton Charities for the Fire & Rescue Association (14,500.00)
43000 BLDGS & GROUNDS	Reimbursement from Enviva for electricity (948.31)
82500 SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION	Reimbursement rec'd for personnel costs (\$34,236.78)
SCHOOL BOARD	See attached letter/spreadsheet for: (1) Expenditure refunds received (2) E-Rates reimbursement received (3) Reimbursements from retirees for health ins. (4) Donations received (5) Reimbursements for Insurance Claims (6) Payments for Daycare

NO NEW MONEY REQUIRED FOR APRIL 2013 APPROPRIATIONS

Chairman Jones stated that we needed to adopt the resolution. He asked if he had a motion.

Supervisor West said this is money in and money out correct.

Chairman Jones said correct.

Supervisor West made a motion to adopt the appropriation resolution.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that item B was the bills. He asked if we were going to pay the bills. He asked if anybody had any questions.

Supervisor West made a motion seconded by Supervisor Faison to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,683,495.10 to be paid by check numbers 130387 through 130719. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to item number 9 – Citizen Request to Address the Board.

Mr. Richard Harris of Trinity Church Road addressed the Board. He said the policy requiring someone to sign up a week in advance of the board meeting and stating what they wish to talk about is useless when you wish to speak to agenda items because that is not posted until later in the week and late appearances is only for two minutes so it is kind of hard to speak to agenda items when I have to sign up prior to the agenda being posted. I had erroneously assumed that with new supervisor members there would be a lot of new appointees with new ideas to the various boards in this county; however it seems that someone has to die, become ill or disabled before new faces show up so the good old boy network lives on in Southampton County. Also, I want to know when this county is going to step into the twenty first century. We have a school system that consumes at least sixty percent of this county's budget and constantly asked for more at each budget hearing. Yet, Southampton County is one of the few in this state that still has an appointed school board and I can't find where they have a public comment period like this board does where I can go down and voice my concerns. I feel as though Southampton County is stuck somewhere in a fourth dimension in the twilight zone. Last year this board took the audacious, which is defined by Webster as brazier or not restrained by a sense of shame, a step of imposing a \$200.00 trash disposal fee after raising most real estate assessments. Now I understand there may be a proposed tax increase in the works in this year's budget. Yet, I still have to drive through mud holes when entering the Berlin collection center. Where is this \$200.00 going? Now the County Administrator said tonight there has been a \$4.6 million dollar savings because you have attended dumps. Perhaps this board should be writing a \$200.00 check to each citizen in the county out of that \$4.6 million dollars instead of taking \$200.00 from us. You ought to consider that. Now I have a solution for all of this chiconerary brought about by those new supervisors who ran based around change and no new taxes. You evidentially never understood the true meaning

of the two letter word “No”. If you look it up in the dictionary, no is an absolute; it is the total opposite of yes. The solution is that the next election just a little over two years away. I suggest that we find at least four new candidates and we buy them dictionaries and we ask them to say exactly what they mean and mean exactly what they say. We need to continue to elect individuals to public office that understand why they were elected in the first place and who they represent; that they are not here to feather their own nest and that their names are not engraved on the seat that they sit in, that the money they spend is not theirs, but the ones that they represent. They need to remember that the decisions that they make affect the whole county, not just the district that they represent. The decisions that you gentlemen make and the economic impact that you impose upon us will be felt long after you are just a footnote in Southampton County’s history books.

Chairman Jones said Mr. Richard Harris I would like for you to know that I have never set anyone down that has come up here for two minutes whether they stay for two minutes or ten minutes.

Mr. Richard Harris said yes sir, I understand.

Chairman Jones said so any time you have got something to talk about and it is the citizens time to talk, you can come up here and stay as long as your feel like it.

Supervisor Edwards stated that the School Board does have a comment period.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Phillips said he was just going to reiterate the same thing. The new members on this Board try to attend the School Board meetings and I would urge you to also, because if you haven’t ever been it is hard to make a comment just like what you are saying about us having been here as supervisors. There have been some very positive changes at the School Board and it is a process that is ongoing just like the process that takes place here at this Board. We thank you for your comments.

Chairman Jones stated we would go to item number 10 – Temporary Outdoor Entertainment Permit Tidewater Dirt Riders.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that pursuant to Chapter 2.5 of the Southampton County Code, please find an application attached from the Tidewater Dirt Riders for a temporary outdoor entertainment permit for a motorcycle competition on Sunday, June 9, 2013. The event, with an estimated attendance of 550 participants and spectators, will be held on property owned by the T. L. Bain, L.P. on Warriquee Road and will include overnight camping for approximately 75 campers for one night (June 8). The application is consistent with our local ordinance. Their plans have been reviewed by the Southampton County Sheriff, Southampton County Health Department, Southampton County Building Official, and the Ivor Volunteer Rescue Squad. Alcohol is not permitted at the event.

Chairman Jones said Supervisor West this has been going on for quite a while.

Supervisor West said it has and I have not heard from anyone at the Tidewater Dirt Riders Association. He asked if there was anyone here from there. He said on his behalf, as he comes up, if you will they have been good citizens and they end up at the end of the event making money for the fire and rescue association operations. It is secluded off of a gravel road, a dirt road he calls it. It is at a good location and an event that is enjoyed by many, many, people and it is open to the public. There is no alcohol. It is well run. There is a lot of entertainment. They do a good job and I can’t complain. No one does complain and I don’t think the neighbors have any noise problems as well. Are there any comments you would like to make.

The representative of the Tidewater Dirt Riders Association said no only if you have any questions. I have been here for the last eight, ten, or twelve years so if you have any questions for me I’ll be glad to answer them. I will introduce myself. He stated that he was Robert Harrup. He said he was one of the participants in the club. He said he had been around for a long time and he was close enough now to be able to come down and talk to you all for these purposes. He said he appreciated that.

Chairman Jones said this has been going on for years and we haven't had any problems. The Sheriff's Department doesn't have any problems with it.

Supervisor West said there are really no complaints at all.

Chairman Jones said it is bringing some people into the county.

Supervisor West said and they are going to spend a little bit of money.

Supervisor West made a motion that we approve the issuance of this permit.

Supervisor Porter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones said we would go on to item number 11 – Capital Funding Request – Boykins Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that you will see a capital funding request from the Boykins Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad in your agenda. They are asking for that to assist them in making payments on a new Fire Engine which is scheduled for delivery in June as well as a 2008 brush truck they purchased in February of 2008. Capital funding in specified amounts has been set aside annually for each fire department and rescue squad since FY 2000. These funds are held in escrow until a request to draw them down is approved by the Board of Supervisors. Escrowed funds continue to accrue for each department/squad if they are not drawn down on an annual basis. The attached table indicates the status of capital appropriations since FY 2000. As you can see, we are holding \$21,000 (FY 2013) in escrow for the Boykins Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. To date, we've collectively appropriated \$1,705,500 for fire and rescue improvements and are holding \$301,500 in escrow.

Supervisor Faison moved that we fund this capital funding request.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones said we would go to number twelve – Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that as you're aware, Governor McDonnell's amendments to the Transportation Funding Bill (HB2313) were approved by the General Assembly at its veto session earlier this month and the additional .7% sales tax and 2.1% state tax on wholesale distributors of motor fuels will be imposed in Southampton County (along with the rest of Hampton Roads) beginning July 1. The legislation creates in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund for Planning District 23 that will be known as the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund. The special revenues described above will be paid into the state treasury and credited to this Fund, along with any interest earned on them. These revenues are to be used solely for new construction projects on new or existing roads, bridges, and tunnels in the localities comprising Planning District 23, as approved by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO). The HRTPO is required to give priority to those projects that are expected to provide the greatest impact on reducing congestion and must ensure that the revenues are used for construction projects in all localities comprising Planning District 23. Based on a HRPDC estimate, the additional taxes in Southampton County are expected to generate roughly \$6.1 million in revenue for the region over the next 5 years. I'm cautiously optimistic that we'll be able to access and leverage an equitable portion of this revenue stream to address some of our own transportation needs. As you're also keenly aware, while Southampton County is a longstanding member of Planning District 23, we are not, and have never been, a member of the HRTPO. In order to resolve this dilemma, please find a proposed Memorandum of Agreement attached which entitles Southampton County to one vote at meetings of the HRTPO on any matter involving the planning, programming and funding of projects supported by HB 2313 revenues. The MOA will be considered by the HRTPO Board of Directors on April 18. Current HRTPO voting members include the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg, and the Counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, and York, as well as representatives of the Virginia Senate, Virginia House of Delegates, Transportation District Commission of Hampton Road, Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA), the Virginia

Department of Transportation (VDOT), Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and the Virginia Port Authority. The MOA requires the appointment of one elected official to represent us, and a second elected official to serve as his alternate. HRTOP meetings are conducted on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. immediately following regular meetings of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC). Supervisor West is currently the Board's representative on the HRPDC. I am seeking your authority to execute the attached memorandum of Agreement on behalf of Southampton County. The appointments can be made now, or deferred until your May meeting, if you prefer.

Chairman Jones said you have heard Mr. Michael Johnson. What do you say board?

Supervisor West asked if there was any way humanly possible to reject or not accept this proposal with Hampton Roads. We are going to spend a lot of money and get nothing from it. We are going to be out voted by the cities; and they said one of the criteria is where is the traffic. We can't compete for any of the funds. This is one of those I'll take your money and I don't know that we will even get a thank you from them, but the funds coming back to Southampton or Franklin is going to be, you just as well say, nil. Is there any way humanly possible to say no thank you we don't want to be taxed because we aren't going to receive any benefits from it?

Mr. Richard Railey said well if you don't vote for it you are still going to be taxed for it.

Supervisor Updike said you can't go back to the General Assembly and tell them to redo it.

Supervisor West said we have to take a position and have some representation on the board and that \$6.1 million dollars is still going to be. There is no way they can avoid us. We have Highway 58; we have Highway 460. We have major corridors that are going to be in and out of the Ports and we need to be represented to gain our access to that amount of money and right now we have no access and it is going to happen. The governor is not going to change that. The General Assembly has already voted on the 5.7.

Supervisor Updike said can we ask the General Assembly to reverse their decision.

Supervisor West said no, no you can't do that.

Supervisor Porter said this is not the General Assembly; this is the Attorney General and the Governor who did it to us okay.

Supervisor West said right.

Supervisor Porter said the Attorney General said they couldn't give us a separate district for the transportation projects. They had to use planning district 23 and we are already in planning district 23 and the only way the Governor could fix it was to put us in the pot of money so we can thank our Governor and thank our Attorney General that now our residents have another \$200.00 a year fee. If you look at the money it is about \$1.1 million dollars a year which is roughly close to our quote very popular "trash fee" so the residents will average paying about \$200.00 more to the state treasury and we need to have some representation on the board because we are going to pay it anyway.

Chairman Jones said right.

Supervisor West said we are all part of the HRPDC and the sausage biscuits are good okay.

Supervisor Updike said he was glad we were getting something out of it.

Chairman Jones asked if anybody else wanted to comment on it. He stated that we need to authorize it.

Supervisor Porter moved that we authorize the County Administrator to execute the MOA. He stated that it is not a memorandum to collect the tax because we are already being taxed; it is a memorandum to have someone on the board.

Mr. Richard Railey said exactly.

Chairman Jones said yes that is all it is.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones said we would go to item number 13- Discussion Regarding Courthouse Security Improvements.

Mr. Michael Johnson asked if he wanted to talk about your representative this month, Mr. Chairman. You can defer that until next month if you prefer.

Chairman Jones said let's defer that until next month.

Supervisor West said who that person is that is chosen, gets both positions.

Chairman Jones said we will discuss that at the next meeting.

Supervisor Phillips said you have been doing a fine job Supervisor West.

Supervisor Updike said Supervisor West has been doing a great job, you can take over both jobs; thank you.

Supervisor West said well Mr. Michael Johnson goes and the meeting starts at 9:00 and then this is just a continuation that's all. It kind of shoots your morning and day down, but none the less.

Chairman Jones said we still have courthouse security to get to so we will talk about that next month.

Mr. Michael Johnson said as you all directed last month, we did put this back on your agenda tonight for additional discussion. The objective, at this point, is simply to reach consensus on the plan for security improvements in order for the architect to proceed with development of the drawings, specifications and bid documents. Based on your April 16 work session, it appeared to me that there was general consensus on the plan for security improvements in order for the architect to proceed with development of the drawings, specifications and bid documents. Based on your April 16 work session, it appeared to me that there was general consensus for the overall plan presented by PMA, subject to a structuring of the bid documents that will facilitate acceptance or rejection of certain elements of the plan, based upon their actual cost. Mr. Jeff Stodghill has put together a memo that is at your place and tonight he will talk a little bit about how you propose to structure that; with that I'll turn it over to Mr. Jeff Stodghill and let him walk you through that.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill, stated that he was here this evening to get your direction and approval on how to proceed to develop the bid documents for these improvements. I thank you for meeting on the 16th to go over this in more detail. Basically, I am recommending that we structure the billing so that we get a base bid on the lobby expansion, the basic security system, and the basic construction for the core security improvements. That would be the first price that you would get and then two other alternates – one which is listed as item B here which would be that air-lock vestibule that we proposed between the colonnade and that screening area. That is an easy element for us to look at taking it out of the picture if the cost proves to be too expensive. And then under item C alternate number two – we would get a separate price on this wall and fence enclosure of the parking lot that we had talked about. Again, that is an element that could be postponed to a later phase. It is not absolutely critical in terms of the scope work you outlined in your RFP. The second item pertains to the proposed generator. As you know Judge Delk cited basic emergency power issues at the courthouse. We went and checked and there is no emergency power provision in place there other than lights like you see here, with batteries in them to run lights in the courtrooms or other critical spaces so the need to have an emergency generator is real particularly given the security system is electronic and is going to need to have power to operate beyond just its battery back-up. So a 100 KW generator has been recommended by the engineer and after talking with them I think we discussed our budget for that would be in the \$150,000 to \$175,000 range. In order for us to include that as a third alternate, I need you to modify our contract because that wasn't part of the

original RFP that the county solicited. That additional design cost would be \$12,450. So, if you want us to go off and include the generator in the bidding documents, I need your direction on that tonight.

Chairman Jones said you have heard Mr. Jeff Stodghill. What do you all want to do with this?

Supervisor West said it is a tough decision to make tonight. The funding I know that there are a lot of parts the funding that we have to look at from the Sheriff's standpoint, the City of Franklin's participation, and other revenue streams. I see the immediate need for the entrance under the foyer, protection, bullet proof glass, and the need there to have the screening take place. I see all of that as very important. I am willing to say tonight that we need to move forward with that end and out which separates the flow of traffic going in and going out, and locks behind people exiting the building. I see the need for the cameras in the halls identifying where people are and locating them; and I think we need to move ahead. The generator right now is quite pricey to me and \$150,000 to \$175,000 and that's a generator and I know that. You are talking about pricing it out and that type of thing.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said correct.

Supervisor West said he was not willing to go there yet on the generator; but I am willing to do the basic entrance and exit protection. Judge Parker said that some several years that this needed to be addressed. We are sitting on a potential time bomb. You say well it can't happen in Courtland, Virginia; yes it can. Then when he walked in and he watched, and this is off the cap board and dare I say as you come under the cover walking down and coming into the building the offices next door are just slip up glass and someone can be in the building and there are people there that need to be protected. And, it showed me the dire need for us at a minimum to put something there to protect that area so I want to move forward with the design and get some estimates on that.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison stated that courthouse security is a pressing need and we are in a position where we could incur some liability if something does happen. Now I certainly am in favor in going forward with this. Currently the generator, if there were a problem with the power and no generator, that is just down everything?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said if we don't put a generator in the most that you are going to be able to get is twenty minutes to an hour depending on what that battery backup holds, that most of us have next to our computer. That would allow the system to continue to operate for a short time. After that goes out you just don't have a functioning security system. So, we feel that the generator is a very critical part of making sure that this investment we are talking about will be able to operate if the power goes out. I don't want to leave you with the impression that in the long haul you can really make this work without a generator. It is something that you can add at a future point, but it is probably in your future. The Judge has pointed that out and we concur with him, but I understand what the financial situation is. I just want to make sure you make an informed decision tonight.

Supervisor West said for an extended period like for a hurricane, say three or four days without electricity, you wouldn't have court anyway. But, for the temporary event it would give you time to evacuate and then the history of the event has been very minimal, right as far as loss of power.

Supervisor Phillips said it has been three times.

Supervisor West said in the long term event I think it is important for us to look at.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said just to clarify we are not proposing to run the entire building if power is lost. We are proposing to run the security system, most of the lighting in some of the systems, but we are not proposing to run the air conditioning system. There will be some other things perhaps, maybe the elevator that we may take off the emergency system.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Edwards.

Supervisor Edwards said he thinks we definitely need the entrance security. He said he kind of

divided it up into stages. Entrance security – that knocks out a lot of problems. The internal security, the generator and the parking lot I put them on the back burner. I think this is something that we need to go ahead and plan for. But, as far as the money is concerned, I'm not sure where we are going to get that.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Porter.

Supervisor Porter said he wanted to clarify one thing. We are not making a decision tonight as to what we are going to do; all we are doing is we are giving him the go ahead to develop the big documents for these different alternatives.

Supervisor West said correct.

Supervisor Porter said when these bid documents come back then we will know what the costs are and we can make a more informed decision. So, I feel like we need to go forward looking at all the alternatives and I think that is what he is asking for. Then we can sit down and talk about the cost and the merits of doing which pieces. If it is going to cost \$400,000 to do the base bid, and it is going to cost \$450,000 to do the rest of it then that is different from costing \$400,000 and then \$200,000 more. It all depends on how much more it is going to be, but we won't know that until we get the bids back. We might be surprised; we might get better prices. I think we need to go ahead and authorize him to do the bid package as outlined so that we know what each piece costs.

Supervisor Edwards said he agreed with that too, but I think we also need to let everybody know where our priorities are with what we can afford.

Supervisor West said he agrees because there may be some surprise elements even in the generator itself. With that being said we may feel differently about it, but go ahead and prepare all the documents and give us the options. That is the understanding tonight that you are looking ahead to design and go ahead and prepare one document so that we can get bids on it.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said he just wanted to make sure he was 100% clear here. Once these documents are prepared, just say we will pick the lobby expansion, the air-lock vestibule, but maybe at the time we accept the bids, say leave out the parking lot upgrades and the emergency backup generator. Basically we will have four items.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said that is correct.

Supervisor Phillips said then we will be better able to access what your proposal is.

Supervisor Edwards said basically entrance security, inside security, parking lot security, and then the generator. He said he would like to see those four stages.

Chairman Jones said that is what he has got on here.

Supervisor Phillips said if his understanding is correct, item one with parts A, B, and C are already paid for. The only thing we are adding to the contract is item two which would be the study for the generator. So this would add \$12,000.00

Mr. Michael Johnson said right. If you want to develop the bid documents and to get the price on the generator you need to amend the design contract by \$12,000.00 and some change.

Chairman Jones asked if Supervisor Phillips was okay with that.

Supervisor Phillips said he would say that as long as we can maintain some further input on the discussion for the generator or the parking lot, I remember the clerk of the court saying that he recommended the lighting in the parking lot be upgraded if nothing else. He asked if that would be possible. You know when you make a bid document it has got to have specifics in it.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said he would recommend in the base bid to include the additional lighting for

the parking lot because that would be necessary for appearance to look better because they are going to be looking for that to be operating in the evenings. The base bid under our assumption would include lighting which would shine into that parking lot to illuminate that area where the staff parks. We think that would be adequate.

Supervisor Phillips said currently the courthouse has emergency service lights that come on when the power goes off.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said in some areas. They are about like this little light right here which if the power went off in this room in the next moment then all the lights would go off, but that would come on automatically, but as you can imagine that would not necessarily provide sufficient light to maintain order and security in a court setting. It might allow us to get out safely, but it would be very dim.

Supervisor Edwards said the generator is not for the building function, just security. They are not going to continue a court session.

Supervisor Phillips said right.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said that is right.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike said tonight his thoughts are on the same lines as Supervisor Edwards. We need it broken down into at least four different sections and it is difficult as you understand our finances are tight and we cannot take on the whole project period. We have got to take it by steps as the money becomes available. The entrance needs to be first with your bullet proof glass and lights for the outside.

Supervisor West said what this is - it is simply a motion to require you to go ahead and proceed with the development of construction drawings and bid documents. That is all he is asking for tonight.

Supervisor Edwards said we also want to make it clear what kind of set up we want there. This is like a puzzle; we would take it apart in four parts.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said that is correct. You will have a base bid which will be comprised of the basis security system and the lobby changes and then you will have three different alternative prices which will cover the things I have outlined here. It will be a Chinese menu of sorts. You will be able to pick and choose which components you want.

Chairman Jones stated that Mr. Jeff Stodghill has done what we asked for. He is getting ready to form the list now so we can decide exactly what we want. He is going to get the bids; and we don't have to do any of it. Right now he is getting the plan together. You have to have a set of plans if you are going to do anything. Now we are going to get bids for the plan he has already come up with.

Supervisor Phillips asked Chairman Jones if he could speak to Mr. Jeff Stodghill for a second here.

Chairman Jones said go ahead.

Supervisor Phillips stated that during our tour of the courthouse there were some citizens present also that had some comments that I really haven't had a chance to address. He asked if it would be possible before he composed these documents if we could possibly have another meeting, just you and I maybe, by phone or otherwise to address these concerns or comments.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said certainly.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

Supervisor West said as a second part of this too. I see Mr. Michael Johnson is seeking to make an application to the department of general services.

Chairman Jones said right.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he would get to that. He wanted to make sure that you have a consensus on what Mr. Jeff Stodghill is suggesting. He is suggesting that he puts together a base bid which would include enclosure of the colonnade, installation of the equipment, the x-ray machine and those type of things, installation of the cameras inside and all that type stuff, the bulletproof glass, changing some of the doors, those kinds of things. That is the base bid and the parking lot light all lumped together in the base bid. Then there will be an additive alternate bid which would provide for the air-lock vestibule so in other words you could accept just the base bid or the base bid plus adding the vestibule if you decide to do that. There will be an additive alternate item to do the parking lot improvements. You can accept or reject that. Then the third piece will be the generator, if you decide that you want to do that; recognizing that if you decide to proceed with the generator you are making a change in Mr. Jeff Stodghill's contract right now for the \$12,000 and some odd dollars there to get the generator designed. I want to make sure everybody understands.

Chairman Jones asked if everybody understood that.

Supervisor Porter said one other point is that there is a high likelihood that we can pay for the generator out of the security fund, funds that we can't use for other county projects, correct?

Chairman Jones said right.

Mr. Michael Johnson said at the discretion of the Sheriff.

Supervisor Porter said at the discretion of the Sheriff. That may be whether or not we do that, depending if he makes those funds available.

Chairman Jones said you see what we have got in front of us. He asked if they were ready to vote on this.

Supervisor West said first you have got to have a motion and a second to do that.

Chairman Jones said I know. I'm just asking whether we are ready to do that.

Supervisor Porter made a motion to authorize Mr. Jeff Stodghill to prepare the bid documents as proposed in this memorandum.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item is to decide whether we are going to make the application for the general department of general services line compliance.

Mr. Michael Johnson said as he mentioned Mr. Chairman, there is an application process to the Virginia Department of General Services that is actually established under section 17-281C of the code of Virginia that would give you all special authority to access an additional sum of \$3.00 on every civil action and each criminal and traffic case which could be used as a revenue stream to service any debt that is associated with this project. If the Department of General Services certifies your courthouse as noncompliant and gives you the authority to impose that additional fee, it will generate approximately \$34,500.00 per year. If that is something that you want to do, you would need to authorize us to prepare that application to the Department of General Services.

Chairman Jones said you heard Mr. Michael Johnson; does anybody have any questions on it?

Supervisor West said when you are seeking direction, I am in favor of doing something.

Supervisor Porter said he moves that this be done.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones said so we are in order for Mr. Michael Johnson to go to the Virginia Department of General Services and ask for certification on that. He said as you all know we share the circuit court and two constitutional officers – the clerk of court and the commonwealth attorney.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the last thing is that the 2012 population estimates account for about 31.66 percent of the total population in Franklin and Southampton. So general speaking the City will be responsible for roughly 23% of the costs. That is basically 32 percent times 72 percent which comes up with that 23%. We have informed the City Manager of that. Our shared services committee has touched base with their shared services committee so they are in the loop and are well aware of what their obligation would be with regard to this project.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions on this.

Supervisor Edwards asked if their reaction was a positive one then.

Supervisor West said it wasn't a problem. They realize it.

Supervisor Porter said it is a matter of fact.

Supervisor Faison said so they have no input in the design and what we are talking about; it's only that they pay the 23%.

Mr. Michael Johnson said when they became a city of the second class and shared the facilities they hitched their wagon to our horse. That is basically the way it works.

Chairman Jones stated we would go to number fourteen.

Mr. Michael Johnson said number fourteen is a resolution authorizing establishment of a deferred compensation plan with the Virginia retirement system. For many years, Southampton County, in partnership with The National Association of Counties (NACo) and Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS) has provided county employees an opportunity to participate in a Section 457 Deferred Compensation Program. The program allows county employees to voluntarily contribute a portion of their wages to a special account and to direct these contributions to one or more investment options. In doing so, they're able to augment their retirement savings, while postponing the payment of income taxes. Recently, it has come to my attention that the Virginia Retirement System also has a deferred compensation program, managed by ING, which is available to participating local governments. In order to make this program available to Southampton County employees, it is necessary for the Board to adopt the attached resolution which authorizes me to enter into the attached agreement. Adoption of this resolution provides an additional benefit option to offer to our employees at no additional cost.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions on this.

Supervisor West said he would assume that they will be able to continue to use the National Association of Counties in addition to ING.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor West said it seems like a good thing to me. It's an option for the employees and they pay the benefits. He said he would certainly be fine with it.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor West to make a motion then.

Supervisor West said he would. He made a motion to adopt the resolution to establish a deferred compensation plan with the Virginia retirement system.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated we would go to number 15 – Miscellaneous.

Mr. Michael Johnson said I have just a couple of items, Mr. Chairman. I did you all a copy of the official notice that was provided to the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries relative to your recently adopted change to Section 10-26 to the county code last month. So, that notice has been provided in advance of the May 1 deadline.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any late arriving matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson said no sir.

Chairman Jones said at this time we will have the citizens comment period.

Mr. Ash Cutchin of Darden Point Road addressed the Board. He said he didn't know how many of them read the Virginian Pilot, but he reads it daily and sometimes he wonders why. He said he was holding a copy of the daily cartoon. He said I don't know how many of you saw it, but the first frame shows a federal employee, a gentlemen standing at a microphone, saying a recent study shows we, the federal government, are losing billions in duplicate spending. Then in the next frame he steps aside, and a federal employee, a lady says, we, the federal government are losing billions in federal spending. Now I'm not accusing you people of duplicate spending. I don't think we do any, but this cartoon reminds me that just like the federal government, who spend money on duplicates and other things spending money they don't have, we are spending money that we don't have. I have come up here and complained about this just about every month for the last five or six years. A few moments ago Mr. Michael Johnson said that come August or September we are going to have to borrow money just to make it through the year which August is barely midway the year and I noticed in the county proposed budget that the expenses of running the county, those items that come under administration, not the school, have gone up about a million dollars since the recession hit in 2008 or 2009. So running this county is still costing us a million dollars more than it used to cost us, and it is money that we don't have. He stated that he attended a portion of the retreat that you all had this summer and came away with several pages and one was this bus fleet rotation plan and I noticed that buying new school buses is part of this proposed budget. If I'm interpreting this correctly and correct me Mr. Michael Johnson if I am wrong, it looks like to buy these buses we are borrowing \$5.1 million dollars in the next nine years. Then in the right hand column is cumulative annual debt service which is \$3.3 million dollars in the next nine years. Now, if I added that correctly on my little HP this \$8.5 million dollars cumulative, principal and interest in the next nine years will be about \$945,000 a year in additional money that we don't have. Money that you are proposing to buy school buses that I personally think the school board should have been buying all these years from their transportation budget. I still can't understand why that wasn't part of their long range planning. I don't know if you are watching my two minutes Mr. Michael Johnson, I mean Chairman Jones or not.

Chairman Jones said you are alright; go ahead on.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said he would like to make one more comment if he could in regards to the proposed draft budget. I turned around tonight and see fewer than twenty five citizens here out of over eighteen hundred citizens in the county and that disappoints me deeply. I'm disappointed that the room is not full with standing room only when you talked about dogs or muzzleloaders. I guess the people are at home watching "Dancing with the Stars". I don't know what they are doing, but they are not here. I have something that I would like you to consider and this is just something to think about. Instead of making little \$200.00 fees here and there every couple of years for our garbage and instead of adding \$0.02 to our real estate tax every couple of years all of which results in kicking the can down the road and passing these costs along to our grandchildren why not go ahead and create an honest budget which covers all or most of our costs, gets us whole and healthy again and quit spending 39% of the total school bus budget because 39% of it is the \$3 million debt service; that makes an \$85,000 bus end up costing \$118,000, if you multiply \$85,000 times 1.39. So you budget for an \$85,000 school bus and you are going to pay \$118,000 for it just because you have to borrow the money to buy them. Why not go ahead and publish a healthy budget, get us out of debt and see how many citizens show up here to complain about the \$0.50 tax increase. Thank you.

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

Mr. John Burchett of Sebrell addressed the Board. He said he agrees. He said he promised he was

not going to spend a lot of time tonight; you already know how I feel about that. A couple of things came up tonight. We were here last year sometime talking about borrowing money because we didn't have the money to pay the bills. I thought we were going to address that. Do you remember that Supervisor Phillips? We were going to try to get collections started early and if you remember what I said then there are some people in this county that are civic minded. If somebody sent me a tax bill saying we need the money, I'd pay my taxes today. I believe there are other people who are willing to do it. If we can save a penny, I'd be willing to do it. I've got a need to say this and you may not have a need to hear it, but I'm not a flame liberal before what I'm going to say next. Two weeks ago, Wednesday I believe it was, at one of your budget workshops, the garbage fee was talked and most people on the Board were talking about the 38% that hadn't paid. I thank the Lord that I have some compassion. I'm sure some of the 38% are a bunch of no good bums and should be booted. But, believe it or not there are some people out there that probably could not afford it. I'm thankful that I could. I know we have got to pay our taxes, but I at least think we ought to show some compassion that we have to do this. I didn't hear much. Now this won't take long I promise. Chairman Jones challenged people who complained to come up with some solutions. Mr. Ash Cutchin definitely has some good ideas. This is going to be quick. We made three decisions in the last ten years that has put this county in jeopardy and whether you were sitting on the Board or not doesn't make any difference. It is yours now and you have got to live with it and I've got to live with it. This thing about saying it was somebody else's fault that is just like Mr. Obama; it's his budget now. You have got to take responsibility for fixing what we have got to fix. I sat right there where that young lady is sitting in 2008, I believe it was in May if my old mind remembers, when we voted on building the sewage plant and adding the lines out to Riverdale School. Then Mr. Jimmy Lee and numerous other people came up here, mindful people and business people, and pleaded let's wait because things don't look good, things might collapse. But, we blew it off and we are in this situation that we are in now. The Turner Tract is another one. Another one is trash disposal which was about ten years ago. That was when he was working and didn't have time to pay attention to what was going on and it would have been done anyway. We are locked into this thing where we are subsidizing Virginia Beach, a poor county like us. They are locked in at a low rate and we are locked in at a ridiculously high rate. In the budget that Mr. Michael Johnson provided on line, which was great I love it, I didn't start at the front I started at the back. Southampton County's summary of outstanding debt is \$65,353,000. Before we get below a 5 million dollar debt service I will be 75 years old. Before this debt is paid off most of us in this room will be dead. God help us. Now we get down to the point. We can't cut our way out of this; we cut what we can, but there is no way. We can't expect our employees and teachers to go forever without a raise. That is asking too much; it's not their fault. It is our fault. We as citizens allowed it to happen. Some of our representatives made wrong choices, but we have all got to live with it. I've got a few comments on the budget. I did look at where we are transferring funds out of the general funds reserve and at the rate we are going now I figure we can go seven more years doing it at the current rate. I don't know if Mr. Michael Johnson agrees with that or not, but according to the figures that is what I come up with; that is all I have got. We are taking our \$452,000 this year out of reserve and I think we have got about \$4 million dollars left in reserve as of June. Like I said I started at the back because the main problems are our debt and I moved to more forward sections with some expenditures that we have earmarked for the county. On page 3-46, and I sent you all an e-mail on this by the way, I believe it was last week, the Rebecca Vaughan house project is earmarked for \$20,000.00 and for the historical society we are earmarked for \$3,500.00 so that is \$23,500.00. That's great. I love the historical society and I love what we are doing there, but that shouldn't come out of there. I belong to a civic club and nobody has come and asked us for any money that I know of. I may be wrong, but we raise money in our club. Supervisor Phillips is in our club. I'm sure he would be willing to help him to get the club to donate. This is for fund-raisers; this is not a tax money thing. Now if I say something that is wrong as far as something coming out of the budget, please tell me. Now as far as the community concert association, I've been to some of these things; it's great, I love it. It's in the budget at \$5,100 dollars. People who go to these concerts, some of them are his friends, we don't need to subsidize them. They got money. I've got money. I'll pay for it. Do not use somebody else's tax dollars for me to go and sit and listen to somebody play; I can afford it. On page 3-36, this is the sanitation waste disposal, Walt Brown, and I don't know if he is here, brought this up last year, on the part time salary sites \$228,000 dollars. If we just took one day out of the three and closed the site, I'm talking about the garbage collection, and I don't know if all this help is at the those sites, it doesn't matter because I don't give a hoot if we only save \$10,000.00. It's only one day. If you shut Sebrell I guarantee you I could wait one day. Give me two days to carry my trash, or only give me one I don't care. We

could save \$76,000 dollars. With that \$76,000 and the \$23,500 from the Rebecca Vaughan House and the Historical Society we could buy a bus with the money we are saving. I know it's not a lot, but anything. He asked Chairman Jones if they got his information?

Chairman Jones said he had it. He stated in the jail there are 61 people there as of today. At the jail farm we have 41 people there as of today at 12:30 today, but it has probably changed since then.

Mr. John Burchett said it didn't matter. He said Supervisor Updike I'm surprised that you hadn't seen this because you are the man I count on to hawk what is going on, even though I don't agree with you on everything.

Supervisor Updike said I've seen it, but I can't do anything about it.

Mr. John Burchett said this is what I've got to say and I will be respectful. If you have got the guts to cut the kids, you have got to have the guts to cut other things and that I believe. I worked at Newport News Shipbuilding and I've had to sit in front of people and tell them that they didn't have a job. It is the hardest thing in the world to do, but sometimes you have got to do it. Supervisor Porter you are a business man, you know. The budget for detention at the Sheriff's Office is \$2,822,961. The Sheriff's Law Enforcement is \$1,673,787. We are spending \$1,149,000 more on detention than we are on enforcement. To me that jumped out there and I said John what in the hell is going on. Excuse me for saying that.

Supervisor West said yeah.

Supervisor Edwards said if you keep them you don't have to catch them but once.

Mr. John Burchett said in the building fund Mr. Michael Johnson has earmarked \$75,000 for things at the jail farm. Just keep that in mind. I didn't count that in my figures as to how much we are spending on detention. Now this goes back to what I asked Mr. Michael Johnson. I tried to get this information last week, but I guess Supervisor Phillips forgot to tell me. I asked how many people we had in the jail. I did these figures based on 200. I just took a figure because I said there can't be more than 200 people in the jail because 200 people is 1% of the population in Southampton County. Now listen to this please; this is very important. We have 2,846 students in Southampton County Schools according to Dr. Alvera Parrish last week. She is a very smart lady. That is the first time I had seen the lady. That is \$10,499 dollars per student. We have 102 inmates and I had figured on 200. Based on the budget for detention, not counting the \$75,000, we are spending \$14,114 per inmate. Where is Mr. Ash Cutchin?

Mr. Ash Cutchin said I'm right here.

Mr. John Burchett said we are running a prison system in the county when we have got one in the state. So if you figure today when there are only 102 inmates we are spending \$28,000 per inmate. Look, do you have the guts to do anything about it? Well, we will find out. He said in personnel in the Sheriff's there are 22 in enforcement and 46 in detention. He said he worked on this. He said he takes this very seriously. If you all don't believe me, I do. He said I love this county. I love my kids. We have got 46 people watching 100 people. Do you know what that ratio is? We have got two prisoners for every one person in detention. Something isn't right; that is all I've got to say. He asked Chairman Jones if he did good.

Chairman Jones said you did good. You did good.

Supervisor West said there are some things we may need to make a comment or two on.

Chairman Jones said I hear you.

Supervisor West said and that is the money for each of those inmates is not money from this county.

Mr. John Burchett said if you are wasting money I don't care if it is state money or county money. If we can only save \$150,000 or \$200,000, Supervisor West we need to. We are hurting. We are

hurting and we are running that prison system.

Supervisor West said well the mandates from the State of Virginia are beyond our control, number one. Money coming down from Richmond as far as what the additional funds are I can't tell you what we are paying out of pocket from our taxpayers.

Mr. John Burchett said it doesn't matter; it is wasting money. It doesn't matter whether it belongs to the state or the county. Supervisor West, I put it out there; you have got it. For \$28,000 versus \$10,000 for kids; that is a tragedy. I mean gosh. I can't believe it myself. I talked to Supervisor Faison in Wal-Mart last year about the expense of detention versus education. I didn't know we were that far apart because we said it is cheaper to train them than to hold them in prison. I didn't have any idea there was that much different in the figures, but anyway.

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

Mr. Jason Fowler of Shands in Courtland addressed the Board. He said he had a couple of things. He said he had looked over the budget. He said he had lots of thoughts on the budget, but he was not going to talk about that tonight. One thing he would like to bring to your attention is the interchange here in Courtland. I haven't heard much about it from the Board; I don't know how much the Board knows about it. But, I guess it is earmarked for about \$25 million dollars to be spent for the Courtland By-Pass Interchange. Whether it is necessary, I know it is on the Governor's agenda, but it is money being spent. I just ask each of you to look at that interchange and make sure it is the design you want. You can take a look at it and see if it is what you want. I have seen it and it is very interesting.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else.

Supervisor Edwards said I think once you look at this whole situation as to the percentage that we have collected on the trash fee, 63% I believe right now, if you look at the national average that is probably about equal to what the percentage is of people who pay meaningful federal taxes and it dawned on me that may well be the percentage of people in this county who pay meaningful county or local taxes. The other thing that we discussed tonight is the school situation and the teachers in the schools do deserve a raise as they are right dead last of all the counties around here. We also have a serious school bus problem and if anybody else out there has any ideas how we can get out of them I would sure like to hear them.

Chairman Jones asked if anybody else had anything. There being no one else the meeting was adjourned.

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

Michael W. Johnson, Clerk