

At a regular monthly meeting of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, held on the 17th day of April 2019, in the Accomack County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac, Virginia at 5:00 p.m.

1. Opening of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Board of Supervisors Present:

Donald L. Hart, Jr., Chair
C. Reneta Major, Vice-Chair
Robert D. Crockett
William J. "Billy" Tarr
Ron S. Wolff
Grayson C. Chesser
Harrison W. Phillips, III
Paul E. J. Muhly

Board of Supervisors Absent:

Laura Belle Gordy

Others Present:

Mr. Michael T. Mason, County Administrator
Mrs. Cella J. Burge, County Attorney
Mrs. Jessica Taylor Hargis, Executive Assistant

There being a quorum, Chairman Hart called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1.1. Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Tarr.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. Adoption of Agenda

2. Public Comment

2.1 Public Comment Rules

Mrs. Burge read the rules for the Public Comment period. The following persons signed up to speak regarding Bells Neck Road in Painter, Virginia:

1. Anthony Giorgilli
2. Gerard Hennessey

Both gentleman expressed the need for repairs to the roadway and surrounding ditches due to flooding. It was noted that this topic was voted on by the Board of Supervisors previously to be included in VDOT's 2014 Secondary Six Year Plan (SSYP); however, the item was not included in the resolution sent to VDOT.

Chairman Hart and Ms. Major requested that staff coordinate a meeting onsite at the Bells Neck location to allow them to meet with VDOT personnel and residents of Bells Neck.

3. Consideration of Minutes

3.1 March 20, 2019

Mrs. Burge requested the following correction to the Closed Session Agenda Item from the March 20, 2019 meeting minutes:

18. Closed Meeting

18.1 Closed Meeting - Closed Meeting pursuant to Va. Code Va. Code Sections 2.2-3711.A.1 - Personnel Matters

On a motion made by Mr. Crockett and seconded by Mrs. Gordy, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711. for the following purpose:

1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. ~~and in particular discussion of the continued assignment and salary stipend of the Emergency Services Director.~~

On a motion made by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to approve the March 20, 2019 minutes, as amended.

4. Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Approval of Consent Agenda

On a motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented:

5.2 Considering Submitting Letter of Support to A-NPDC for its Grant Application to VDEM to Revise the Eastern Shore of Virginia's Hazard Mitigation Plan

5.3 Request to Schedule Public Hearing for the proposed Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards at the Accomack County Airport

5.4 Consider Scheduling a Public Hearing for May 15, 2019 for VDOT'S Secondary Six Year Plan (SSYP) 2020-2025

5.5 Request to Schedule Public Hearing for the review and renewal of the Atlantic, Craddockville, Leemont, Painter, Scarborough Neck, and Shields Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinances

5.6 Request to Reschedule Public Hearing for the review and renewal of the Locustville, Pungoteague, and Tasley Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinances

5.7 Consider Assisting the Town of Chincoteague with Cost Associated with Placement of New Communication Antenna Due to Existing County Equipment Location

5.8 Consider Requesting VDOT to Conduct a Speed Study on Bayside Road – Greenbush

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

7. Report of Public Officials

There were no reports.

8. Committee Reports

There were no reports.

9. Old Business

9.1 Consider changes to the Accomack County Sewer Agreement with the Town of Onancock

Mrs. Burge reviewed amendments that had been made to the agreement.

On a motion made by Mr. Crockett and seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to approve the April 2019 proposed revision to the 2015 Agreement for Central Accomack Utility Service between Accomack County and the County of Accomack.

10. Appointments

10.1 March Appointments

Captain's Cove / Greenbackville Mosquito Control Commission

The Board continued this matter until its May meeting.

Eastern Shore of Virginia Resource Conservation and Development Council

The Board continued this matter until its May meeting.

10.2 Attendance Reports

There was no discussion on this matter.

11. Public Hearing (6:30PM)

There was no public hearing.

12. New Business

12.1 Receive Presentation on the Importance of the 2020 Census

The Board received and discussed a presentation given by Dr. William 'Bill' P. O'Hare.

12.2 Receive information on the VPSA School Bond Refunding Opportunity Series 2019A

Mr. Mason informed the Board that the Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) is tentatively scheduled to sell a Refunding Series of School Financing Bonds as market conditions are favorable for refunding a portion of its outstanding School Financing Bonds. Two of Accomack's existing local school bonds are expected to be part of this

refunding. These two bonds were originally issued in 2003, to finance middle school construction, and are not scheduled to be fully retired until 2028. The expectation is that the County will realize over \$550K in future debt service savings by being included in this initiative. The Refunding Bonds are expected to be sold on or about April 30, 2019.

12.3 Consider increasing the already adopted 2% employee compensation increase from 2% to 3% effective 7/1/2019 to align with the Commonwealth's approved FY20 budget

On a motion made by Ms. Major and seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to increase the FY20 real estate tax revenue estimate by \$106,824 and that amount then be budgeted and appropriated to increase the previously approved County and state-supported local employee compensation increase from 2% to 3%.

12.4 Inclusion of Wallops Fire Department to the Response Matrix between Accomack County and Wallops Flight Facility

The Board received a presentation from Mr. C. Ray Pruitt, Director of Public Safety, detailing the agreement requested and agreed upon at the Accomack County Fire-Rescue Commission meeting in March, to include Wallops Fire Department in the response matrix to allow them to assist with working and non-working residential and commercial structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, this is in addition to the agreement in place between Accomack and Wallops Flight Facility to allow WFF to provide Fire/EMS support, upon request.

13. County Administrator's Report

13.1 Update on Whispering Pines

Mr. Mason informed the Board that the County and the original low bidder, Allen Clark, Jr., Inc. had been unable to come to terms on the agreement.

He stated that the second low bidder was Macsons, Inc. from Norfolk, VA. Macsons bid price was \$248,316. Staff has confirmed that Macsons is a “responsible” bidder – able to perform the work, and they have verbally agreed to take the job, pursuant to our terms, if the Board sees fit to award it to them. Since this bid is \$73,966 over the approved budget for this project, a budget amendment will need to be pursued, the source of which will be the County’s better than expected delinquent personal property tax collections which already exceed the budgeted amount for the year by \$239,545 at March 31, 2019.

Mr. Muhly expressed his concern with the amount of funds being used to demolish Whispering Pines.

On a motion made by Mr. Crockett and seconded by Ms. Major, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, on a vote seven (7) to one (1), with one member absent, voted to award the bid for demolition of Whispering Pines to the second low bidder, Macsons, in the amount of \$248,316 and to amend the County budget and

appropriate an additional \$73, 966 for this project, with the intent to recover cost from the property owner.

**Chesser – Aye, Phillips – Aye, Muhly – No, Wolff – Aye, Hart – Aye,
Gordy – Absent, Tarr – Aye, Major – Aye, Crockett – Aye**

13.2 Other Items

No other matters were discussed.

14. County Attorney's Report

Mrs. Burge had nothing to report.

15. Board of Supervisors Comment Period

- A. **Mr. Chesser** – Discussed controversial conversations regarding the VIMS Mass Balance Study reported on by Dr. Snyder at the March meeting.
- B. **Mr. Phillips** – Congratulated all involved in making the launch successful. Suggested including the Registrar's Office in the review of the Space Needs Committee.
- C. **Mr. Muhly** – Had spoken with Mrs. Patty White, Registrar who expressed a need for additional office space.
- D. **Mr. Wolff** – Congratulated NASA on another successful launch. Wished everyone a happy Easter and Passover holiday.
- E. **Ms. Gordy** – Absent.
- F. **Mr. Tarr** – Chincoteague Island business continued to pick-up with the rocket launch. Requested that the Board consider, at its May meeting, extending the term of the current staffing for the newly formed Eastern Shore Tourism Commission to June 30, 2020.
- G. **Ms. Major** – On April 1, 2019, Governor Northam declared April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- H. **Mr. Crockett** – Stated that he concurred with Mr. Tarr's request regarding an extension to the current staffing of the Tourism Commission.
- I. **Chairman Hart** – No comment.

16. Budget and Appropriation Items

**16.1 Consider Approving Resolution to Amend the County FY2019 and FY2020 Budgets
On a motion made by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. Muhly, the Accomack County
Board of Supervisors voted to approve the resolution to amend the County's FY2019
and FY2020 Budgets as follows:**

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND 2020 ACCOMACK COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUDGETS

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors to approve and maintain the budgets for Accomack County; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2018, the Board of Supervisors finalized the Accomack County Fiscal Year 2019 Budget; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2019, the Board of Supervisors finalized the Accomack County Fiscal Year 2020 Budget; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the fiscal year certain unanticipated events occur that compel amendments to the budgets be made; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the following requested budget amendments and recommends that they be approved; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Accomack County, Virginia, that the Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 County budgets be amended by the amounts listed below and the amounts appropriated for the purposes indicated.

Fiscal Year	Requesting Department	Fund/Function	Purpose	Funding Source	Total
FY19	County Administration	General Fund/Public Works	To record a previously approved feasibility study for constructing a central wastewater collection system in identified areas including Accomack County.	Contingencies	\$ 10,000
FY19	County Administration	General Fund/Public Works	To record two previously approved time-of-day School Zone Speed Limit signs, including installation, on Warrior Drive.	Contingencies	\$ 20,187
FY19	Public Works	Co. Capital Prj Fund/Public Works	To recognize funds received for Greenbackville Harbor renovations from the Greenbackville Harbor Association.	Recovered Costs	\$ 25,000
FY19	Sheriff	General Fund/Public Safety	To record Sheriff's 7 & 8 grade employees salary increases reimbursable through the Compensation Board.	Categorical Aid	\$ 27,761
FY19	County Administration	General Fund/General Admin.	Accounting reclassification to move Purchasing employee to Finance from County Administration.	To Finance	\$ 46,683
FY19	Finance	General Fund/General Admin.	Accounting reclassification to move Purchasing employee to Finance from County Administration.	From County Administration	\$ (46,683)
FY19	Public Works	General Fund/Public Works	Accounting reclassification to move WRP mowing and maintenance to Public Works.	To Public Works	\$ 19,696
FY19	Public Works	General Fund/Public Works	Accounting reclassification to move WRP mowing and maintenance to Public Works.	From Wallops Research Park	\$ (19,696)

Fiscal Year	Requesting Department	Fund/Function	Purpose	Funding Source	Total
FY19	Registrar	General Fund/Electoral Board	To recognize the collection of election expenses recovered from towns.	Recovered Costs	\$ 325
FY20	County Administration	General Fund/Planning & Community Development	To appropriate funds received over FY18 adopted budget estimates for E.S. Tourism Commission's transient occupancy tax revenue share.	Tax Collection	\$ 14,523
FY20	County Administration	General Fund/Planning & Community Development	To adjust E.S. Tourism Commission's contribution to be equal to Northampton County's.	Contingencies	\$ (28,062)
FY20	County Administration	General Fund/Planning & Community Development	To adjust E.S. Tourism Commission's contribution to be equal to Northampton County's.	Contribution	\$ 28,062
FY20	Social Services	Welfare Fund/Health & Welfare	Accounting reclassification to move CSA coordinator from CSA fund to SS fund.	From CSA Fund	\$ (30,000)
FY20	Social Services	Comprehensive Youth Services Fund/Health & Welfare	Accounting reclassification to move CSA coordinator from CSA fund to SS fund.	To Social Services Fund	\$ 30,000
FY20	County Administration	General Fund/Various	1% compensation increase for regularly scheduled County positions effective 7/1/19 in order to be in line with State's 3% increase for the County's Constitutional Offices.	Real Estate tax estimate	\$ 68,966
FY20	County Administration	General Fund/Various	1% compensation increase for Compensation Board positions effective 7/1/19 due to State's adopted 3% increase for the County's Constitutional Offices.	Categorical Aid	\$ 35,424
FY20	County Administration	EMS Fund/Public Safety	1% compensation increase for regularly scheduled EMS positions effective 7/1/19 in order to be in line with State's 3% increase for the County's Constitutional Offices.	Real Estate tax estimate	\$ 30,678
FY20	County Administration	Landfill Fund/Public Works	1% compensation increase for regularly scheduled Landfill positions effective 7/1/19 in order to be in line with State's 3% increase for the County's Constitutional Offices.	Landfill Tipping Fees	\$ 7,180
Total					\$ 233,830


 Donald L. Hart, Jr.
 Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


 Michael T. Mason, CPA
 County Administrator

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Accomack County, Virginia, this 17th day of April 2019.

17. Payables

17.1 Consider April Payables

Mr. Mason certified the April payables.

On a motion made by Mr. Crockett and seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to certify Mr. Mason to pay the April payables.

18. Closed Meeting

There was no Closed Meeting session.

19. Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. Tarr, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.