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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 August 24, 2015 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
Amanda N. Smith, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS ABSENT

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor West 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.

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 called the meeting back to order. At this time we will have our certification resolution.

Supervisor West states yes sir and 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 Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states we are now back in open session. We did not do anything that was not on our agenda and we did not take any action. At this time we will have Mr. Curtis Byrd.

Mr. Curtis Byrd addressed the board. Good to see you all and thank you Mr. Chairman. As promised, I really enjoy coming out. I spent the day out here traveling around the county and talking to businesses and hearing what is on their mind. Congressman Forbes is in the western part of the district and doing a lot of work during the work session. We try not to leave any stone unturned so we are here to let you know that we want to hear what is important to you; what the Congressman needs to be aware of. We will be back in October for our outreach during our office hours where we invite constituents to come to us and ask for our assistance with the federal agency or just let us know what is on their mind because it is important to the Congressman. I am not bringing any specific news to you. I am here to say this has been on my calendar and I have been looking forward to hearing what is going on here in the county and what I can take back to Mr. Forbes and let him know what is on your mind. I am all ears and I am going to hang out with you for about an hour and educate myself. Thank you Mr. Chairman. I appreciate you putting me on the agenda. Any questions?

Chairman Jones states gentlemen do you have any questions for Mr. Byrd.

Supervisor West states I am going to ask you a general broad question and it's a word called sequestration. I don't know what it is yet but none the less what is going to happen? Is this thing going to resolve. I know you are off this month. It has the potential to hurt this area dramatically.

Mr. Curtis Byrd states if you go back to the budget control act I believe of 2012, the caps were instituted and sequestration was put in motion. He opposed it for the very reason we are at today. He realized it is very difficult for Congress to reach a consensus on how to get spending under control, so he opposed the measure and has fought for the last couple of years to not only stop it but to reverse it. Specifically as it relates to defense spending because ahead of that defense spending was already cut significantly in the hundreds of billions of dollars. Currently, the budget that has left the house as a part of the National Defense Authorization Act was inclusive of additional spending, however, if you have had an opportunity to follow Mr. Forbes, and perhaps the hearing that he had with Secretary Defense Ash Carter where Secretary Carter made the comment that the Administration would have no appetite for approving increase funding of defense without increase funding of the IRS, EPA, and other federal agencies. They indicated that the administration would veto that spending bill. So, we don't know what is going to happen. The fiscal year end is still a battle at the end of September. Soon as Mr. Forbes returns to Washington with his colleagues right after Labor Day that is something they are going to have to resolve, but it is a great concern to him and other members who recognize the importance of getting it under control.

Supervisor West states I think we would all request that he keeps his present position. I also want to ask if I may about redistricting and the effect that it would have on him as our representative at this point. If indeed, redistricting of the Third District, Mr. Forbes district; what is going to happen at that point do you foresee?

Mr. Curtis Byrd states I don't have an answer for that; primarily because it is a process that happens at the state level through the General Assembly. All we know is what we have read in the press that they recently met last week and nothing happened. I guess because of the September 1st deadline the media has said it may go to the courts to decide but we don't know. We are kind of as much in the dark as you might be Mr. West and I hope that it can be resolved and we all may have to hold our breathe and see.

Supervisor West states I am pleased and thank you for your representation and Mr. Forbes, I think he has done a great job.

Mr. Curtis Byrd states thank you Mr. West.

Chairman Jones states anyone else? Thank you very much.

Mr. Curtis Byrd states Mr. Chairman thank you very much.

Chairman Jones states okay, let's go to citizen comment period.

Mr. John Burchett addressed the board. Good evening, my name is John Burchett. Is this a great country or what that you give people the opportunity to ask questions and make comments and I appreciate it. Number fourteen on the agenda? That is not a public hearing is it?

Mr. Michael Johnson states no.

Mr. John Burchett states okay. I went back and looked at the budget for this year; \$37,000 on page 147. I didn't see anything that said anything about what that \$37,000 is going to grow into at the end of ten years; that is what it is going to take to pay for what is being proposed at the jail farm. I looked at the... I love your website. It has a lot of information. I don't know and this comes from the bottom of my heart; the taxpayers in this county are looking for some help; for somebody besides the schools. This project; if you add everything up the way I added it, the cost will be \$249,000 split up over ten years. That is two payments a year of \$11,653.86 for a total of 23307.72 a year. I saw the passing of that \$37,000 for this year; I didn't see anything in there about the following years. To me, that means you have an opportunity to give us a break. How much more debt are we going to take. Our budget for detention is \$3,151,100 now. If we have an average of 100 inmates and I have been told it is usually below that, we are spending \$31,511 per inmate per year. When I heard of the upgrade of the kitchen, I thought it was new stoves. We all need a new stove. On occasions I have had to buy a new stove, but to build a 30x80 foot building to put those new stoves in, that is going a little bit... I have never been to the jail farm. I assume they have buildings out there and they are doing something now that they have a kitchen I assume. Upgrade is one thing but to build a brand new 30x80 foot building, to me we are going for a bunch of people who are being incarcerated or held for trial. To spend that much money to make their life better isn't on the top of my agenda. I would like to say one more time and I have brought this up before about the regional jail; I would like to see us take that \$37,000 as much as I detest consultants, pay to let them see the feasibility of turning our Jail Farm people over to the Regional Jail. I can't believe that it wouldn't be cheaper but I would like for it to be told by an independent consultant who looked at it; even possibly turning it over to the Shared Services Committee; The City of Franklin and Southampton County. To me that is a service that they could take a look at. A couple of years ago this came up at the workshop that it would cost a million dollars to buy in. I think we would find out that would be cheap. We have somewhere in the neighborhood of 40-50 people working in detention. That is a lot of wages. Anyway, I appreciate it. I am looking for you all to give us a break on spending and debt. This is an excellent opportunity to buy some new stoves if we have to but buying a new building is too much in my opinion. Thank you.

Chairman Jones states thank you sir. Anyone else?

Mr. John Ricks addressed the board. Good afternoon gentlemen and Mr. Chairman. To those on

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the Board and the citizens of Southampton County my name is John Ricks. I spoke here last board meeting. I wanted to address the issues that we talked about last time very briefly this time. I told you that I would be back and I would be back again. I read the article in the Tidewater News and I believe the County Administrator, Mr. Johnson stated that in order to change the names of the roads that we need \$500 per road; and for those that don't know we are talking about Blackhead Sign Post Road and Hanging Tree Road. Both of those are located here in Courland. One is in Shands and Blackhead Signpost Road is off of Meherrin Road going towards Boykins. Now, in that article... we will pay the \$500. That is a cheap price in a way, but I do want to say this right here. I don't see why citizens have to pay for the right thing. I don't see that. I will stop talking just for a second. I looked up the statue and it said some studies this that and the other. Come on folks. This sounds like Washington D.C. You mean to tell me these wise men that sit on this board right here can't see or make the right decision? Is that what we are saying here? I mean really? Stop and think about it for a second. The citizens of this county ask you to do something for them and you have to pay \$500; for what? To do a study to change the name of a road. We are not going to go into why those roads need to be changed because we did that the last time. But I will say this, and quite a few people have said to me, they like to keep the roads for historical value because young people of today don't know their history. Well, where is Dred Scott Road at? I can understand you gentlemen, ladies, and people of the county. It seems like we are not going to make a Nat Turner Road. I wouldn't either. I wouldn't want to name one after a murderer because that is exactly what he was regardless of what color he was. But, if you want the young people to know history, people that they should follow and emulate; or do I need to stand here and tell the wise members of this board what the Dred Scott decision was. I don't think I do. Do I? That could be the name of that road and I am not proposing the name of anything but if we have a Hanging Tree Road... if you have a Blackhead Signpost Road and you are telling me it is about history, where is Dred Scott Road? Somebody raise their hand because I don't know. If you have one let me know. Let's teach; in the light of history let's teach history that... all history doesn't make us look good and I am going to say this. I was driving down the road and something said don't say this but I am going to say it anyway. Do you think... everybody knows what the holocaust was. Anybody that don't I will tell you what it was. Do you think there is a Cremation Road? Do we? Do you think there is an Incendiary Road? No. Would you put that in the county? No you wouldn't. I read an article around 2010 in the Virginia Pilot written by a friend. He talked about historical value; getting money from VDOT or the State for tourist. This gentleman comes up here every time I have been here so far and he talks about money. I am with you sir. If I am not mistaken it says about \$480,000; almost a half of a million dollars is going towards building up historical tours here in Southampton County where the Nat Turner Trail is. I am about history. I love history. I read it all the time, but that \$480,000 we could have spent on something else. Let me ask you something. If you are so proud of that history and we want tourist to come here, how much money are we making off of that? Does anybody know? How much money are we making Mr. Updike?

Supervisor Updike states you don't want my estimate.

Mr. John Ricks laughed. How much money are we making off of that since we are so proud of it? How much money are we making off of that Mr. Jones? Mr. Phillips? How much money are we making off of that tourist thing coming here? Like I said, I am not here to beat anyone up and I did walk those roads by the way Mr. Johnson. I walked those roads with a petition but there is more to be done. I have heard people say why are you doing this? I am going to tell you again, it is the right thing to do folks. I don't see the reason why but we are going to pay the \$500. Sounds like a poll tax to me. I read the article. I read your statue and the County Code. It sounds like a pole tax to me Mr. Faison. Does anyone know what a pole tax was and how they were used? The last time I sat down did anybody have anything to say to me or did I sit down too fast? I will stand here just for a second and ask if anyone wants to correct me on anything or say anything to me?

Chairman Jones states does anyone have any questions for Mr. Ricks?

Supervisor West states I know you grew up here sir in a very large family and thank you. I think you work here every day; are you a residence of Southampton County.

Mr. John Ricks states I am a taxpayer of Southampton County. I own property here sir.

Supervisor West states you live in Suffolk, is that the way it is?

Mr. John Ricks states that is correct but I own property here and pay taxes.

Supervisor West states sure and I understand and I appreciate that.

Mr. John Ricks states yes sir; and not to cut you off but I kind of figured that might come up too. But what does that have to do with the right thing.

Supervisor West states it is only a question sir.

Mr. John Ricks states only an answer.

Supervisor West states the \$500 fee that you are talking about; we have to advertise when we do certain things in the County. The newspaper would be the one to talk to and see if they can drop the fee. Somebody has to pay that \$500.

Mr. John Ricks states we are going to pay it.

Supervisor West states it is not a poll tax.

Mr. John Ricks states we are going to pay that. I said that. It is going to be paid. But, I still can't see why a poll tax has to be put on the people to pay for the right thing that the wise men of this council... like I said, people talk about the museums. That is what Williamsburg is today; a museum. Anything else for me gentlemen?

Chairman Jones states anything else for Mr. Ricks?

Supervisor Faison states I have something to say before you sit down.

Mr. John Ricks states yes Mr. Faison.

Supervisor Faison states back when we came up with the 911 system.

Mr. John Ricks states oh I missed that part but go ahead.

Supervisor Faison states the County had an opportunity to rename roads and several of them were renamed. At that time, there were no suggestions that Blackhead Signpost Road or Hanging Tree Road be changed at that time. So it has been that way all the while. It hasn't been a real issue for me for the reason that you mentioned before. I drive those roads a lot with a lot of kids and while Blackhead Signpost Road does talk about a time that I detest. It was horrific and it was terrible. I think it was a terrible thing that happened in our history, but it's a fact that it is part of our history. So, while the road was there and I certainly made no effort to try and change it, I have used it. A lot of times I have used those roads and I started with my kids, I had the opportunity to explain what it means and why it is there. My story to them was that it was a very sad and horrific time in our history, but it is our history. I chose to use it because it was there to explain to them that it was a part of our history but we can be thankful now that history has changed to the point that we are not slaves now. I am not saying that things are great, but I think we have some blessings to count. The roads remind us of a time that we don't want to go back to.

Mr. John Ricks states that is the reason they were put up; to remind us Mr. Faison.

Supervisor Faison states yes they remind us of a time that we don't want to go back to; and I am not trying to defend my position. I am just making a statement. I will tell them the best way for us not to go back to that is to make sure that you get an education, that you become self-sufficient.

Mr. John Ricks states like Dred Scott.

Supervisor Faison states and that you become productive citizens in whatever community you decide to live in. While I don't condone that name and if it was to change that is fine, but I am just saying it was an opportunity for me to use it for the purpose that I used it. I am not trying to defend that or trying to sell you on it, but in terms of the procedure that the county has; I support that procedure and I think anytime a road is changed whether it is offensive to us or not, when we had

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the opportunity to change it we chose not to. Now, for any road that needs to be changed we need to go through the procedure because I don't think we need to set a precedent for other persons who might be offended by a road for whatever reason. Both you and I for obvious reasons could be offended by these names. The other persons that could be offended by names of other roads... I can't think of one and I can't even imagine one right now.

Mr. John Ricks states I was getting ready to ask you.

Supervisor Faison states but that possibility could exist and I don't think we need to set a precedent that would cost the county \$500 every time somebody wants to change a road. While I don't disagree with it being changed, I would like to see us go through the procedure of us changing it if that is to be done.

Mr. John Ricks states okay, I am all about procedures. If that is what we have to do then that is what we have to do. I am glad you bought up the EMT thing. While I was out walking the road, I had a couple of people bring that up. The article in the Tidewater News stated it would delay EMT; it would delay our Sheriff, and our Fire Department. As my son would say to me "really dad, really." I give our Sheriff Department, Fire Department, and EMT a lot more brain smarts than some of us do that if we change two roads it is going to really delay them. I didn't get into it with people out there on the street; but, really? I don't think you are going to change the name today nor is it going to happen tomorrow where we would put it in the database. I would assume we would do things like we are supposed to do and let the 911 clerk or dispatcher know and the Sheriff Department know well in advanced and so forth. So, where is this delay thing coming in at? I will say it again that I got to give our people more credit than some of us give them. That we are not smart enough to figure out that Blackhead Signpost Road is now 123 Road. That is all I have gentlemen. Thank you very much Mr. Faison and thank you very much Mr. Chairman.

Supervisor Phillips states Mr. Ricks I would like to respond just a little bit to the analogy of the poll tax for the fee. This board addressed the issues of advertising for public hearings. That would be what this entails. The fee varies; if you come before the Planning Commission and you have to have a public hearing for a zoning change you will also pay the same fee. So, it is not a specific hindrance to one particular request. The point I would like to make with you is in a cost saving effort by this board, we did increase the fees at some point since I have been on this board to try and save that extra cost for the county when someone else is asking for a public hearing. What we are doing is transferring the cost for that particular public hearing to that particular issue. I hope that helps you better understand what...

Mr. John Ricks states it does and I appreciate it sir. I appreciate you explaining that to me. Thank you gentlemen.

Chairman Jones states anyone else?

There was no response and public comment period was closed.

Chairman Jones states anyone have any problems with the minutes. If not, the minutes stand approved. Let's go to Highway Matters, Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Michael Johnson states I don't have any specific matters Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor West.

Supervisor West states no more than cutting the shoulders and the edges of the road, but I am appreciative of what they can do soon as they can. Everything is dried up. There is no water in the roads out there. We need some rain.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison states at Shiloh Baptist Church where Old Branchville Road and Shiloh Road intersects. Those stop signs have been changed. There has been a change there for the good because those stop signs stop the traffic coming from Branchville. I have been there and I have seen so many people run those stop signs. I think it is because of the new traffic pattern and people

haven't gotten use to stopping there. So, maybe some warning or something that there is a stop sign there could be put on Old Branchville Road before you get to that intersection.

Supervisor West states maybe have the Sheriff visit for a while and set up an operation out there. Mr. Dowdy is here tonight and he could encourage the Sheriff to set up and recognize people that do not observe the stop sign.

Supervisor Faison states whatever happens.

Supervisor West states it is a short distance isn't it? Coming up to that sign.

Supervisor Faison states no, the road leads from Branchville.

Supervisor West states oh, okay.

Supervisor Faison states into that. Then you come around that curve right in front of Shiloh Baptist Church. That sign hasn't always been there. I think people are not use to it. I don't think people are deliberately running the stop sign.

Supervisor West states we have one in my area that is an intersection you can see all four ways. Those of us that grew up in that area, there was not a sign back then, but some people disregard those signs these days and run right through it.

Supervisor Faison states the reason I am concerned about this is because it is right there at the church and the parking lot to the church you have to cross the road sometimes. The elderly congregation at Shiloh Baptist Church like most churches has to crossover there.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Porter.

Supervisor Porter states I am fine.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike states there are two things that I am very appreciative of. They finally got around to fixing Barnes Church Circle. Thank you for that. They had a wonderful crew there that operated the backhoe. It was outstanding. The other one is the Checkerboard survey. I appreciate VDOT for getting that report back. There is still a concern about all of these pipes that go under the roads. They haven't broken through yet but there is a huge drop-off at each section. It is only a matter of time before quite a few of these pipes will need to be repaired.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Edwards.

Supervisor Edwards states several months ago we mentioned some ditching problems the farmers mentioned on Flaggy Run and Route 646. A farmer called me last week and said not all of that had been accomplished yet. We need to have VDOT take another look at that. We still have some water problems there.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips states I would like to send the message of thank you as well. I had asked about a pedestrian crossing sign for the Baptist Church across the street here. That has been replaced. I would call to the attention of the rest of the board; VDOT has a new machine for trimming the trees on the side of the road. On Carys Bridge Road there are places where the tree limbs hit the antenna on the car as you are traveling down the road. This new machines trim the trees back off the side of the road and they have recently been in the Capron district. If you have a place that concerns you with overhanging limbs in your district, I would urge you to let them know. The operators are doing an excellent job. They have done Pope Station Road and I would just say they need to do every road in the county but if you have something in particular I would urge you to call them.

Chairman Jones states okay thank you. Thank you for Green Plains Road Mr. Johnson. They did

get that fixed. As I told you before about the man on Tennessee Road, he was moving and had wire on the back of the truck. He stopped and threw it onto the property up from him; maybe three to four properties up from him and the wire is still out there on the people's property. He had wire from when he had his horses and cows. It's a single string of wire but it is all rolled up and on the east side of Tennessee Road.

Mr. Michael Johnson states did the Sheriff's Office respond?

Chairman Jones states I haven't heard anything from them, but I know the wire was still there Saturday. The neighbor that saw him lives right next door to it if the Sheriff needs to talk to him. Alright, let's go to number eight, appointments.

Mr. Michael Johnson states Mr. Chairman the first appointment is the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). We talked about this last month. Mr. James E. "Jeb" Bradshaw's term from the Jerusalem District and Mr. Douglas Chesson's term from the Berlin-Ivor District on the Board of Zoning Appeals will expire at the end of September. As you all know, the appointments to the BZA are actually made by the circuit court, but this Board historically submits the recommendation for the Court's consideration.

Supervisor West states I have had an opportunity to speak with Mr. Douglas Chesson. He is the Berlin-Ivor representative and I think he is the Vice-Chairman right now. With that being said, he is willing to serve again if this board so chooses.

Supervisor Edwards states the same for Mr. Bradshaw.

Chairman Jones states okay.

Supervisor Edwards states I make a motion that we accept both recommendations to the Circuit Court for BZA appointees.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Michael Johnson states the second appointment is the Board of Building Code Appeals. Mr. Gary Banks is from the Newsoms District. His appointment will also expire at the end of September.

Chairman Jones states okay, Mr. Updike.

Supervisor Updike states I make a motion that he be reappointed.

Chairman Jones states he needs a second.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states let's go to number nine, reports; Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, Litter Control, Treasurer's Report Mr. Britt.

Mr. David Britt addressed the Board. Good evening. I am going to give you a brief run down on how we are coming along on our delinquencies. Personal property for this year is standing at \$739,000 versus \$663,000 last year which is a 97.38% collection rate. Real estate last year at this time we had \$533,000 outstanding versus this year of \$527,000 which is 99.62% collection rate. To give you some idea of what the Solid Waste is running, last year with 2012 we had \$59,000 outstanding and \$194,000 on 2013. This year we have about \$48,000 outstanding on 2012; \$127,000 outstanding on 2013 and \$253,000 on 2014. For the past month starting mid-July, we started processing tax liens for this year. We have completed that task and as of right now we have issued 817 tax liens. We have had 190 of those to be paid off; collections of \$101,000 in that period of time. Out of 817, we have had 112 come back; either the person has left employment or has been terminated from the employment. I mentioned to you last month we had 1,000 DMV stops we had put in place the first of June. As of the end of July, we have had 207 of those to be in compliance. We also issued ten distressed warrants over the last month and we had a collection of \$23,000 on that and still pending on some of those. Any questions?

Chairman Jones states any questions for Mr. Britt?

Supervisor West states I want to make a comment. I received my real estate notices this week. Thank you for the promptness in putting them out in advance. I assume throughout the County they have been sent out.

Mr. David Britt states as much as I would like to take all of the credit, Mrs. Carr needs to take some of that credit as well.

Supervisor West states well thank you both. I think it gives the tax payer adequate time to prepare ahead. It was a nice thing. I know personal property and solid waste fees will come later but that being said, thank you for the job well done.

Chairman Jones states any other questions or comments for Mr. Britt?

There was no response.

Mr. David Britt states thank you.

Chairman Jones states Building Permits, Cooperative Extension, Solid Waste Quantities, Personnel Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Michael Johnson states just a few items to report Mr. Chairman. We had five new hires during the month of July and the first week of August. Michael Green effective August 3 in the Sheriff's Office for \$32,285; Navarone Hartman effective July 20 in the Sheriff's Office for \$32,285; Shayna Hill effective July 1 in the Clerk's Office for \$24,092; Megan Stewart effective July 27 in the Sheriff's Office for \$32,285; and Benjamine Matteson effective July 20 in the Sheriff's Office for \$32,285. We had one retirement effective August 1, Mrs. Sandra Plyler from the Information Technology Department. We had two employees separated. Jackie Vick effective August 1 in Building & Grounds and Douglas Whitby effective August 18 in the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Jones states alright, thank you sir. Okay, we will go to item ten, financial matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson states your first item is your year-end August for June FY 2015 Appropriation Resolution. You have a copy of that in your agenda packages. It is a total appropriation of \$1,754,422.99. Much like last month, this appropriation is largely a housekeeping measure, reallocating funds among various line items within departmental budgets with little overall budgetary impact. The revenues have been received from the sources indicated in the resolution. The appropriation includes \$36,583.01 for the General Fund, \$135,197.08 for the School Fund, a negative \$31,067.27 for the School Food Service Fund, \$1,563,213.67 for the Building Fund, \$49,234.50 for the Enterprise Fund, \$176.00 for the Law Library Fund, and \$1,086.00 for the Canteen Account. The resolution does include \$14,747.31 in new money for mandated services under the state's Comprehensive Services Act.

Chairman Jones states alright gentlemen; do you have any questions about that? If not, I need a motion.

Supervisor West made a motion to approve the attached appropriation resolution.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states let's go to the bills now. Did anybody see anything they would have questions about?

Supervisor West states thank you for a job well done. The bills have been properly audited and checked. At this time I make a motion that we authorize payment of the monthly bills.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,971,137.26 to be paid by check numbers 143325 through 143734. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states okay gentlemen; let's go to item eleven, Courthouse Security Project

Update.

Mr. Michael Johnson states tonight we have Jeff Stodghill from PMA Architecture. He is going to bring you a project update and seek your direction on a couple of items.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill addressed the board. Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. In May I came and explained we were ready to proceed with bidding the project. I had also met with the Circuit Court judge, the Clerk of Circuit Court and the Commonwealth's Attorney and they had requested a couple of additional elements; one of which came from the Clerk of Courts office to add bullet resistant glass around the Commonwealth's Attorney office as well as the Clerk of Court's office. When we go and do an estimate of that it is about 400 square feet of glazing glass area if we were to put bullet resistant glazing in there. A budget for that is approaching \$95,000.00. That envisions taking the glass out and putting the new frames and much more expensive glass in because bullet resistant glass is much more expensive. I do think we could come up with a hybrid and use brick and reduce areas of glass and probably come up with a lower figure. I think that is worth exploring. That involves some details but I think that is something we could look at as a way of cutting that figure down and still get enough light into the Commonwealth Attorney's office and the Clerk of Court's office and still address their concerns about having bullet resistant glass. So, I need some direction on that tonight. We also looked at what the judge was pointing towards in terms of accessibility for the bench areas in Circuit Court and in the General District Court. In the General District Court it is relatively easy to solve that problem by adding a ramp in the hallway behind the court room. In order to do that, we will have to move one of the doors. That sort of involves some relative work and we are estimating that would take \$10,000 in construction and that would need to be added to the budget. In Circuit Court due to space restrictions, we don't see where a ramp could work. Instead, we are envisioning modifying the bench so that a lift could be added at some point in the future would be the way to go. The way the ADA reads we could modify the bench to accept a lift at a future date. Envisioning if a judge was disabled, the County could at that time purchase the lift and install it. I think the minimum here would be to alter the bench and then postpone the purchase of a lift until you need it. We are ready to proceed with that and if there are any questions I will be happy to try and respond to them.

Supervisor West states the compromise to try and save some money; what is the cost difference between the \$95,000 and your guesstimate of the bullet proof and the brick?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states bullet proof glass is about \$240 per square foot by the time you buy it and install it. Brick filled in could probably be a third of that. By doing a hybrid solution, we complicate the construction so my guesstimate would be in the \$50,000 range; from \$95,000 to \$50,000. It could be less.

Supervisor West states that is not a third of \$95,000.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states no but the problem is if we simply replace the frames with glass then that would be one subcontractor that comes in and could do that complete job. If we do a hybrid solution, now I have two to maybe three subcontractors that have to come in; a brick mason, a flashing subcontractor. It is a more complicated assembly. You are asking me for a number and that is the one I would put out tonight, but I think we could do better than \$95,000.

Supervisor Edwards states I have heard you use two different terms; bullet resistant and bullet proof. Are there two different glasses you are talking about?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states it is bullet resistant glass. I think we are calling for level three which is not the ultimate.

Supervisor Edwards states what type of bullet are we talking about it is resistant too? Are you talking about a pistol charge, a rifle, what are we talking about here?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states I can get that information to the County Administrator.

Supervisor Edwards states I think that is important because I would like to know exactly what type of glass we have.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states I can answer that question to the County Administrator. I think from a security standpoint I'd rather not say this evening.

Chairman Jones states alright, any other questions?

Supervisor Porter states I have a question about the hybrid solution. What percentage of the area would glass be replaced by brick?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states I would have to look at each office and make sure we are giving a reasonable amount of glass area. I can come back with a more specific solution on that.

Supervisor Porter states we are talking about \$50,000 versus \$100,000 or if you are talking \$50,000 versus \$65,000, that is a lot less complexity and you might get a different answer. I don't know if we could do a little better but it is hard to make a decision when you say we are going to complicate the process. The way I envision it is you are talking about elongating the process when you bring in several contractors. You are going to take a couple of weeks versus taking a couple of days by just replacing the glass.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states there is that.

Supervisor Porter states okay so you have exposure say for several weeks versus only exposure for a couple of days.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states clearly the most direct and quickest way to do this is to take out the old frames and put in the new frames. That would be the fastest. If the number wasn't so high I wouldn't even be talking to you about this.

Supervisor Porter states but you haven't given us a feel for what the difference really is. Is it \$50,000 or is it \$20,000. It may be worth \$20,000 to simplify the process or it might be worth going through the more complex process if it is a \$50,000 differential.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states my number tonight is between \$40,000 to \$45,000 savings range. I think that is worth us looking at.

Supervisor Porter states yes, well yes.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states I am not envisioning the implementation to be a show stopper.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips states Mr. Stodghill the question I have is can you walk us around the courthouse. I know the glass in the window area of the Clerk's Office where the desk is. I am sure that is part of this package; and the glass at the end of the hall where you go into the parking lot from the Commonwealth Attorney's office. Would there be bullet proofing on both sides of the building on the first floor correct?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states I think that is a good description. If I am at the parking lot and looking at the end of the building and I see the Clerk of Court's office. All of that glass would be changed over to bullet resistant glass. To my right when I am looking at the Clerk's office is the Commonwealth's Attorney office. On either side of that wing is glass that we would need to change as well; so the glass in the Commonwealth's Attorney office that faces the Clerk is in my plan. It is all of the glass along the area where the Commonwealth's Attorney office is. We are not talking about changing the glass all the way down the front of the building.

Supervisor Phillips states okay. Inside when you go into the offices, you walk through a door; would there be any changes there?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states that end door that leads into the hallway; is that what you are talking about?

Supervisor Phillips states yes.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states that door would be covered as well.

Supervisor Phillips states and the door itself?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states yes.

Supervisor Phillips states I just wanted clarification, thank you.

Chairman Jones states any other questions? Mr. Updike do you have something?

Supervisor Updike states personally I would like to see some more concrete planning and what you have to offer. You have been talking generalities tonight. Where is your plan for this glass and the bricks? To me you have not presented that case. Give us complete plans of what you are talking about. We are talking apple, oranges, and grapefruits all in one. Give us something to go by and the cost of each. How are you going to make a decision that seem like it is based on some generalities. I would like for you to come back and give me some additional information.

Supervisor Porter states we need to authorize him to do that and that would take additional funds. I think that is what he is asking for tonight; right?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states correct and I would like to respond to Mr. Updike's comment about the need for more information. We need to go ahead and do the details necessary to do each approach and let's see what the alternative prices come out to be and then you can make that decision based on real prices.

Chairman Jones states alright, anyone else? Okay, what do you gentlemen want to do?

Supervisor West states I agree with his last comments. Let's go ahead and find out the actual cost involved and have a concrete answer when he comes back. It is a lot of difference in my book between \$95,000 and \$50,000. Then, I see the ADA and we have to adhere to that. You said a little compromise to prepare now but we would be prepared for later. But, I also see the need to move on with this thing as well.

Supervisor Porter states I have a question about ADA. When I read it, in the \$20,000 that includes the purchase of the lift. Where you saying to delay that?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states well you don't need to buy the lift until you need the lift.

Supervisor Porter states okay but the \$20,000 I assume you buy the lift now.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states that is what I assume.

Supervisor Porter states okay and what would that be reduced to if we didn't buy the lift now?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states normally that lift is in the \$8,000 range.

Supervisor Porter states is there any synergy in buying it now?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states yes. I think synergy in the ability to make sure it fits and works from day one. Products change over time and the models disappear off the market. If we were to do this; modify the bench and put the lift in then all of that work would be behind you and it would be there and you wouldn't have to go back and worry about that in the future. I think on the flipside to that lifts are fairly universal and being able to buy one in the future will certainly be an option for you.

Supervisor Porter states I am glad you stated both sides but it is not a huge amount of money for this whole project and we need to remember that the City of Franklin is going to pay a third.

Mr. Michael Johnson states they will reimburse a third.

Supervisor Porter states okay they will reimburse a third. We are thinking about the total amount

of County commitment. My feelings, I would go with putting the lift in now.

Supervisor West states I would too.

Supervisor Porter states and I am okay with going ahead with the ramp design but I want more information on the bullet proof glass.

Supervisor West states I agree with that.

Chairman Jones states I agree with that also because if we wait with the ramp another contractor could come in and say he cannot work with that. We wouldn't have the same contractor doing it all.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states we can go ahead and specify the lift.

Chairman Jones states is that in agreement with everybody?

Mr. Michael Johnson states to make sure we are clear, Mr. Stodghill you are suggesting to put the ramp and the lift in the base bid or would that be done as an alternative item?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states I think if we are going to address the ADA components you should go ahead and include the modification to the bench and the ramp. We have to get a second price on the equipment for the lift. Then we will prepare the instructions so you can get two prices on the bullet resistant glass; one price for replacing it and another price using a brick infill.

Mr. Michael Johnson states and you will bring those numbers back when we talk about acceptance of the bid and the board can make the decision at that time.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states correct and if that meets the Board's approval I would like to go ahead and finish up the bid documents and bring you the bids for my next report.

Chairman Jones states gentlemen is that okay with everybody?

Supervisor Edwards states so be it.

Supervisor Porter states do we need to have a motion?

Chairman Jones states I think we just needed to give him the consensus to go ahead.

Supervisor Edwards states I would like to make a motion that we go ahead.

Supervisor Porter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill states okay, thank you.

Chairman Jones states okay let's go to number twelve, public hearing.

Mr. Michael Johnson states Mr. Chairman we have one public hearing tonight. This is being held pursuant to Section 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to consider an ordinance amending Section 10-48 of the Southampton County Code, as it relates to the maximum height of weeds, grass and unhealthy growths on subdivided lots zoned agricultural which are permitted for construction of single family dwellings. The proposed ordinance was adopted as an emergency measure by the Board on July 27, 2015. By statute, emergency ordinances expire 60 days following adoption. This hearing is to consider making the revisions that were adopted on July 27 permanent. The notice of public hearing was published in the Tidewater News on August 9 and August 16, 2015 as required by law. After conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the comments offered this evening and will proceed to approve, deny, or defer action on the proposed ordinance.

Chairman Jones states does anybody have any questions before I open up the public hearing? If not, this is a public hearing. Is there anyone for or against this application?

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Mr. Carroll Keeter addressed the board. My name is Carroll Keeter and I live on Camp Parkway. Coming off of Highway 58 west just before you get to Shady Brook Trail, the creek bed that goes through there; some trees are growing up in that. If you make a left turn down Shady Brook Trail, there is a lot of growth in the creek bed at the bridge and it obstructs the view. It is getting pretty tall. The creek bed needs to be cleaned out. I don't know if that is VDOT or the County or who is responsible for it. Thank you.

Chairman Jones states thank you sir.

Robert Tyler addressed the board. Good evening Chairman Jones, board members, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Railey. My name is Bobby Tyler and I live at 112 Queens Lane in Franklin. It is in the Regency Subdivision and Regency is divided between Franklin and Southampton County. Gentlemen, I wasn't born here but I have been coming here since I was a very young man. My children made their homes in this county. My grandchildren live here and it makes me very lucky. I have some concerns for the proposal for the A1 agricultural district. Especially when I look at what the actual permitted uses, the definitions, and the purpose for A1 is. If you would bear with me for a moment I would like to run this by you. It says the agricultural district is to encourage and enhance existing and future agricultural and forest operations, and to provide for preservation of agricultural and forestry lands and preserve the natural beauty of residential areas of the county which umbrella services such as sewer and water services are not planned. This district is also intended to provide for spacious residential development for those who chose to live in a rural environment; and to protect this development where it occurs but to foster first the rural development pattern which will reduce the conflict with agricultural; maintain the rural appearance of the country side, reduce traffic hazards on county roads, and have limited need for public services. I have some points I would like to make for your consideration please. This ordinance will affect the vast majority in my opinion, of your County residents. It occupies about 75% of the people who live here. One of the issues I have discovered is I don't see any exceptions in this ordinance. How does it affect property that was previously sub-divided but is currently under agricultural? Suppose the agricultural part stopped for a period of time. I own a parcel like this in Newsoms; between Newsoms and North Carolina around the Barnes Church Circle area. My son-in-law currently farms it. It has been approved for a well and septic and one day possibly I intend to live there so I am concerned about that. How does it apply to larger lots? There is no exception for larger lots. How does this apply when you have a number of lots in a row such as Camp Parkway when you have a 3 acre lot or a 5 acre lot, or even a 10 acre lot? What happens if you decide you want to plant pines on it and you change your mind. Suppose you have two people living side by side and they both are on 5 acre lots; one fellow want to use 4 acres for his horses and the other guy wants to mow all 5 acres. I don't see any exceptions for this. These are just a few examples that I see as possible issues for residents. This proposal is nearly identical to the City of Franklin. Franklin is a city. It is one of the smallest cities in the entire Commonwealth. Franklin is spanned at 8.4 square miles and you on the other hand are a 602 square mile area. You are about 1.5 times larger than the largest city in the Commonwealth. I think that might be something that needs to be changed or considered. That is what I am asking. Franklin's largest residential zone is 40,000 square foot lots. With a new Comprehensive Plan and the new umbrella movement that is being pushed, I expect these to be reduced fairly quickly. Instead of creating a countywide ordinance, why not let the incorporated towns within the county decide on how they want to handle this. Lastly, is this an ordinance created for health, safety, and welfare or is this a scenic ordinance? Is this a scenic ordinance created for a few people that recently moved here and now they want it to be like where they moved from? I urge you to consider these points. Finally, I would like to apologize to you all for being here at this late hour. I think a lot of people don't know things until they read about it in the back of the Tidewater News by mistake. I think what happens, people don't realize they have a dog in the fight until they come home and he is lying under the porch about to die. I know this because I am on the Planning Commission in the City of Franklin. So, we don't have a whole lot of participation sometimes. I am also the Chairman for the Board of Zoning Appeals in Franklin. These are some things I would ask you to please consider.

Chairman Jones states alright, any questions before he leaves? Thank you very much.

Mr. Robert Tyler states thank you.

Chairman Jones states anyone else?

There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Jones states what do you say gentlemen?

Supervisor West states I certainly agree with Mr. Tyler in his statement that we are different than the City of Franklin; no ifs, ands, or buts. However, in most towns I am not sure if there is an enforcement problem or not. I will speak for Ivor; and the town of Ivor more specifically. The contractor has abandoned certain lots, they have grown up, and it is difficult to get things done. We do not have the jurisdiction there is the way that I understand this ordinance correct?

Mr. Michael Johnson states this ordinance does not apply within the corporate limits of any town.

Supervisor West states so here is my point. We don't have anything to do with the town of Ivor or any of the small towns. However, there are many subdivisions over the years that you have been involved in. If you look at the growth on abandoned houses that are ill-cared for, you said looks and aesthetics counts; it devalues property when people do not take care of their property and you live in that area. It devalues your own property. My point is I feel that it is necessary to have a certain number of guidelines for the small developments along Unity Road or whatever road you live on throughout the county. Someone has to have jurisdiction to take care and enforce the care of these lots. When people ride through or developers come through, or new business prospects comes through we want to put the best foot forward. I want to protect as much of it. There are a lot of abandoned houses in the county that have grown up and I would like to see those taken care of and cleaned up. The county may end up cutting the grass and send the bill with a tax lien, but after a while it will cause enforcement to people who realize what they are doing. It's kind of like running through that sign at Shiloh. The Sheriff and a few tickets will make a big difference there. But anyway, I want to see it passed.

Chairman Jones states and we don't have anyone that is riding around the county enforcing that. We only enforce it when someone complains about it.

Supervisor Edwards states if you make a lot of exceptions to the rules then you don't have any rules. I could come up with any excuse I want.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips states I was thrown off with a little bit of a different view point. I heard what Mr. Tyler said and I felt some reservation when we first discussed this, but I have seen the pictures where you have a house that goes into foreclosure and it needs to be mowed. I don't disagree with that. My comment would be, since Mr. Tyler is on the Planning Commission for the City of Franklin, maybe we should see if there are any valid exceptions that he could bring forward. Table it for one month and let him have a meeting with Beth Lewis. If there are none after that, then we can move this issue forward. My question is, and I am a farmer, and I have some property that I don't currently grow on but have had crops on it over the years. I keep it mowed. But if it was several lots that have been platted in the past and yet still farmed and still enjoying land-use tax that might be a valid reason or exception and I would like to see it explored a little further before we make a final decision.

Supervisor Porter states I think if it is actively farmed, you wouldn't have the weeds growing as tall. What he is talking about; I live in one of those sub-divisions where you have big lots. One of my neighbors has an 8 acre lot and they cut the grass every week. His neighbor has a ten acre lot where there are pens for their horses. But, they take care of their yard. When the horses don't eat the grass and the grass gets tall they go out and mow it and I think they should. I think if you live in a development regardless of how big it is or where it is you need to be considerate of your neighbors. I don't see a problem with active farm land because I don't think the weeds would be an issue there. I also don't think there would be a neighbor that would complain about that. The enforcement law regulation is done on a complaint basis by someone who is staying in the area. I can't go out and complain about your lot because I don't even stay in your area.

Supervisor Edwards states how would you even know it's a lot?

Supervisor Porter states I wouldn't. But, if I built a house next door and was told the lot had been

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platted, I would expect you to keep the weeds under control and I think that is what this approaches.

Chairman Jones states any other comments Dr. Edwards?

Supervisor Edwards states no, I think it is a good ordinance. When you start making exceptions to the rule... if it is something we have missed it will come out but like I said, if he has platted lots and they grow up and it is on the side of his farm who cares; who is going to mention that. But, like you said, if someone builds a house next to it, they are going to report it. The only way we are going to know about these things, they have to be reported. Nobody is going to ride around looking for them.

Supervisor Porter states we don't have the resources to do that.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison states I saw no problem with the ordinance but if something different could be discovered by tabling it for a month I don't have a problem with that.

Supervisor Porter states the only problem is that the temporary ordinance expires.

Supervisor West states and we would have to re-advertise too don't we?

Mr. Johnson states not necessarily. It isn't a public hearing.

Supervisor West states okay.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike states I look at it from a different angle. We've got almost 3,000 platted residential areas in the county. Some of them have been on the drawing board for 90 years or more. Now, are we saying that most of the land is farmed and some neighbor moves in and the first thing they are going to do is complain not only about the grass but the corn and the weeds?

Chairman Jones states no.

Supervisor Updike states let's be real.

Supervisor Porter states the ordinance says specifically weeds; it doesn't talk about crops.

Supervisor Updike states okay. Let me say this; weeds. What is the definition of a weed? I will give you a definition of a weed. It is a plant out of place. That is the definition and you can look it up. It is a plant out of place. That is the definition of a weed.

Supervisor Porter states I think you are stretching the definition a little bit; calling a corn in the field weed.

Supervisor Updike states now think about a pasture that has been zoned that way for 20, 30 years and all of a sudden dog kennels and weeds; you can cut them today and tomorrow they are up again and they can complain that it needs to be cut. So, here is the county coming in there with no limits on how much they can charge. No limit on how many times they can do it. I understand and I support these abandoned houses but we have to look at the total picture of what we are talking about. This ordinance will cover all of them; 3,000 different lots and the people can start complaining. What are you going to do?

Supervisor Porter states well you can control the cost by cutting the grass when the County tells you it is too tall. If you don't cut it, and you wait for the County to cut it than you don't have any right to complain about the cost because you control that by taking responsibility for doing what is right.

Chairman Jones states Mr. Johnson, do you have any idea how many we have had this year so far. Just a ball park figure.

Mr. Michael Johnson states in the agricultural areas?

Chairman Jones states just for grass cutting.

Mr. Michael Johnson states we have done two this month since you adopted the emergency ordinance last month.

Mr. Richard Railey states I think we have had a total of five.

Supervisor Edwards states but those were next to residents.

Chairman Jones states right; that's all they are.

Supervisor Edwards states we are not talking about somebody that has a field grown up. We are talking about somebody that has a house there.

Mr. Michael Johnson states keep in mind your ordinance had this provision up until a year ago when you amended it and erroneously left this out. You are simply putting this back.

Supervisor West states exactly; that is all.

Supervisor Edwards states Mr. Chairman I would like to make a motion that we approve the attached ordinance.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states let's go to item thirteen, Capital Funding Request.

Mr. Michael Johnson states Mr. Chairman you see in your agenda package a capital funding request from the Courtland Volunteer Rescue Squad seeking their FY 2016 appropriation of \$7,000 to purchase a used ambulance from the Ivor Volunteer Rescue Squad. Capital funding in specified amounts has been set aside annually for each fire department and rescue squad since FY 2000. These funds are held in escrow until a request to draw them down is approved by the Board of Supervisors. Escrowed funds continue to accrue for each department/squad even if they are not drawn down on an annual basis. The attached spreadsheet illustrates the status of capital appropriations since FY 2000. As you see, we are holding \$7000 for FY 2016 in escrow for the Courtland Volunteer Rescue Squad. To date, we've collectively appropriated \$1,989,223 for fire and rescue improvements since 2000, and are currently holding \$540,777 in escrow.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to approve the capital funding request for the Courtland Volunteer Rescue Squad in the amount of \$7,000.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states let's go to item fourteen.

Mr. Michael Johnson states item fourteen Mr. Chairman is a consideration of a resolution seeking a construction standards modification and waiver from the Virginia Department of Corrections for the Jail Farm Kitchen/Cafeteria project. Sheriff Stutts is close to finalizing the plans for a new Kitchen and Cafeteria at the Southampton County Jail Farm. He would like to begin construction in October. The building will be a 30' x 80' pre-engineered metal building with much of the finish work proposed to be done by the Sheriff's Office staff and inmate labor. The Sheriff is functioning as his own General Contractor and will be subcontracting fabrication and erection of the building along with some of the skilled trade work. You have in your agenda packages a copy of the project budget; for Architect Fees we have \$16,400; Site Work \$15,000; Construction \$166,000; Permit Fees \$2,500; a ten percent Contingency of \$18,100 for a total budget of \$218,000. This project is proposed to be financed through VML/VACo Finance. We intend to ask VML/VACo to bid this project financing in September, concurrent with the Courthouse Security Project financing. The

assumed terms are 2.5% for 10 years. Your FY 2016 budget includes \$37,000 for the associated debt service. You have a spreadsheet in your agenda which illustrates the planned amortization for the terms of 2.5% for 10 years. In order to potentially qualify for 25% state funding, plans and specifications for local correctional facilities must be submitted to the State Department of Corrections for advance approval in accordance with Section 53.1-80, Code of Virginia. DOC regulations require all jail projects for which reimbursement is being requested for new construction to have a Value Management Analysis (VMA) performed during design. Because this is such a small construction project, the cost of the VMA would most likely exceed any potential benefits. Accordingly, it has been suggested to us to request from DOC a modification and waiver from the VMA requirement. We have prepared for your consideration tonight a resolution that asks for that waiver from the Value Management Analysis.

Supervisor West states this is just a request for a modification and waiver from VMA. I will make a motion that we adopt the attached resolution requesting a modification and waiver from the VMA requirement.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states okay, we will go to item fifteen.

Mr. Michael Johnson states item fifteen Mr. Chairman is a discussion regarding the development of a pedestrian and bicycle plan. Mrs. Lewis was contacted late last month by Dale Stith, a Principal Transportation Planner with the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), to see if the county has any interest in developing a Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, which may later be considered for adoption by the Board as a supplementary component of our Comprehensive Plan. While it may be necessary to phase development of the plan over two fiscal years for budgeting purposes, it may be prepared under the HRTPO's Rural Transportation Work Program at no direct cost to Southampton County. VDOT allocates part of the State Planning and Research (SPR) funding to provide annual transportation planning assistance earmarked specifically for non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. The Rural Transportation Planning (RTP) Program was created to aid the State in fulfilling the requirements of the State Planning Process to address the transportation needs of nonmetropolitan areas. In FY 2016 each planning district commission or regional commission will receive \$58,000 from VDOT's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program and each planning district commission must match that with \$14,500 to conduct specific rural transportation planning activities. Both the City of Franklin and Isle of Wight County currently have Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans. To give you some sense of the various elements of what is in one of those plans, I've attached a copy of Isle of Wight's plan in your agenda packages.

Chairman Jones states alright does anyone have questions on this?

Supervisor Updike states I have one suggestion. This should be presented to the Planning Commission first because they are responsible for what goes on and the development of the county. I don't think we should be taking over their responsibility. I move that...

Supervisor West states wait a minute stop getting excited.

Supervisor Updike states what?

Supervisor West states don't go so fast. I don't see that. I see that this is an opportunity. I see that the City of Franklin and Isle of Wight County are on board with it. I think it is an amenity that is good and I think it brings a new traffic of people into the county. We would have some control over the location of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and how it flows through the county. I would like to see it looked at and use the ability of the Rural Transportation Work Program at no additional cost. I think we need to move forward with this because I think it is important now.

Supervisor Edwards states I think you should support it but the leg work should be done by the Planning Commission. I agree with that too.

Supervisor Porter states I think what we are voting on here is to authorize Mrs. Lewis to coordinate with the HRTPO and our Planning Commission to develop this plan. That is what we

are voting on to do. The money is available through sources via grant and the matching funds of the Regional Planning Commission to do this. At the end of the day, we are not voting on a plan tonight. We are voting on the beginning of starting the process and I think it is something we need to consider for our residents. I am for starting this process and again the process as I understand it, correct me if I am wrong, we would vote to work with HRTPO through Mrs. Lewis and our Planning Commission to develop a plan. Is that correct?

Mr. Michael Johnson states that is correct. Your only decision tonight is do you want a plan. We are not talking about the content of the plan.

Supervisor Porter states you want to take advantage of the funds available to develop a plan. We can always vote it down later.

Mr. Michael Johnson states right.

Chairman Jones states I need a motion.

Supervisor Edwards states that is a good motion.

Supervisor Porter made a motion authorizing and directing Mrs. Lewis to coordinate development of a Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Master Plan with the HRTPO

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states before we go any further I skipped something back on Reports. I didn't get a report from Supervisor West or Supervisor Porter regarding Shared Services. I need to go back to that.

Supervisor Porter states we haven't met with the committee since the last meeting. Our meeting is Wednesday night. We have not had a meeting so we have nothing to report.

Supervisor West states but there should be some good news coming.

Chairman Jones states alright. Let's go to miscellaneous now.

Mr. Michael Johnson states there are just a couple of miscellaneous items to report. The first is the Virginia Association of Counties has their Region I meeting scheduled. You have a copy of the notice in your agenda packages. It is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Young-Laine Courts Building in Isle of Wight County. If any of you all intend to participate you will need to RSVP directly to Valerie Russell. Mrs. Lowe and I are already registered but it is open to all board members if you would like to attend.

Supervisor West states is this similar to what we did when we went up to the 4H Center.

Mr. Michael Johnson states yes.

Supervisor West states okay. It has been awhile.

Mr. Michael Johnson states item B is with regards to a loan commitment for the Drewryville Water System Improvements. You see in your agenda packages correspondence from Dr. Marissa Levine, State Health Commissioner, confirming that a the loan commitment from the Virginia Resources Authority is finally forthcoming; in fact it arrived today for improvements to the Drewryville Water System. You all may recall that the Virginia Department of Health offered us up to \$145,750 for the project, consisting of a \$72,875 loan at 2.5% interest for 30 years and another \$72,875 in forgiven principal which is basically a grant. We are currently in the final stages of developing the second well and will soon be bidding installation of the ground storage tank, booster pumps, and other site improvements. Engineering design for that project was \$18,500 and the construction budget has been estimated at \$118,255. Construction and administration will be performed by the project engineer which is WW Associates at their standard hourly rates. You all may remember you authorized us to proceed with this project three years ago at your August 27, 2012 meeting. Item C Mr. Chairman is just a project update for the Atlantic

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Coast Pipeline. You see a supplemental notice from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of their intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the planned Atlantic Cost Pipeline and they are also seeking comments on environmental issues related to new alternatives they have proposed. One of the new alternatives, referred to as the "Boykins Route Alternative" would deviate from Atlantic's planned route by primarily following an existing 115 kilovolt electrical transmission line for approximately 13 miles. So, it would impact fewer private properties in Southampton County. Item D; on August 18, Governor McAuliffe announced \$8.2 million in Community Development Block Grants for projects across the Commonwealth. Unfortunately the Newsoms Stormwater and Housing Rehab Project was not among them. During this year's competitive cycle, 22 proposals were submitted by 21 localities, and 11 projects received the initial funding with two projects receiving multi-year funding and one project receiving a letter of intent. We intend to seek a debriefing from the Development Housing Community Development staff to learn how to strengthen our resubmission for the next round of funding next year.

Chairman Jones states alright, any late arriving matters?

Mr. Michael Johnson states no sir.

Chairman Jones states any board member have anything else to come before us? If not, I need a motion to adjourn.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to adjourn.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business for tonight the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

Michael W. Johnson, Clerk