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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 March 24, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

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

SUPERVISORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator (Clerk)
Lynette C. Lowe, Deputy County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer
Beth Lewis, Community Development Deputy 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 the first item on the agenda is a closed session.

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

- 1) In accordance with Section 2.2-3711 (A) (5), Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; and
- 2) In accordance with Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3), Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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

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

Supervisor West made a motion to go into closed session.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we are back in open session. He stated that there are a lot of people here that he usually doesn't see. We did the public hearing at the last meeting, but during the citizens comment period if there is anyone who wants to speak on anything you are welcome to do so. We do have the citizens comment period so you can do that during that time.

Supervisor Phillips asked you need to have the reading of the resolution.

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Chairman Jones said right. He said I'm just saying this before we read the resolution.

Mr. Michael Johnson said you are speaking in regards to the budget.

Chairman Jones said right, I'm speaking in regards to the budget. Anyone who wants to speak on it during public comment period is welcome to do so. At this time we will have the certification.

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

RESOLUTION OF CLOSED MEETING

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

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

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

Supervisor West made a motion to adopt the certification resolution.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that they did not do anything that was not on their agenda. We did speak about the Darden Investment Group. So we will take action on that maybe later.

Supervisor West said we did have one action and one motion that I'd like to present at the time and that is to have a public discussion, and that would be a public discussion, to rezone some property owned by Jordan Investments along Highway 671 and the CSX Railroad tract for industrial expansion. And, this will be followed by a public hearing at a later date.

Supervisor Porter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Michael Johnson said just for the point of clarification, it will be meeting after next, Mr. Chairman. It will be at the Planning Commission meeting next month.

Supervisor West said there is an additional point I'd like to say; it is across from the Turner Tract just north of it. So, it is in the same area.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go now to number 4 – Citizens Comment Period.

Mr. Ash Cutchin of Darden Estates addressed the Board. He said thank you Mr. Chairman for giving the public the opportunity to speak. He stated that he resides in the Jerusalem District and that Dr. Alan Edwards is his Supervisor. He said he would try to be brief as he usually tries to be brief. Normally when I stand here before you it is to complain once again about your constant and unending tendencies to spend money that we do not have. While I still object to that, tonight my topic is different. I have several dictionaries in my house; and the one I use the most is this little paper back that is called "Webster's New World Compact School and Office Dictionary". And I probably use it several times a day. With your permission I would like to quote briefly from page 114 under the word "decorum". Decorum is a noun. It comes from the Latin "decorous" which means proper. The definition is "propriety is good taste in behavior, speech, etc. Some synonyms, which I found on Microsoft word, are good manners, good behavior, modesty, respectability,

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correctness, demureness, etiquette, and restraint. I was saddened and embarrassed to sit out here in the audience and observe some of the proceedings. As I thought about it many times since, I realize that it was in response to one or more comments by us citizens. Trust me when I say that we, the citizens, appreciate the time that you allot to us each month to speak our mind about county issues. And, it is not something that we should abuse. We should not make discouraging statements or accusations about any of you, our elected representatives and officials. You are the ones that we choose to sit up there and manage the county's affairs. And, I for one am grateful for your service. I realize that it has not been an easy job. However, I strongly remind you that each one of you sought the office. You campaigned for the office. You urged your constituents to vote for you. You promised us that you were a better candidate than your opponent so you won. Now, with those campaign promises and with you election there is an implied commitment on your part to sit up there and take the complaints and the criticism when we feel you are not performing your promises. I do not think any of you are entitled to rant and rave and raise your voices and point your fingers at anybody even the voters or an occasional guest speaker regardless of any lack of décor on our part. It is a one sided and lop-sided situation. But, you just simply have to sit up there and take it like a man. It may seem unfair and it might really be unfair, but I think that is the way it must be. It reminds me of my first grade teacher, Mrs. Blanch Daughtrey, who often said two wrongs don't make a right. And, she probably said it as much to me and she said it to any of my classmates. But, it made an impression on me. Now, as a tax paying citizen I think I should be allowed to stand up here and say Mr. Faison, Dr. Edwards, or Mr. Updike I think you cast an unwise vote, or you made a mistake, or you are woefully wrong about that issue. I am entitled to say that. And, I think that you are entitled to disagree with me and state in public that you disagree with me. But, gentlemen I mean this from the bottom of my heart, you are not entitled to shout at me or point your finger at me. With your job comes the requirement that you act with proper decorum. Think about the current Mayor of Toronto and how absurd he acts. Think about Sussex County and how they had to break up the fist-cuffs between people at a meeting. Think about Franklin and some of the things that they have to put up with. And, I don't think any of you want to be remembered that way. So, respectfully I urge you to remember "decorum" and practice it diligently.

Mr. Jerry Rose of Courtland, Virginia addressed the Board. Most of you probably know me, I'm not sure. I'm Mr. Jerry Rose. I also live in the Jerusalem District and Alan is my Supervisor. I'm here tonight to ask for some relief. I'm as you would call probably a logger. I prefer to be called a timber harvester. We own several pieces of harvesting equipment and what I have come here tonight for is to ask you to consider that harvesting equipment be treated the same as harvesting equipment that is owned by farmers. That rate I do believe which is my rate is \$2.40 and I think their rate is \$1.95. I am asking you guys to consider reducing the rates on my logging equipment to \$1.95. I'm not asking you to do that on my trucks and trailers or my vehicles or on my property, only my harvesting equipment. I have been in business here in Southampton County for 34 years and each year I pay \$40,000 or \$45,000 and over the years I have probably paid in excess of over a million dollars. I don't think that I am asking very much. I do appreciate your consideration on my request.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions for Mr. Jerry Rose. Thank you.

Supervisor Edwards said the man asked for some consideration so what are we going to do.

Supervisor Porter said I think this is part of our discussion when we talk about rates for our budget plans.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Phillips said I agree. We do need to look at it and the farmers as well. I think you make a point.

Mr. Jerry Rose said thank you.

Supervisor West said I think there is another format to do this under though and we set the rate for certain bodies.

Supervisor Phillips said when we review the budget process I think that is part of what we are discussing tonight is the fact that we will take that into consideration.

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Chairman Jones said right.

Mr. Jerry Rose said thank you.

Supervisor Edwards said Mr. Jerry Rose we are going to consider your request. You didn't waste your words tonight, okay.

Mr. Jerry Rose said thank you.

Mr. Larry Matthews of 24175 Bryant's Church Road, Capron, Virginia addressed the Board. He stated that he was here tonight on behalf of Capron Elementary School. My granddaughter is a fifth grader there, and I am here to give my support to the Southampton County Public School Systems budget. We are in need of the additional teachers that are being asked for. We don't just have good teachers and educators; we have great teachers and educators. I would like to see the future to hold the very best for our most precious gift from God which is our children. They are competing not just with other states, or other students in other states, but other children from around the world seeking the best education they can receive. You all have supported us through the years and we would like to continue to receive your support. Please understand that you hold the future of our children in your hands by providing funds needed to educate our students. We want our students to come back to this area to make their homes here. So let's give back to God what he so freely gave to us our most precious gift – our children; but, with an education second to none. Thank you.

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Larry Mathews.

Dr. Antoinette Anderson of 20520 Ivor Road addressed the Board. She said "Good Afternoon" to all in the room. She asked who wished to send their children to school without enough funds to function effectively. Who wishes to send their children to schools where they are not exposed to the arts? Who wished to send their children to schools where the electronic equipment is outdated and the buses are constantly inoperable. The answer to these questions is no one. We want to send our children to school where the teachers are top notch. To obtain and retain top notch educators they must be valued. One of the best ways to show value is in their salary. Educator salaries in Southampton County should be comparable to other localities. As the economy continues to gain strength, a 2% increase for all contracted employees is a must. If Southampton County is going to attract young professionals and their families, they must provide a stellar educational package. This includes small class sizes, introduction to the arts, and programs for those who excel in the arts, a strong foundation in Math and Science. When I went to undergraduate school, I did so, on a full academic science scholarship. The scholarship was not awarded on who I was or my ideas, but it was based solely on how I excelled in the sciences. When my name was linked to my grade point average, and my grade point was linked to my school system it was understood that my academic record could stand on its own. Southampton County can also provide the same education to its students, but there must be a solid investment in Math and Science. Part of the answer is hiring additional teachers, but the teachers must be qualified. A robust education is the springboard for college and beyond. This will entice the graduates to return to Southampton County to educate their children. Together we can do it. I elicit the assistance from the Board of Supervisors as to support the proposed operating budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Thank you.

Chairman Jones thanked Dr. Antoinette Anderson.

Mr. John Burchett of Sebrell addressed the Board. He said he was just going to make a couple of comments about what happened last month. He said he wanted to apologize in a not very honorable way. I'll be honest with you; my feelings were hurt. But, that doesn't mean anything. He said Mr. Richard Railey and I have some heated discussions over politics and some other issues, but at the end of that discussion we are best of friends. And, that's the way I want to be with you all. I don't agree with everything that you do. I don't agree with everything you say. But, let me tell you one thing, when you hurt our children I'm against you one hundred percent. Mr. Jerry Rose came up here and asked for a tax cut for his logging business. Two of you were ready to give it to him tonight. You will say no to our children and yes to certain people. I don't have anything against Mr. Jerry Rose. I don't blame him. Everybody wants a tax cut, but who are

you going to cut it from. Are you coming to take it away from our children again? Supervisor Porter is that what you want to do? Dr. Alan Edwards, an educated man like you knows how important an education is. Somebody has got to lose something if you cut tax rates.

Supervisor Edwards said can I answer that. I think everybody up here, all seven of us, are pro educational.

Mr. John Burchett said I haven't seen it.

Supervisor Edwards said you need to understand that right from the beginning.

Mr. John Burchett said I don't believe you. You have got friends who are pushing you to cut the tax rates. And, that is fine. But, let me tell you this, education will be an issue next year. And, I'm not perfect so I wouldn't run, but I hope one of those people who came up here and talked about education will step up and oppose whoever lives in their district and doesn't support education because I'm going to tell you what, next year it will be issue. Now threats, I don't know whether they do any good or not; it doesn't matter. I'm going to do what I feel like is right. But, like I said I wouldn't oppose anybody because I'm not perfect enough because if you look at my past, I've said some things and done some things that were wrong. So, I would not put my record up for anybody's close scrutiny. If you want to talk to me later, I would be glad to explain it. But, now let me get back to the main thing that I want to talk about which was your retreat which I was happy to attend. It was a real eye opener when it comes to what you all have to deal with when it comes time for budget because we actually had some extra money but about two or three times requests for that extra money. It's a tough job. But, like Mr. Ash Cutchin said you all ran to do it so now you have to step up to the plate and do what we need to do. And, the first thing that you need to do is don't cut education any more. And, by not funding the teachers you are cutting education. The first workshop, I believe, is April 9th. I'd like to see a discussion of what Mr. Jerry Rose brought up which is taxes. There are fees and taxes out there that haven't been cut. Everybody else got bumped. The bills stayed such as this new garbage fee. But, there were a lot of other ones that didn't get touched. My number one pet peeve is the hunters discount; they get away without paying anything. They enjoy our resources. I can, it's ours, because I live here. Out of town people don't pay anything. We need to figure a way to tap into that resource. You have got to be willing to step up. It's your job. Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity.

Chairman Jones said yes sir. He asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak.

Mr. Ellis Cofield, III addressed the Board. He stated that he was a proud student of Southampton High School and Student Government Association President. He said he would like to say "Good Evening" to all of you – the members of the Board of Supervisors, to all of the members present who are a part of the School Board, to our fantastic Superintendent, Dr. Alvera Parrish, and to all the administrators, faculty, and staff members of Southampton County public schools, and all of those gathered here this afternoon. I would like to share with you a quick story. There once was this old mule that worked and lived on a farm. The farmer had this fantastic idea to go and bury the old mule since it was no longer able to work. The farmer goes and gathers his equipment, goes to a vacant lot, and begins to dig a hole deep enough to bury the mule inside, and then he begins to put the dirt back into the hole. After he runs out of dirt to place inside the hole, he turns around to find a job well done only to find the mule staring him in his face. What the farmer did not know was that every time he took that shovel and place the dirt in the shovel and threw it back into the hole overtop of the live mule, the mule would just shake the dirt off, pack it under his feet, and step up a little bit high. Over the years the public school system has had a lot of dirt thrown and tossed at us. We have watched instructors, who were near and dear to our hearts, retire and leave the school system. We have had a drop in the student/teacher ratio. And, the School Board has fired a number of our teachers. But through it all our teachers, our administrators, and partners of support have gathered together and shaken the dirt right off of us. We continue to rise above all of the obstacles despite what dirt may be thrown our way. I can speak from personal encounters from speaking with teachers, both at the high school and the middle school that they have added an additional work load on themselves. And, they have even sacrificed their planning periods so that they would be able to provide help in these times of lack and loss. We are just like that mule. We are taking anything bad and anything negative and shaken it right off of us. We owe all of this to our great leaders – to our teachers, to our administrators, to our School Board Members, but most of all, to each and every one of you standing before me. It is because of each and every one of you that we acquired brand new buses for transportation. It is because of you that Southampton

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County public schools will continue to grow and excel. And, it will be because of you that we shall acquire new teachers because teachers are in demand to help expand the minds of our youth so that in the future that they will come and return home and be a blessing to each and every one of us. So, on behalf of the citizens and students of Southampton County public school system, I would like to thank all of you for your time, thank all of you for what you have done and will do in the near future and continue to support us in all that we do to help to help promote and support the educational growth and development. Thank you for your time.

Chairman Jones said thank you very much. He asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Mr. Joe Vick of Capron, Virginia addressed the Board. He said Mr. Chairman, members, and Mr. Michael Johnson, I am here tonight to address you on behalf of the Citizens for Responsible Government. First off, as always, I want to thank each of you for your service and Mr. Michael Johnson and his staff for all of their hard work. I know you Supervisors spend quite a bit of time taking care of our business, and it's not just here in this room. I see you all wherever I go and I don't get out much so I know you must be going and doing a lot. And, I know you are not getting compensated for it so I want to let you know I appreciate it. First, I would like to let you know and everyone assembled that Mr. Michael Johnson has agreed to be the guest at our next Citizen's Group Meeting. I hope that date is April 17th Mr. Michael Johnson, as I did confirm that with your office.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is correct.

Mr. Joe Vick said it will be right here in this room on April 17th at 7:00 p.m. He has agreed to present an overview of the proposed 2015 fiscal year budget. It will be just like he did last year this time. I would like to thank you for agreeing to do this again this year. He stated that he found it to be very helpful to stay informed on the budget. You can ask questions of Mr. Michael Johnson. He sat here last year and answered every question that we had until we ran out of questions. I feel it is a vital task of the Citizens for Responsible Government to inform our fellow citizens and to keep ourselves informed the best we can. I can tell you all I have heard more commentary from county citizens regarding the changes that you all approved in your second open session in November than any other single issue that I have heard of since I have been involved with the Citizens Group and that includes black powder, coyotes, and Sunday hunting. I was surprised to hear so much about that. And, you gentlemen even heard some of these concerns yourself at the retreat earlier this month from some of your fellow elected officials. So, the Citizens for Responsible Government would like to request that you Supervisors should make it your business to be certain that your county employees are aware of any hiring processes that go on here in the county and that they are considered for any open positions for which they feel they might be qualified. You should set some standards and expectations and use them during the hiring process so that everyone feels as though they are being treated fair. The second request I don't need to go into since Mr. Ash Cutchin covered that thoroughly; so, I won't rehash that tonight. I couldn't say it any better than Mr. Ash Cutchin said it. So, I would hope that you all would appreciate the value of citizens input and the you would honor our last request and that would be that you designate one of these workshop dates in late April or a special date in early May perhaps, at your discretion, to have some additional public comments on the budget. I know you all have done this in the past and had no problem doing it in the past so we expect that you could do this. And, for some reason if you have already decided not to have an additional session for public comments we would like to hear your reason why. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak. There being no one else wishing to speak, he closed the public comment period.

Supervisor Phillips said Mr. Chairman may I say something.

Chairman Jones said yes.

Supervisor Phillips said there are some points well taken this evening. And, some of you may leave before this meeting is totally finished, but I will tell you that under the late arriving matters that I have requested that according to article 17 of the code of ethics that we will be reviewing the code of ethics as to how our supervisors are supposed to be. We just want you to know that we are aware and we are concerned. We will be discussing possibly some of your concerns. I hope that will to some degree address some of the concerns from the meeting last month. Thank you.

Chairman Jones said he would just like to reiterate that we do hear your comments. We do take them to heart, and we do try to do better. We are going to do better. Like Supervisor Phillips said we are going to address what we are doing up here. We have a standard for ourselves; and we are going to try to stay at that standard.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to the approval of the minutes. He asked if anyone had any problems with the minutes from the last meeting.

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

Chairman Jones stated the next item was Highway Matters. He asked Mr. Michael Johnson if he had anything.

Mr. Michael Johnson said I don't have anything Mr. Chairman other than to point out that in your agenda packages is correspondence from Hampton Roads District Administrator regarding the Commonwealth Transportation Board's public hearing on their FY 2015-2020 Six Year Improvement Plan (SYIP), which will be held in Chesapeake on April 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Jones said alright. He then called on Supervisor West.

Supervisor West said he didn't have anything that he hadn't already spoken to the District Supervisor.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison said no, he didn't have anything.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Edwards.

Supervisor Edwards said no sir, he didn't have anything.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said he didn't have anything.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike said some of his were duplicates. Again, I've had as late as this afternoon request on removal of dead trees and trees that are hanging over the road. So, I told him I was going to be sure and bring it up again tonight. Then on Barnes Circle Road on both sides of the bridge there is a pothole on one side and on the other side the shoulder is giving away. On Cypress Bridge Road, they replaced a culvert, but that hasn't been tarred over and there is another spot where the road is crumbling on that section of the road. He asked if anything had been heard on putting up guardrails on Highway 671.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he had not received an updated report on that.

Supervisor Updike said he thought Newsoms must be slacking because nobody else had any problems but them.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Updike if that was all of his concerns.

Supervisor Updike said yes.

Chairman Jones said he had a problem. He said it wasn't a highway matter; it is a matter of guineas. It's guineas in the neighborhood on Tennessee Road. There are between twelve and fifteen guineas running up and down Tennessee Road and the kids are afraid to get on the bus. The kids are afraid to come out of the house because when they shoo at them the guineas follow them. Saturday afternoon I was talking with one of the tenants out there and they said two of them had since roosted all the way down in Adams Grove. I don't know where the person came from that has moved on Tennessee Road. Because he is in A-a he has got horses, goats, chickens, and

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guineas. I haven't seen any ducks or turkeys yet, but he has all of those things right there on Tennessee Road. He stated that he gets a call every week, so he needs to do something about it.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he would ask our Community Development folks to take a look at it, but if it is in an agricultural zone I'm not overly confident that there is going to be a lot that you are going to be able to do about it. I'll be glad to ask them to look at it to make sure that it complies with all of your current ordinances.

Chairman Jones said he had a couple of citizens that told him that they have a shotgun and if they keep coming across their property they are going to do something about it. I'm just letting you all know what is going on. So, if the Sheriff gets a call about shots being fired on Tennessee Road you will know what is going on.

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

Supervisor Porter stated that he had one request. He asked if it was possible to replace the financial report with maybe a summary, maybe a one page report which shows revenues and expenses by major categories so we can really just look at it and get a good feel for how we are doing.

Mr. Michael Johnson said we can arrange it however you like. Part of the problem that we have is that the information really lags by about sixty days based on the way our computer system works and when they actually close out the month. So, I'm not sure really how helpful it will be for you as a management tool, but we can certainly arrange it by major category.

Supervisor Porter said if we could just have one page. This information is also ...

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor Porter said but sometimes going through the way it is reported it is hard to know which items go together and sometimes it is duplicated costs on different pages. It would just be nice to have and if there is a sixty day lag, that is fine. But, I think it would be more useful than trying to figure this one out. He asked if he was the only one who feels that way.

Supervisor Phillips said it would be helpful.

Chairman Jones stated that the reports were Financial Report, Sheriff's Office, and Animal Control. He said I guess that is what the guineas would come under, is that right Mr. Michael Johnson.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes.

Other reports were Litter Control, and Treasurer's Office. He called on Mr. David Britt.

Mr. David Britt said "Good Evening" gentlemen. He stated the first comment that he would like to make is that they did run an ad last Friday in the local paper announcing the due date of the solid waste fee bill which is next Monday. With that being said as of Friday we still had \$684,000 outstanding, but we are looking to collect a big portion of that this week. Last year is running at \$95,000 which is about a ninety three and one-half percent collection rate. As far as delinquencies last year on personal property \$963,000 as of last Friday we still had \$1.1 million dollars outstanding. Last year on real estate we had one million dollars outstanding and this year as of this Friday we had \$903,000 outstanding. I noticed there is an increase in this year's personal property. I don't know if that has anything to do with the solid waste. People may be determining which bill to pay or what have you. But, we will work on all of them as far as what is past due. We will be starting our due diligence to collect those past due.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. David Britt.

Supervisor Phillips said no sir.

Chairman Jones stated that other reports were Cooperative Extension, Solid Waste Quantities, Fines and Forfeitures, and Personnel. I see this is a rarity; we usually have something in

personnel.

Mr. Michael Johnson said there is nothing to report.

Chairman Jones said there's nothing; that is good. He stated that we would go to item eight – Financial Matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson said in your agenda packages you will see an appropriation resolution of \$528,553.42, all of which is for the School Operating Fund. On the revenue side, it includes a myriad of donations, reimbursements, expenditure refunds and carry-over funds – there is no new money associated with this appropriation.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia on Monday, March 24, 2014

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, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for the function and purpose indicated:

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

4-205-61100-1620-002-1-100	Supplemental Salary - Reg	125.00
61100-2300-002-0-100	Hospitalization	134.00
61100-3000-002-2-100	Other Instructional Costs – SP	7,483.60
61100-3000-002-2-100	Other Instructional Costs - SP	1,990.30
61100-3000-002-2-100	Other Instructional Costs – SP	2,471.36
61100-3000-002-2-100	Other Instructional Costs – SP	4,208.96
61100-3000-002-2-100	Other Instructional Costs – SP	1,381.63
61100-3000-003-1-100	Other Instructional Costs-Reg	11,134.47
61100-3000-003-5-100	Other Instructional Costs-Other	50.00
61100-6000-002-5-100	Materials & Supplies-Other	700.00
61100-6000-002-5-100	Materials & Supplies-Other	300.00
61100-6000-003-1-100	Materials & Supplies – Reg	645.90
61100-6001-003-1-100	Materials & Supplies - Fresh Start	15.50
62120-2350	Retiree Health Ins Premiums	12,161.00
62120-2350	Retiree Health Ins Premiums	10,246.00
62120-2350	Retiree Health Ins Premiums	3,259.00
62220-6000	Medical & Laboratory Supplies	4,227.76
62220-6000	Medical & Laboratory Supplies	419.14
62220-6000	Medical & Laboratory Supplies	2,263.48
63200-2300	Hospitalization	215.00
63200-2300	Hospitalization	215.00
63200-6008	Vehicle & Powered Equipment - Fuels	587.46
65100-2300	Hospitalization	200.00
68100-5001-09- -100	Telecommunications	3,880.82
68100-5001-09- -100	Telecommunications	21,461.16
	TOTAL	<u>89,776.54</u>

Technology Plan, Program 265		
4-205-68100-8205-009-1-265	Technology Hardware c/o	218,518.22
	TOTAL	<u>218,518.22</u>

Franklin/Southampton Charities, Program 320		
4-205-61100-1120-002-1-320	Tutorial Salaries - Meherrin	4,180.00
4-205-61100-1121-002-1-320	Tutorial Salaries – Riverdale	6,035.00
4-205-61100-1122-002-1-320	Tutorial Salaries – Capron	3,020.00
4-205-61100-1123-002-1-320	Tutorial Salaries - Nottoway	2,785.00
4-205-61100-1124-002-1-320	Tutorial Salaries – SMS	9,055.00
4-205-61100-2100-002-1-320	FICA Benefits	1,925.00
4-205-61100-6001-002-1-320	Materials & Supplies	1,500.00

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4-205-61100-6004-002-1-310	Early Children's Literacy	5,150.00
4-205-61100-6004-003-1-320	Equipping Future Scientist	6,500.00
4-205-61100-6047-003-3-320	Tech Center Competitions FY14	7,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>47,150.00</u>

International Paper Grant, Program 330		
4-205-61100-6000-002-1-330	Capron M & S 09/10 & 13/1	4 2,000.00
4-205-61100-6005-002-1-330	Materials & Supplies – SMS	2,000.00
4-205-61100-6009-002-1-330	Materials & Supplies – Riverdale	2,000.00
4-205-61100-6010-002-1-330	Materials & Supplies – Meherrin	2,000.00
4-205-61100-6012-002-1-330	Materials & Supplies - Nottoway	2,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>10,000.00</u>

Hunterdale Family Preservation, Program 350		
4-205-61100-1120-002-1-350	Tutorial Salary – Nottoway	1,395.00
4-205-61100-2100-002-1-350	FICA Benefits	105.00
	TOTAL	<u>1,500.00</u>

Title I - Elementary Instruction, Program 500		
4-205-61100-1120-002-1-500	Instructional Salary - Reg c/o	49,527.81
61100-2100-002- -500	FICA Benefits c/o	3,700.00
61100-2210-002- -500	VRS Ret - Prof c/o	4,173.98
61100-6000-002-1-500	Instructional & Educational Materials c/o	14,392.07
62120-5500-009- -500	Travel (mileage) Admin c/o	1,032.99
	TOTAL	<u>72,826.85</u>

Title IVB Sp Ed- Flow Through-Elem, Program 550		
4-205-61100-1120-002-2-550	Instructional Salary - SP c/o	34,628.92
	TOTAL	<u>34,628.92</u>

Title IIA Training & Recruiting, Program 625		
4-205-61100-1120-002-1-625	Instructional Salary - Reg c/o	1,564.18
	TOTAL	<u>1,564.18</u>

Opportunity Inc., Program 850		
4-205-61210-1120-003-3-850	Guidance Service Sal - VOC c/o	4,623.07
4-205-64200-1190- - -850	Service Salaries c/o	30,834.54
	TOTAL	<u>35,457.61</u>

Pre School Incentive, Program 900		
4-205-61100-1120-002-2-900	Instructional Salary-SP c/o	7,130.23
61100-2100-002- -900	FICA c/o	545.47
61100-6000-002-2-900	Instructional & Educational Materials c/o	9,455.40
	TOTAL	<u>17,131.10</u>

TOTAL SCHOOL FUND ===== 528,553.42

REVENUES

3-205-18990-0060	School Blue Cross Blue Shield	12,161.00
3-205-18990-0060	School Blue Cross Blue Shield	215.00
3-205-18990-0060	School Blue Cross Blue Shield	10,246.00
3-205-18990-0060	School Blue Cross Blue Shield	215.00
3-205-18990-0060	School Blue Cross Blue Shield	134.00
3-205-18990-0060	School Blue Cross Blue Shield	3,259.00
3-205-18990-0060	School Blue Cross Blue Shield	200.00
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	4,227.76
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	7,483.60
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	419.14
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	1,990.30
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	2,471.36
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	4,208.96
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	1,381.63
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	50.00
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	125.00
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	15.50
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	587.46
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	11,134.47
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	645.90
3-205-18990-0100	Expenditure Refunds	2,263.48
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	700.00
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	2,000.00
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	4,180.00
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	6,035.00
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	3,020.00

3-205-18990-0101	Donations		2,785.00
3-205-18990-0101	Donations		9,055.00
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	1,925.00	
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	1,500.00	
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	6,500.00	
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	7,000.00	
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	5,150.00	
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	300.00	
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	2,000.00	
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	1,395.00	
3-205-18990-0101	Donations	105.00	
3-205-18990-0200	ERAT	3,880.82	
3-205-18990-0200	ERAT	21,461.16	
3-205-25020-0760	Technology Plan-265 c/o	218,518.22	
3-205-33020-0020	Title I 500 & 501 c/o	72,826.85	
3-205-33020-0190	Title IVB Flow Through-550 c/o	34,628.92	
3-205-33020-0290	VIB Pre-School Incentive - 900 c/o	17,131.10	
3-205-33020-0320	Title IIA Training & Recruiting c/o	1,564.18	
3-205-33020-0360	Opportunity Inc. c/o	35,457.61	
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	REVENUE SCHOOL FUND TOTAL		528,553.42

TOTAL REVENUE APPROPRIATION =====
528,553.42

A copy testee: _____, Clerk
 Michael W. Johnson
 Southampton County Board of Supervisors
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APPROPRIATIONS - MARCH 24 2014

NO NEW MONEY REQUIRED FOR JULY FOR MARCH 24 2014 APPROPRIATION

APPROPRIATIONS -- MARCH 24 2014

- SCHOOL BOARD See attached letter/spreadsheet for:
- (1) Expenditure refunds received
 - (2) Reimbursements from retirees for health
 - (3) Donations received
 - (4) E-rates received
 - (5) School Medicaid Reimbursements
 - (6) Reimbursable Program Carryovers

**SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
 FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014
 TITLE I APPROPRIATION OF CARRY OVER BALANCES**

FY 12/13 CARRY OVER BALANCE	72,826.85
61100-1120-002-1-500	49,527.81
INSTRUCTIONAL SALARY-REG	
61100-2100-002- 500	3,700.00
FICA BENEFITS	
61100-2210-002- 500	4,173.98

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VRS RET - PROF
62120-5500-009- 500 1,032.99
TRAVEL (MILEAGE) ADMIN

61100-6000-002-1-500 14,392.07
INSTRUCTIONAL & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

3-205-33020-0020 (72,826.85)
TITLE I 500 & 501

**SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014
TITLE IIA APPROPRIATION OF CARRY OVER BALANCES**

FY 12/13 CARRY OVER BALANCE 1,564.18

61100-1120-002-1-625 1,564.18
INSTRUCTIONAL SALARY-REG

3-205-33020-0320 (1,564.18)
TITLE IIA TRAINING & RECRUITING

**SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014
TECHNOLOGY PLAN APPROPRIATION OF CARRY OVER BALANCES**

FY 12/13 CARRY OVER BALANCE 218,518.22

68100-8205-009-1-265 218,518.22
TECHNOLOGY-HARDWARE (CARRYOVER)

3-205-25020-0760 (218,518.22)
TECHNOLOGY PLAN-265

**SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014
TITLE VIB SP ED FLOW THROUGH APPROPRIATION OF CARRY OVER BALANCES**

FY 2012/2013 CARRY OVER BALANCE 34,628.92

61100-1120-002-2-550 34,628.92
INSTRUCTIONAL SALARY-SP

3-205-33020-0190 (34,628.92)
TITLE IVB FLOW THROUGH – 550

**SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014
OPPORTUNITY, INC APPROPRIATION OF CARRY OVER BALANCES**

FY 12/13 CARRY OVER BALANCE 35,457.61

61210-1120-003-3-850 4,623.07

GUIDANCE SERVICE SAL – VOC

64200-1190- 850	30,834.54
SERVICE SALARIES	
3-205-33020-0360	(35,457.61)
OPPORTUNITY, INC	

**SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014
PRE-SCHOOL INCENTIVE APPROPRIATION OF CARRY OVER BALANCES**

FY 12/13 CARRY OVER BALANCE 17,131.10

61100-1120-002-2-900	7,130.23
INSTRUCTIONAL SALARY-SP	
61100-2100-002- 900	545.47
FICA	
61100-6000-002-2-900	9,455.40
INSTRUCTIONAL & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS	
3-205-33020-0290	(17,131.10)
VIB PRE-SCHOOL INCENTIVE-900	

Chairman Jones stated that he needed a motion.

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 anybody had any problem with the bills.

Supervisor West said they are rather detailed and I think it is an exceptional job each month that I see them. They have been verified.

Supervisor West made a motion seconded by Supervisor Edwards to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,836,541.90 to be paid by check numbers 135138 through 135496. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to item number nine – Appointments.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that two of our Planning Commissioner's respective terms are due to expire on April 30, 2014 – Michael Mann, representing the Boykins-Branchville District, and Jack Randall, representing the Jerusalem District. Both are eligible for reappointment. We are asking Supervisors Faison and Edwards to touch base with them to see if they're willing to continue serving.

Supervisor Edwards stated that Mr. Jack Randall would be happy to be reappointed. I'd like to make that recommendation, please.

Supervisor Updike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison stated that he spoke with Mr. Michael Mann and he is willing to serve, but there is a matter that I want to bring to his attention. I will have that appointment next month.

Supervisor Edwards said just to add to that the new regulations for the Planning Commission,

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whether you are new or reappointed, you have to become certified within two years. So, if any of us when we talk to these people we have to tell them they have to be certified within two years.

Chairman Jones stated the next item is number ten.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that Delegate Morris recently contacted Supervisor Phillips and asked him to introduce a resolution for your consideration tonight as it relates to the timely passage of a state budget. A copy of that resolution is included with your advanced agenda material. If you like I will be glad to read it for anybody in the audience. It is up to you all.

Chairman Jones asked the Board if they would like to hear it read.

Supervisor West said he feels it important because the public needs to know what our concern is in the general passing. We don't want to be hostage to any event. And, I think it says that well.

Mr. Michael Johnson read the resolution which states:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

RESOLUTION 0314-10

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia, held in the Southampton County Office Center, Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room, 26022 Administration center Drive, Courtland, Virginia on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

IN RE: URGING THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGIIA AND THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS A CLEAN BUDGET

Motion by Supervisor _____:

WHEREAS, each year the foremost duty of the Virginia General Assembly is to pass a budget or budget amendments that serve as Virginia's financial blueprint for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is consistently recognized for its sound fiscal management and budgetary practices as illustrated by its AAA bond rating and the strong bond ratings of many local government divisions throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the County of Southampton is currently in the process of developing and adopting its budget for the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Southampton County Board of Supervisors relies on the timely passage of a budget to allocate funding for local government services and make policy and hiring decisions for the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, more than 18,000 residents of Southampton County depend on county government to provide critical services such as education and public safety; and

WHEREAS, failure to pass a timely budget will result in uncertainty for Southampton County, which received over 43% of its funding as direct aid from the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Southampton County School Board relies on the timely passage of the state budget in order to set its budget and make staffing decisions, which includes teacher contracts; and

WHEREAS, interruption of the provision of educational services to Southampton County students will have a significant negative impact on students and families, and

WHEREAS, the interruption of public safety services would likely result in the loss of property, serious injury, or loss of life for Southampton County citizens, and

WHEREAS, critical mental health services to Southampton County residents are provided via funds that flow from the state budget through the county, and

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly adjourned sine die on Saturday, March 8, 2014 without adopting a budget for the two year biennium beginning July 1, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Southampton County Board of Supervisors, that the Governor of Virginia and the Virginia General Assembly are urged to pass a budget as soon as practicable to ensure the continued functioning of state and local governments; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the issue of Medicaid Expansion under the Affordable Care Act should be decoupled from budget negotiations and considered in a separate legislative session to facilitate prompt passage of a state budget; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Southampton County Board of Supervisors shall transmit copies of this resolution to the Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the members of the Virginia General Assembly so that they may be apprised of the position of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors in this matter.

Seconded by Supervisor _____.

VOTING ON THE ITEM: YES –

NO –

A COPY TESTE:

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

Supervisor Phillips said Mr. Chairman a number of counties and cities have already forwarded a resolution similar to this to both the Governor and the Budget State Legislation trying to get this resolved because of the circumstances noted in this resolution. We are discussing trying to get our budget in order and it is very difficult to start a budget process without the numbers from Richmond. And, I hope our Board will support this resolution.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments on the resolution before he calls for the vote on it.

Supervisor West said he thought it was unfair for Richmond to sit still and tie these two issues together and leave us in limbo with the school systems in hiring employees and school teachers.

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There is no question, in my mind, that we should send this with haste to the governor of the State of Virginia.

Supervisor Edwards said very definitely; the Affordable Health Care Act is an entirely different animal.

Chairman Jones said it has nothing to do with the budget.

Supervisor Edwards said it has nothing to do with it.

Chairman Jones said I need a motion then.

Supervisor West said I make the motion that we adopt this resolution as presented to this Board tonight.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was number eleven.

Mr. Michael Johnson said relates to the consideration of USGS Funding Agreement Chowan River Basin. As you all might remember from your April 2012 meeting, the Board authorized the expenditure of slightly less than \$7,000 annually for two years in partnering with six other localities and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to operate and maintain six (6) additional river gauges that were installed by the Army Corps of Engineers in the Chowan River Basin. I've attached an aerial photo illustrating the locations of the gauges – three of them are physically located in Southampton County:

1. Blackwater River at the Broadwater Bridge;
2. Nottoway River at the General Vaughan Bridge (258); and
3. Meherrin River at the Lowgrounds Road Bridge.

The other gauges are physically located in Mecklenburg County, Brunswick County, and the City of Franklin. Since the initial 2-year agreement expires this year, it is necessary for the communities to enter into a new agreement with the (USGS). Attached for your reference, please find a proposed funding agreement which contemplates a new 5-year agreement. The USGS is proposing to contribute \$48,600 annually and the seven (7) localities will equally share the balance of annual costs which are projected to increase to \$7,050 each in 2015 and between 1.5% and 2.5% each year thereafter. I am scheduled to meet with the USGS this Friday (March 21) to discuss the benefits that have accrued to the participating communities over the past 2 years and will share additional information at Monday's meeting.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions on these gauges.

Supervisor Edwards said it is a public safety issue. I don't think we can do anything but go with it.

Supervisor Porter said he just had one question, and that has to do with the costs. Are they specifying what the final costs will be or are they estimating what the costs will be for the future years?

Mr. Michael Johnson said they are going ahead and locking in. And, the cost pretty much, Supervisor Porter, are all labor. They actually have to go out and eyeball all of these gauges on a regular basis, at least once a month to make sure everything is working appropriately and telegraphed. Then if something goes out of whack then they have to go out between those site visits. So, there are really labor costs that they are trying to recapture. But, they are committing to this number.

Supervisor Porter said so this is a paid specific commitment and we are not going to be asked to pay more in 2019.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is correct. And, it could be less if their appropriation is increased by Congress. If you look at the contract, they have assumed a level of appropriation for you of

\$48,600 and they don't anticipate any additional Congressional funding, but if that were to materialize your share could go down a little bit.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

Supervisor Updike said he would like to know for the past two years where there were some concrete examples of financial benefits we have received from them.

Mr. Michael Johnson said there is no real concrete example of a financial benefit. The benefit that you obtain from having these gauges is that the weather service and the geological survey are better prepared to predict flood impacts in Southampton County in advance. And, I can tell you as the Emergency Manager we rely heavily on those reports. If we have a flood event that is predicted, let's just use the Nottoway River for example, usually two to three days out my phone will begin to ring. I'll begin to hear from people that live in the low lying areas, the back side of Shands Estate for instance. And, they will say what do you think the impact is going to be here in Shands? Should we begin to move furniture up from the first floor to the second floor? How high is the water going to get? So this is another tool that the weather service can help them to better predict those flood impacts. We get those calls from the Dockside area and the Kingsdale area, and the Burdette area; anywhere you have those developments in those flood plains throughout the county. The people want to know when there is a flood event days in advance of the event. How high is it going to get? How bad is going to get? And, these are tools that the weather service uses to predict those.

Supervisor Porter said this is to me like insurance.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is exactly what it is.

Supervisor Porter said it is something that you pay for that you hope you never will use. I will not be unhappy if we never have an event where we have to use this. But, if we have an event where we do need it, it is going to be a catastrophic.

Supervisor Phillips said a burden as well as a catastrophic.

Supervisor West said and for those citizens living more closely to these flood zones it is very important.

Mr. Michael Johnson said and I might add this information is not just available to the weather service people. It is available to anybody with an internet connection. We had gauges for years up at Sebrell at Carey's Bridge and at Burdette, just below Burdette. I know Supervisor Phillips has called me in the past before he was a Supervisor and said I see the river is rising, how high is it going to get? And, what is the impact going to be? And, based on the information from these gauges, we can look at it and we can say predicted crest might be 19 feet. What does that mean? Well that means the approaches to Carey's Bridge Road are going to be flooded. It means we are going to have flood impacts on Indian Town Road and that means there is probably going to be some water in Hancock Peanut Company. That is the kind of information we build with these gauges.

Supervisor Phillips said, Mr. Chairman, just to follow up on what Mr. Michael Johnson said. Here is a website that you can go to on your computer which will give you a three day projection as to where you can expect the river to crest. And, it gives you some sense whether you are a businessman in Franklin it would help them. It would help me as a farmer to know whether I need to move equipment or not. I have it on my favorites on my computer where I can scroll down to it fairly quickly.

Chairman Jones said okay, we need to do something with this.

Supervisor West said I'd like to make the motion to approve the funding necessary for the operation and maintenance and operation of these gauges along these three river sites.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to number twelve – Engineering Procurement

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Drewryville Water System Improvements.

Mr. Michael Johnson said Mr. Chairman this relates to procurement of engineering services for improvement at the Drewryville Water System. As you all may remember from your August 2012 meeting, you all authorized us to accept a federal pass-through grant administered by the Virginia Department of Health to assist with improvements to the Drewryville community water system. VDH agreed to provide us with \$145,750 for system improvements, which included a \$72,875 loan at 2.5% interest for 30 years, and another \$72,875 in forgiven principal. The scope of work will include:

1. Completion of a preliminary engineering report (PER) to assess the current regulatory requirements and status of the system as it exists today, and then develop specific recommendations for system improvements;
2. Development of plans and specifications to place a used 20,000 gallon ground storage tank into service;
3. Development of specifications to place an existing second well into service for system redundancy;
4. Installation of all necessary pumps, piping and controls to accomplish items 2 and 3 above; and
5. Installation of new fencing around the well lot and gravel for the access road.

Notwithstanding some delays in accessing the federal funding, we've finally reached a point where we're ready to move ahead with the project. Based on federal regulations, VDH wouldn't allow us to award the engineering component under the annual services agreements that were negotiated in 2012, instead requiring us to issue a new Request for Proposals (RFP) specifically for this project. The RFP was advertised last October, proposals were received in November, and interviews were conducted in late December. It's the recommendation of the evaluation panel, with VDH concurring, that the engineering component of the project be awarded to WW Associates out of Lynchburg, Virginia. WW Associates expects to complete the PER in approximately 90 days followed by an additional 90-day design period. Following a 30-day review period by VDH and another 30 days to advertise for bids, I am hopeful that we'll be ready to award the construction contract by next fall. Construction is estimated to take 4-6 months.

Chairman Jones said it's all right here in front of you, does anyone have any questions.

Supervisor Porter said so this is roughly \$18,500.00.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is correct. Now, there will be some work on the back end to be done on an hourly basis and if we need them to do any inspections with the construction administration, they have agreed to do that. There is a schedule of their hourly fees in the contract. So, we know what those costs are. We will just decide how much time as we get into the project.

Supervisor Porter said we still expect to come within that \$147,000.

Mr. Michael Johnson said hopefully real close.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor West to make a motion for him.

Supervisor West said at this time I make a motion on behalf of the Chairman to authorize the county administrator to execute the attached agreement with WW Associates out of Lynchburg for planning and design services.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Michael Johnson said item number thirteen, Mr. Chairman, deals with a proposal to paint the elevated water tank that serves the Boykins/Branchville communities. As I mentioned in your agenda packages there are several serious maintenance issues associated with the 300,000 gallon elevated that we simply can no longer defer. For those of you who may not be terribly familiar with it, it is located adjacent to the old Boykins Elementary School over on Route 186 on Pittman Road between Boykins and Branchville. The most urgent issue that we have with that tank is a

small leak that developed this winter in the bottom of the tank bowl that will need to be repaired by welding a 12' x 12' metal plate on the tank. The second issue is associated with painting both the interior and exterior. That tank was placed into service in 1996 (18 years ago) and has not been repainted since. Typically, repainting occurs at 10-year intervals. Mr. Julien Johnson has sought competitive estimates for the work from three different companies. You have copies of those included in your have quotes from Elite National, Southern Corrosion, and Pittsburg Tank & Tower. You can see that Elite National provided the lowest responsive bid to complete all of the work for a lump sum of \$62,250.00. That includes repair of the leak and painting both the interior and exterior of the tank. We are currently holding \$118,311 cash in the Enterprise Fund that is available for this project (see attached sheet from your FY 2013 CARF). When the Boykins system was initially financed in 1996, FmHA required us to establish a debt service reserve fund and the funds were classified in our audit as "restricted cash". The FmHA note was subsequently refinanced by BB&T in 2007, without a debt service reserve requirement, freeing the cash up for necessary capital projects. So, we are recommending that you consider using that cash in the enterprise fund to help pay for this painting and maintenance.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions. Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison moved that we approve this recommendation authorizing the County Administrator to accept the proposal of Elite National Tank and Tower, LLC for \$62,250 to be paid with cash proceeds from the Enterprise Fund. This is one of those things that we need to do.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to item number 14.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item number 14 is a Status Report on Shared Services. Included in your agenda packages is a copy of the attached documentation from the City of Franklin on February 24 as it relates to cost allocation of shared services for the second quarter of FY 2014. On worksheet #3 it illustrates the allocation of permits issued, plan reviews performed and inspections conducted between October 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013. Basically, 64% of the permits issued, 69% of the inspections conducted and 71% of the plan reviews performed were for Southampton County residents. 59% of the fees collected came from county residents for services rendered. For the current quarter, the City is invoicing us for 38% of the total expenditures for Planning and Zoning, and 66% of the total expenditures for Inspections. The total amount for both departments for the quarter, minus the fees already paid by county residents, is \$65,188.28. There is a simple spreadsheet in your agenda package that just illustrates the budget projections that we made last May. The summary of that is the permit revenues are lagging the budget projections by approximately 7.5 percent. And, the county's, allocation of the shared services, are exceeding the budget projections by about 8 percent. So, simply put we have expended now about 65% of the annual budget in the first two quarters. We will continue to monitor and track that. As you all know, this was the first year of shared services. We were making some assumptions on the allocations. So, we are learning as we go along.

Chairman Jones asked if anybody had any questions on the status of the shared revenue report.

Supervisor West said he would like to support this if he may simply by saying that he had heard no complaints initially, some set up was taken care of. He thanked Mrs. Beth Lewis for taking care of that. The process has worked smoothly. I think there are few to no complaints throughout the county; I haven't heard of them; no one is calling. It has been a smooth transition. There may be some exceptions, but I'm not aware of them. With that being said, it has been smooth to this point and it was a guess to begin with. And it has worked well. And, this is an opportunity to share services with the City of Franklin. And, it is an opportunity that has gone well to this point.

Chairman Jones said yes sir. He asked if there were any other comments.

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

Mr. Michael Johnson said number fifteen is an issue that you brought up last month that you asked to be placed back on your agenda this month and that is related to biennial elections. There are two ways under the code of Virginia that if the Board is interested to transition to biennial elections or staggered terms for the members:

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1. The Board of Supervisors may establish the practice by adopting an ordinance (after public notice and a public hearing) providing for the county board to be elected biennially for staggered terms; or
2. The registered voters of the county may file a petition with the circuit court requesting that a referendum be held on the question – the petition must be signed by at least 10% of the registered voters (as of January 1).

Now following adoption of such an ordinance, or approval of such a referendum, the terms of the supervisors elected at the next general election are established as follows:

- Four of the newly elected supervisors will serve a full 4-year term;
- Three of the newly elected supervisors will serve a 2-year term
- The county electoral board assigns the individual terms by lot (literally, drawing names out of a hat) at its meeting on the day following the election, immediately after the election results have been certified.
- Thereafter, all terms are for 4 years.
- Alternately, the Board of Supervisors may ordain that the electoral board conduct its drawing at a meeting held prior to the deadline for candidate filings (June 2015).

As with most issues, there are pros and cons:

PRO'S

- Provides greater stability and continuity in county government
- Prevents *total* board replacement at any one time

CON'S

- Shorter, one-time terms for 3 districts might feel unfair to some voters.
- Potential voter confusion in transition year

Mr. Michael Johnson said so that is my report to you all, Mr. Chairman. I will open it up for you all's thought and discussion.

Supervisor Edwards asked if anybody knew what percentage of counties does this.

Mr. Michael Johnson said when I looked at this in 2007 there were about 45 out of 95 counties, Supervisor Edwards. I have not updated that, but slightly less than half at that time.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Porter said I'm for this. I think it is a move in the right direction. I think the pros outweigh the cons. And, I think that in the past many Boards have chosen not to do it because the Board members didn't want to come to have a two year term. To me, to get to a more stable structure, it is worth that. So, I'd like to make a motion that we do move in that direction and I'd like to include in that that we have the local board make the selection prior to June 2015 so that we can let people know what is going to happen in this election and not be surprised afterward.

Supervisor West said is that your motion.

Chairman Jones said hold on; I'd rather discuss it before you do any motions.

Supervisor Porter said we can still discuss it after the motion.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison said he had a problem with us leaving it as is because I mean, the possibility does exist that we could have a turn over that involved all of us at one time. And, that could be kind of a continuity that could be upsetting. So, I think it would be a good idea for us to go to that. As far as the electoral board or the voter registrar, what effect would it have on her situation?

Mr. Michael Johnson said it would be an additional local election every two years.

Supervisor Faison said it is going to be inconvenient.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it could be.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor West.

Supervisor West said I have mixed emotions on both; you will have a significant amount of turnover potentially every two years and a number of new faces. Certainly that has its good points and things that are not so good. Experience counts in many ways and knowledge. To be honest with you, it takes more than one or two years to realize and adjust to this and understand the whole process and the government process and the budgeting process. It takes more than a two year term or even four years. From that standpoint, I don't know that it is necessary to have 10% of the registered voters to say that we need to do this. I kind of favorite it and I would want to have the names drawn prior to the election, so that if I chose to run again, I would know it would be for two years instead of four, instead of I thought I was getting four, but the draw said I got two. I don't like that feel, but none the less.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Edwards.

Supervisor Edwards said he was not sure about a two year terms. He stated that he agrees with Supervisor West, it takes you two or three years to really get your feet wet and understand what is going on. That is the problem that I have with it. I would leave it up to the voters. If the voters want to do that then they can get up a petition. If the voters are not satisfied with the way they are doing then it wouldn't be a problem for them to do that. So, I think it ought to be up to the voters to decide, not us. I have a real problem with somebody serving a two year term who came on here new. And, you and I and everybody up here agree that it takes a while to get your feet wet and find out what is going on. So, that is my play on it. I think if the voters want to do it they can get up a petition to do it and if they get ten percent that's fine, so be it.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said there are pros and cons. We have two of each here. I have talked to some of the other supervisors and I believe that we will hear some other pros and cons before we are finished here. One that was not mentioned is that if there is a whole cell replacement of Supervisors that could also mean that we end up with a Planning Commission with no experience either.

Supervisor Edwards said wait a minute.

Supervisor Phillips said don't the Supervisors appoint the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Edwards said the Planning Commissioners are on four year terms.

Chairman Jones said they are already on four year terms.

Supervisor Edwards said they are only appointed on four year terms. They cannot be taken off because you are a new Supervisor.

Supervisor Faison said you are only looking at it being one term of two years and from then on it would be for four years.

Supervisor Phillips said I stand corrected on that. And the two year term would be a one-time thing once this process began is my understanding. Then after that everybody would serve a four year term. I would not be opposed to it as well. I think that unless there is a deadline that we are chasing, I would leave it for one month for us to get some comment from the voters of the county. I see it as probably a positive in the long run for the county because that way we would have some continuity on the Board if a number of people decided not to run or if they were replaced. I agree with Supervisor Edwards, and I'm a little over half way through a term, I'm still learning. And, there are more requirements every day as to what it takes to do this job.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike said I'm always in left field, but what I see happening especially for the ones who get two year terms, I would love to keep local government voting on our concerns. My concern is the three that would be put on the off years election. You are going to have parties, democratic and republican, and you have got to look at the State of Virginia and where the money is coming from. If you start running our county delegates or Supervisors in the same year that you have got State or National elections, they are going to tie the county government to the party. I'm an independent old cuss. Right now our election for county officials is just a location election with the constitutional officers and the Board of Supervisors, and I'd like to keep our decision making with the people of the county and when we start tying it to the State and National election you are tying it to a party and you know what happens when that occurs.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Porter.

Supervisor Porter said he agreed with both Supervisor West and Edwards that two years is not a good time. That is one of the reasons that I'm behind this change because if you think that is bad, imagine if you had a whole new Board coming on at one time with no years. You are saying that it would take two years just to get your feet wet. Well, what is the county going to do for two years? At least in this situation you have got people on for four years who hopefully many of them will have some experience, even the two year ones if people choose to rerun will have some experience to get through the transition period. Yes, there is a transition period, but to me the reasons for not doing it are worse than the risk of getting through that transition period.

Supervisor West said I suppose this might move over to the School Board. It's kind of the same thing.

Chairman Jones asked the Board if they had decided what they wanted to do tonight or do you want to table it.

Supervisor West said I like what he said. I'd like to wait. Your motion is still on, but I'd like to wait and get some citizen input during comment time next month. From the newspaper I don't see anyone... Oh, there he is. Hey, Stephen.

Chairman Jones said there he is.

Supervisor West said but I'd like input from the people of the county to see how they feel. I really would. We have got a year plus before it would have to be done, but I think it should be considered. And, there has been enough concern by the people that maybe we should consider this. I feel there is no question about it. It has its good and it has its bad – well actually it has very little bad that I see.

Supervisor Porter stated that he was willing to put his motion on hold. He said he had been discussing this. But, the reason that I brought this up is because there are people in the community that have expressed a concern about having a whole cell Board turned over and the implications of that. All of a sudden the expectation of how they would be taxed and how they would do their jobs would be at the will of a whole new clean swept Board. And, that is the whole reason for me bringing it before this Board because people had approached me about it. And, I talked with a couple of Board members individually about it. So, you know my position. But, there is no hurry. We have got time to do it and I am willing to wait, but I will bring the motion back to the floor at the next meeting.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips made a motion to table this issue until the April meeting.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion.

Chairman Jones asked if there was any further discussion.

Supervisor Edwards said I think we also need to have some meetings to get the public discussion

going here. This has got to be on the agenda.

Supervisor Porter said I think the individual Supervisors should talk to their constituents and get a feeling. I think that is our job. We can't have a public hearing every time we have to make a decision. We need to talk to our constituents and find out how they feel just to get their input. That is our job.

Supervisor Phillips said I don't see where a public hearing would hurt on this matter.

Supervisor Edwards said I'm with you 100%.

Supervisor Porter said I don't think it's worth spending the money when we can go out and talk with our constituents on our own. Every time we want to do a public hearing. We can't run the county by public hearings. We have to do our job and represent the people in our districts.

Mr. Michael Johnson said let me just clarify. You have to have a public hearing to adopt an ordinance to do this. The question is, are you prepared to move ahead with that process or not, or just to have the public hearing. That is the question.

Supervisor Porter said at that point I acknowledge we will have the public hearing, but I'm saying that we don't have to have a public hearing until we make a decision that we want to move in that direction.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Chairman Jones asked if they wanted to postpone it for thirty days right now. Is that what you are saying, Supervisor Phillips?

Supervisor Phillips said yes sir.

Chairman Jones asked if there was any further discussion. He stated that the motion was to postpone this issue until the next meeting and called for the vote which carried unanimously.

Supervisor West asked if there was a second to that motion.

Chairman Jones said yes there was. Supervisor Faison seconded the motion.

Supervisor West said okay; I'm sorry. I just didn't hear it. That's my mistake.

Chairman Jones stated that the next item of business is number sixteen – Stormwater Management – 1st Reading.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it is necessary for the County to amend and adopt a new stormwater management ordinance prior to May 15, 2014 in order to comply with new state regulations. You have got a draft copy of that ordinance in your agenda packages. In order to meet that May 15th deadline, it is necessary to schedule the required public hearing for your next regular session on April 28th. Mrs. Beth Lewis is here in case you have any questions on the ordinance itself. And, Mr. Richard Railey, I think, had a part in drafting that as well.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions.

Supervisor West said well as I'm seeing it there is just some change of language that is necessary that the State brought on. Is that correct? We really don't have a lot of choice do we?

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that is correct; there isn't any choice. The ordinance was adopted in 2011 and it is part of it that the localities put it into effect July 1st of this year. The main difference is that now the stormwater regulations speak only to the quantity of stormwater. Stormwater might just be something that we want to gather up and get rid of and that is what today's stormwater ordinances do. In more developed areas and more suburban areas you will see what look like concrete backups and all the rainwater just sits there until it evaporates. The new regulations require that stormwaters be treated as a resource. And also it is treated as a way to keep leaves out of our rivers and streams as well. So, the amount of stormwater that will be treated and

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maintained and how it moves around will change. The way it is treated and how clean it is when it leaves the site will be different.

Supervisor West said you know government is unbelievable. And what you just said, whether it runs into a cement basin or whether it runs off, and how it is treated and handled, government has taken over my life too much. Excuse me, Mr. Ash Cutchin.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said yes sir.

Supervisor West said and it frustrates me beyond no end; it really does. But, I understand the necessity. I realize that we are in the Chowan River basin. And, I think if I am correct, and help me with it, that Isle of Wight has imposed a fee this year. I think it is \$72 or \$82, or something like that.

Supervisor Phillips said yes.

Supervisor Edwards said yes.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said right. Everything here is in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area.

Supervisor West said and we have two persons on board now for the City of Franklin and for Southampton County, who understands this real good. And, a tech person who helps him understand and vice a versa. And, they are funded right now by a grant, but we are going to have to pick up that salary, is that correct?

Supervisor Edwards said that is correct.

Supervisor West said yea, government. Anyway I understand that we have to do it and move on. And, we need to let everyone have an opportunity to express their opinion, Mr. Ash Cutchin.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that is one of the advantages is that these are statewide regulations. So, should someone want to develop and they want to try and find somewhere that has less stormwater regulations, it won't do them any good. Everyone's stormwater regulations will be at least this, and areas east of here nearer the Chesapeake Bay area are even more stringent than this.

Supervisor West said thank you.

Supervisor Phillips said Mrs. Beth Lewis, I just want to reiterate again if you would. In Southampton County we are not under the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Supervisor Edwards said no.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said we are not in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area; that is correct.

Supervisor Phillips said so the requirements are not as stringent here in this county as in Isle of Wight County.

Supervisor West said it has fewer parking lots.

Supervisor Phillips said he went to a meeting where they were talking about church lots and they were measuring how much water was coming off of a church parking lot and whether a church would be taxed.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that is correct. Is that in areas that have a storm sewer system?

Supervisor Phillips said right.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said on those the locality or town has to maintain that is in large part to maintain the storm sewage systems. There are grates where the stormwater goes and gets treated somewhere. In Southampton County, we don't have that kind of utility so that is why at this point there isn't any reason to have that stormwater utility tax.

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Supervisor Phillips said and again there was a discussion at that meeting on farmer's sheds. The roofs on farmer's sheds were an issue. Whether you are driving an ALL terrain was also an issue because your footprint created runoff.

Mrs. Beth Lewis stated that every foot in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area counts, yes.

Supervisor West said doesn't it make everybody feel good.

Supervisor Phillips said well if you live in Southampton County.

Supervisor Edwards said you know I agree with you Supervisor West, government does a lot of intervention, but in some ways we brought this on ourselves because we didn't pay attention to it and didn't care about it. You know if you go and look at the Chesapeake Bay and see what shape it is in compared to 100 years ago; we have got to start somewhere. Once we ruin the oceans, we don't have anything left.

Mr. Michael Johnson said and I would add that it is very easy to be critical of government regulations, but I suspect that the people in the City of Danville right now would be very supportive of additional government regulation given the coal ash that is in the Dan River.

Chairman Jones said yes it's in the Dan River.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said what is important about this ordinance is that in the past it was the Department of Conservation and Recreation and now it would be the Department of Environmental Quality who would have oversight and review plans. This ordinance doesn't affect the localities. So, local people make local decisions based on local knowledge. The people that sit in Richmond don't know about this stream and that creek and this watershed. But, the people that live and work here do. So, we can take care of our own issues in the Southampton County area.

Supervisor Edwards said that the last thing that he read 90% of the waterways in this country you can't take a drink out of without the risk of getting sick; so, we have got to start somewhere. But, I agree with you that we should have done it instead of the government.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

Supervisor Porter said my only comment is that we can sit here and talk about it all night, but at the end of the day, we have no choice. This is a rubber stamp guys; that's all that it is. So, we may as well do it and get it over with.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that is correct.

Supervisor West said it is just frustrating.

Supervisor Edwards said that is what we are doing.

Mrs. Beth Lewis stated that the City of Franklin is having their public hearing and introduction tonight.

Supervisor Edwards said on the brighter side we put two more people to work.

Chairman Jones said right.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said one of them is a Unity Road resident so she was very pleased.

Chairman Jones said thank you.

Supervisor Porter made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to advertise the ordinance for public comment at the April 28, 2014 meeting.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that the next item was number 17 – Miscellaneous.

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Mr. Michael Johnson said, Mr. Chairman, just to update, the Virginia Cooperative Extension service has advertised the vacant ANR agent position and is in the process of screening qualified applicants. They'll be scheduling interviews in the next several weeks and have asked if the Board would like one of its members to serve on the interview panel. Please let Chairman Jones know if you're interested in volunteering.

Chairman Jones stated that he had already got a call from Supervisor Phillips last week and he is willing to serve on this. And, Supervisor Updike let me know this evening when he walked in that we wanted it also. So, I have to go with the first man.

Mr. Michael Johnson said you can have two.

Chairman Jones said we can two?

Mr. Michael Johnson said you can have two if you want to.

Chairman Jones said well both of them can be on it then.

Supervisor Edwards said can we have two.

Mr. Michael Johnson said sure.

Supervisor Edwards said he would like to see both of them be on it. We have two farmers here. Sometimes two heads are better than one.

Chairman Jones said that is right. I thought we could only have one.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion that we appoint Supervisors Updike and Phillips to the committee.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that next was item B. He asked if there was anything else on that.

Mr. Michael Johnson said no sir; nothing other than what you see in your agenda.

Chairman Jones said the next item is 18 – Late Arriving Matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson said we have two late arriving matters, Mr. Chairman. The first is related to internet/email service for a couple of our Board members who are experiencing difficulty. Mrs. Sandi Plyler has informed me that Verizon's signal strength is insufficient for the county-issued air cards to function properly at Supervisor(s) Jones and Updike's respective residences, substantially limiting their ability to receive and responds to emails. For these remote locations, the lone remaining option is satellite service. Wild Blue (Excede) provides the least expensive satellite leasing option at \$58.99/month (up to 10 GB), with a minimum service commitment of 24 months. There is also a \$49.99 initial set-up charge. All equipment must be returned upon cancellation of service. We are currently paying \$40.01 per month for air cards for Supervisor's Jones, Updike, and West. I was not aware if Supervisor West is experiencing any problems with the signal strength at his home. I think he has confirmed that everything seems to be working fine out on Tucker Swamp Road. So, I'm asking for your direction. I wanted to make sure you were aware this was an issue and ask for direction on how you want us to move ahead.

Chairman Jones said just to let you know mine is down now. When I'm at home at can't get anything; it says I'm not even connected. Supervisor you don't have any service at all is that right.

Supervisor Updike said no.

Chairman Jones asked what the members wanted to do.

Supervisor Faison said the computers were supposed to save costs over the notebook that we had; and I don't see how we can have Supervisors who don't have that service. I think we should go

along with it so that all Supervisors have service.

Supervisor West stated that his worked fine and he was certainly in agreement with whatever the needs are. He said if you have a computer and it doesn't work it isn't worth anything you might as well leave it here; and, that is no good. He stated you do need to respond to emails because there are constituents that do contact us on a regular basis.

Supervisor Porter said he thought it was better to spend \$60.00 a month for something that you are getting than spending \$40.00 a month for something you don't get.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the only thing that I suggest, because this is equipment that will actually be installed in your residence, I think from a contractual standpoint it needs to work that Chairman Jones and Supervisor Updike will need to contract directly with Excede or Wildblue to have the equipment installed. And, then the county can reimburse you for that monthly expense because they are actually coming into your home and drilling a hole in your home and installing a cable. They are putting equipment in your house. So, I think that it is better for you all to contract with them; and we simply reimburse it. Procedurally, that is the best way to work it.

Supervisor West asked if they were getting ten Gigabits.

Mr. Michael Johnson said well they can get more. They can get more if they like. You can get unlimited for like \$70.00 some dollars a month.

Chairman Jones said I don't need that much.

Supervisor West said I don't either.

Chairman Jones stated that was fine with Supervisor Updike and him.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he would have Mrs. Sandi Plyler get in touch with them and give them the information that she has got and let you all run with it. Then we will be in a position to reimburse you all for it.

Chairman Jones stated that we have one other late arriving item – item B on the Code of Ethics.

Mr. Michel Johnson stated that item B is on your Code of Ethics. You all may remember that you adopted this back in 2012. Article 17 of the Code of Ethics requires an annual review of that document by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Phillips called me today and asked that it be included as a late arriving matter tonight. You have a copy of the adopted Code of Ethics attached with the agenda at your places tonight. If there are no changes and you all don't want to make any changes, you can go ahead and sign them tonight. But, it is important that you would at least have the other appointed bodies and commissions that subscribe to this same code also review it and sign it as well.

Chairman Jones said we have had this for two years now and we have heard what our citizens are saying so we need to go ahead and sign this because it is an oath we take when we accept the job that we are out here doing. So, we have to make ourselves understand that we have a job to do and we have to do it for the citizens of the county and we have to do it for their satisfaction. So, when you sign this you are saying that you will abide by all of these rules and regulations. If anyone in here needs a copy, I think they can get one if they ask for it. Is that right Mr. Michael Johnson; they can get one?

Mr. Michael Johnson said sure.

Chairman Jones said in Article 17, the last sentence of the paragraph says "In addition, the Board of Supervisors, boards, committees, and commissions, shall annually review the Code of Ethics and the Board of Supervisors shall consider recommendations from boards, committees, and commissions to update it as necessary." I would recommend that we schedule an agenda item and we contact the BZA, Planning Commission, and anyone else who has signed these code of ethics so that if that are any recommendations that need to be amended or if they have any suggestions on how to make this any better than it already is we can address that at the next meeting. But, I am happy to sign mine tonight.

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Chairman Jones asked if any of the other Supervisors had any comments.

Supervisor West said since it was sprung on us tonight and each one has a copy, I would like to give us an opportunity to read it and bring it back between now and the next meeting, and not sign it as it is not anything that we have to do tonight. It should have been looked at some time before. But, there are some things in here that we may take for granted where we need to look at personally.

Chairman Jones said there is. He said he reviewed his real thorough last week.

Supervisor Edwards said he would like also to go with Supervisor West. He said he would like for Mr. Richard Railey take a look at it and make sure that we don't have any problems.

Mr. Richard Railey said alright. He stated that the only problem that he had with it was that it was laudatory and wonderful, but it actually has no enforcement power.

Chairman Jones said that's the only thing. He said it is just our word.

Mr. Richard Railey said that is all it is.

Chairman Jones said all we have is our word. He said if you don't have our word you don't have anything.

Supervisor West said this is a step in the right direction to have us sign them though.

Chairman Jones said this is something new to us; we have never had it before. You ask for it; now we need to abide by it since we have got it. We need to abide by the rules that we make for ourselves. We told Mr. Michael Johnson what we wanted, he did it, and we approved it. So, now we need to abide by it.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments before we adjourn.

Supervisor Updike said I think that Supervisor Phillips made an excellent suggestion. This involves more than just the Board of Supervisors. It involves the Planning Commission and other Boards. In that paragraph where it says it needs to be reviewed, I think we should inform them that if they have responsibilities that we should hear from them. So, I think that it was excellent that Supervisor Phillips said to put it off and to inform the rest of the people to have the opportunity to read this document and for them to agree or disagree and how to improve it.

Chairman Jones said Supervisor Edwards represents the Planning Commission. I'm sure we can find out from him if they have anything.

Supervisor Edwards said we will put it on the agenda for the next meeting. We will pass it to them.

Chairman Jones asked Mr. Michael Johnson if he would notify the other boards and if they have anything else to add or subtract to let us know.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes he will.

Supervisor Porter said that he would just like to say that he had read it over the last couple of weeks and that he would be happy to sign it tonight. But, he would also be happy to sign any amendments that this Board makes to it in the future.

Chairman Jones said he would too.

Supervisor West said he was going to ask one more question. He asked Mr. Richard Railey if we need enforcing powers.

Mr. Richard Railey said the problem is I think you have got all the powers in it that you can validly put in. I mean, what I'm saying is just for example, if you were in the General Assembly

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or the Congress of the United States and somebody did something that violated the rules, they would be stricken from their committees. You don't have that. The only thing that you can do is sanction somebody which just means that you have a bad member. There is no punishment, but there is nothing that you can do.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else to come before the Board, if not I need a motion to adjourn.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to adjourn.

Supervisor Updike seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

Michael W. Johnson, Clerk

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