

At the Regular Meeting of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, held on the 20th day of July, 2022, in the cafetorium at Metompkin Elementary School, located at 24501 Parksley Rd., Parksley, VA 23421 at 5:00 p.m.

## 1. Opening of Meeting

### MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

#### Board of Supervisors Present:

William J. “Billy” Tarr, Chair

Robert D. Crockett, Vice-Chair

Ron S. Wolff

Donald L. Hart, Jr. – *left at 8:41 p.m. due to travel arrangements.*

Vanessa Kay Johnson

H. Jackie Phillips (J. Phillips) – *Participated remotely due to illness.*

Paul E. J. Muhly

Harrison W. Phillips, III (H. Phillips)

C. Reneta Major

#### Board of Supervisors Absent:

None

#### Others Present:

Mr. Michael T. Mason, County Administrator

Ms. Jan Proctor, County Attorney

Mrs. Jessica Taylor Hargis, Executive Assistant

1.1 Invocation was given by Ms. Major.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Consider Allowing Remote Participation of Board Member(s) (if warranted)

Mr. J. Phillips stated that he requested to participate remotely due to being ill. He is currently participating from his home address on Cashville Road in Onancock

**On a motion made by Ms. Major and seconded by Mr. Crockett, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to allow Supervisor Jackie Phillips to participate remotely following the Remote Participation Policy.**

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

**On a motion made by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to adopt the agenda as presented.**

## 2. Public Comment

2.1 Public Comment Rules were read into the record. A copy of all recommendations referenced below have been attached as a part of these minutes.

### 1. Jodi Bagwell – Shoremain Drive, Bloxom

Chief of BVFC: Spoke in opposition to Recommendation # 2 related to the consolidation of DPS Fire Medics.

### 2. Greg Nottingham –Jefferson Ave, Keller

President, Melfa VFC: Mr. Nottingham stated that MelfaVFC had always been willing to help DPS to fill DPS positions and now needs the help. Requests that the BOS keep DPS personnel at Melfa.

### **3. Brandon Patterson –Texacotown Road, Melfa**

Chief, Melfa VFC:

- In response to Recommendation #1: Recommended adopting the State of Virginia's minimum training standards that apply to all volunteer firefighters.
- Recommended an update to the Fire and Rescue Response boundary lines so that the closest station responds to a call.

### **4. Aubrey Justice 20071 Saxis Road – Saxis, VA**

Saxis VFC: Expressed that he recognized that Director Pruitt was asked to come up with a way to protect the County with what he has to work with and while doesn't agree with all of the decisions, he understands and respects the recommendations. He expressed his opposition to removing DPS employees from Bloxom.

### **5. William Bill Taggert – Saxis Road, Saxis**

Rescue Captain, Saxis VFC: Mr. Taggert expressed that he did not believe the recommendations were appropriate and would be a step backward as it would delay response times in some of the northern areas of the County.

### **6. Dan Teague –Hopeland Road, Bloxom**

Mr. Teague stated that it would be unacceptable to follow recommendation #2 as it would delay the response time to his community.

### **7. Brantley “Pete” T. Onley - Hopeland Road, Bloxom**

Expressed his opposition to recommendation #2 as it would delay the response time to his neighborhood, especially when crossing Route 13, as traffic is horrendous, especially on the weekend.

### **8. Darryn Fussell – 19524 Bayside Road – Greenbush VA**

President + Deputy Chief, Parksley VFC: Expressed that Director Pruitt had done what the Board asked of him by finding a solution with his current funding and without throwing more money and people at the problem.

- He stated that pulling DPS employees out of stations does not mean there will not be covered as they have staff, volunteers, and additional equipment.
- He stated that recommendation #1 – no chief or president would disagree with the need for training. The con listed is that people have to work multiple jobs to make ends meet and do not have the time for training courses.
- He further expressed that he hoped that the volunteers would have a say in what training is provided and have it similar across the board to be able to respond to one another.

### **9. Barry Outten – 1479 Stockton Stock Ave.**

Chief, Greenbackville VFC: Thanked the BOS and Director Pruitt for support of Greenbackville.

- Mr. Outten stated that Director Pruitt was not trying to take people from other departments. He is adjusting to meet the 20 minutes response time recommended.
- Mr. Outten expressed his support of the recommendations made by Director Pruitt so long as response times are met. He further expressed the need for the Board to offer better compensation for DPS Personnel.

**10. Glenn Smith – Market St, Onancock**

Deputy Chief, Tasley VFC:

- Tasley VFC is in favor of Recommendation # 1 – and at minimum the County should adopt State training and require it from the top employees down.
- For Recommendation #3 – he suggested that the Board provide increased compensation and incentives for employees, retention policies, and Volunteer family assistance for non-line of duty deaths.
- He recommended that each VFC submit a list of all active members for the previous year by January 30<sup>th</sup> of current year, for the prior year and those people be exempt from personal property taxes

**11. Adam James – Belote Lane, Onancock**

Chief, Onancock VFC: Stated that Director Pruitt was asked to provide recommendations using his current options. He stated that Director Pruitt had taken the time to speak with the chief of each volunteer department. Mr. James provided the following feedback on the recommendations advanced by Director Pruitt to the Board:

- #1 – fully support the safety of citizens, volunteers, and personnel
- #2 – supports the consolidation as it appears to be based on data and metrics
- #3 – align of career DPS compensation – Volunteer cannot speak to, but there is a retention issue that needs to be addressed and hopes the Board will consider competitive pay
- #4 – great idea on paper and hopes it would work out, but in the end comes back to the BOS

**12. Sean Fate – Richardson Ave, Wachapreague**

Chief of Wachapreague VFC: Thanked the DPS staff as the team, volunteers, and paid staff, would not be able to work without them as a team. He then reminded everyone that these recommendations were not solely about the DPS employees or volunteers, but about the team that the two formed.

- He stated that on behalf of himself, not as Chief of WVFC, the recommendation to put a second crew at Painter VFC is impactful as it raises the question of who will provide the additional ambulance at Painter as Wachapreague provides the ambulances for the current staff.
- Requested that the Board consider tabling the matter until each fire department had time to review the recommendation as a company and respond to the Board with their recommendation as a company.
- Supports recommendation #3 to align career DPS compensation with compensation provided to Sheriff Deputies as the volunteer system cannot work without the paid DPS staff.

**13. Cory Michael Dean – Captain’s Corridor, Greenbackville**

President, Accomack County Firefighters Union - IAFF Local #3698

Mr. Dean stated that he had 24 years of experience, beginning with volunteering in 1998. He corrected that while a few of his fellow DPS employees had left for better schedules and other various reasons, the majority left due to money. Mr. Dean used himself as an example, stating that he is currently at the top of the pay scale for his position and will receive that same pay for his first year with Salisbury and then receive an increase after one year. He explained that Accomack is used as a stepping stone for the training it provides and other companies will offer to pay the education debt to Accomack to gain experienced and trained employees. Mr. Dean recognized that Director Pruitt was in a

tough position. He also recognized Director Pruitt for his work and efforts and stated that Director Pruitt would tell anyone that he would rather pay enough good experienced FireMedics rather than have bodies to fill a shift.

### **3. Consideration of Minutes**

**On a motion made by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. H. Phillips, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to adopt the following meeting minutes as presented:**

**3.1 April 4, 2022 Minutes: FY22-23 Budget Public Hearings**

**3.2 May 21, 2022 Strategic Planning Retreat**

**3.3 June 15, 2022 Regular Meeting**

### **4. Consent Agenda**

**4.1 Approval of Consent Agenda**

**On a motion made by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. Crockett, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to adopt the Consent Agenda as it was presented with the following items:**

**4.2 Consider Resolution for Support to OEMS for Wallop's Flight Facility (WFF) Fire Department Ambulance Services**

**4.3 Consider Award RFP #316 - County Electrical Inspection Services**

**4.4 Consider Virginia Space Conditional Use Permit Extensions (CUSE 000167-2021 and CUSE 000168-2021)**

**4.5 Consider Scheduling a Public Hearing on Amendments to the Industrial Zoning District Regulations**

**4.6 Consider authorizing the County Administrator to execute all documents needed to obtain \$26,900 in USDA Grant funding for the purchase of one Sheriff Patrol Vehicle and further agreeing to abide by all the covenants contained in the grant's letter of conditions**

**4.7 Consider Approval of Resolution Supporting 2024 Smart Scale Applications**

**4.8 Consider initiating a resolution to amend the Zoning Ordinance related Zoning Board of Appeals**

**4.9 Consider initiating a resolution to amend the Subdivision Ordinance related to changes in State Code**

**4.10 Consider Approval of Resolution Accepting Avigation Easement for Parcel 42 near Accomack County Airport**

**4.11 Consider Revisions to County Procurement Policy**

**4.12 Consider Approval of Salary Action/Increase for County Administrator and County Attorney (same 5% increase as most County employees are to receive on August 1, 2022)**

**4.13 Consider the request from ES Public Library Trustees to rename the Archivist Room to the Archivist Office Dedicated to the Memory of Kirk C. Mariner, Sponsored by Carol and R. Scott Callander. (Room 117)**

**4.14 Consider the request from ES Public Library Trustees to rename the Eastern Shore Room to the Eastern Shore Room in Memory of Katharine H.S. Edmonds (Room 114)**

**4.15 Consider the request from ES Public Library Trustees to rename the Gallery to the Gallery Sponsored by Judy and Terry Malarkey (Room 109)**

- 4.16 Consider the request from ES Public Library Trustees to rename the Staff Kitchenette to the Jay Davenport Kitchenette (Room 130)
- 4.17 Consider the request from ES Public Library Trustees to rename the Circulation Desk to the William R. Lewis, Jr. Circulation Desk
- 4.18 Consider the request from ES Public Library Trustees to rename an outdoor granite bench to the In Memory of Joe & Helen McMath and Clyde & Margaret Broache
- 4.19 Consider the request from ES Public Library Trustees to rename an outdoor granite bench the In memory of Art Fisher, Eastern Shoreman and beloved husband, father, and "Dodgy"
- 4.20 Consider the request from ES Public Library Trustees to rename an outdoor granite bench to the In loving memory of Abbie Arms. She was amazing.
- 4.21 Consider the request from ES Public Library Trustees to rename an outdoor granite bench Given by Kim and Wendy Miles in Honor of Helen and Abie Miles, Ben and Joy Nathanson
- 4.22 Consider the request from ES Public Library Trustees to rename an outdoor granite bench to the Theodore Thatcher Belfit 1979-2011, Arborist Family. Friends. Books. Trees and Waves.

#### **5. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

#### **6. Old Business** (*Agenda Items 6.1 and 6.2 were discussed after Public Hearings were held.*)

- 6.1 Action on Application REZ-000267-2021 - Scout Energy/Jupiter Power to Conditionally Rezone Tax Map # 27-A-103A from General Business and Agriculture to Industrial.

August 2021 learned of this project – has been on a constant quest to obtain as much information as possible to establish – going to the community, churches, property owners, and Jupiter Energy has attended the fire and risk training with VFCs, canvassed the mobile home parks. With the health, safety, and community comments. I supposed the project of Jupiter Entry Project.

**On a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors approves, by the adoption of the attached ordinance, the rezoning application filed by Scout Energy/Jupiter Power rezoning application (REZ 000267-2021) to conditionally rezone Tax Map # 27-A-103A (property located across RT-175 from the ANEC Substation), Wattsville, VA) from General Business and Agriculture to Industrial as recommended by the Planning Commission. With the following condition and ordinance:**

1. **The proffer statement dated April 6, 2022, which becomes part of the Accomack County Zoning Ordinance, including the proffers that ties the rezoning to the site plan, limits the use of the property and provides for 30 feet of right of way dedication for RT-175 expansion.**

**Approval is supported by the following findings of facts:**

1. **The majority of the property is zoned General Business which allows some intensive land uses by right. The conditional rezoning to Industrial will restrict the use of the property to a single use; lithium battery storage.**

2. **The Accomack-Northampton Electric Cooperative (ANEC) Wattsville substation is direct across RT 175 from the project site. Access to high voltage 138kv and 69kv lines are readily accessible from the site.**
3. **The 2008 Comprehensive Plan designated an area of Wattsville as Village Development Area. The current development pattern along RT 175 in Wattsville is a mix of business, residential, and other land uses. Given the ANEC substation location and high voltage electric lines on the west side of the property, an energy storage use is appropriate at this location.**
4. **The Board of Supervisors finds that battery energy storage is an emerging technology that benefits the regional power grid.**
5. **The Board of Supervisors finds that electrical power is an essential component of modern life and is critical to advancing the Comprehensive Plan.**
6. **The Board of Supervisors finds that the lithium battery storage project is in general accord with the Comprehensive Plan of current adoption and compliant with Section 15.2- 2232.**
7. **The Board finds that the rezoning with proffers will serve the public health, safety, and welfare by contributing to the efficacy of electric power facilities, limiting the use of the property to an energy storage system, and providing additional right-of-way for public use.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ACCOMACK COUNTY ZONING MAP TO  
CONDITIONALLY REZONE PARCEL ID 02700A0000103A0 (Tax Map # 27-A-103A),  
CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 11.6 ACRES, FROM AGRICULTURAL AND  
GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS TO INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, SUBJECT TO  
PROFFERS.  
(REZ-000267-2021).**

WHEREAS, the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice require the amendment of the Accomack County Zoning Map to change the classification of certain real property identified as Parcel ID 02700A0000103A0 (Tax Map # 27-A-103A), located in the vicinity of the intersection of Chincoteague Road, State Route 176, and Fleming Road, State Route 679, Accomack County, Virginia, and consisting of approximately 11.6 acres, from Agricultural and General Business District to Industrial District, as shown on the attached site plan, entitled "Conceptual Site Plan Scout Energy Storage Facility Accomack County, Virginia," dated 2022 ("Site Plan"); and

WHEREAS, this change in classification, hereinafter referred to as a rezoning, is subject to conditions voluntarily offered by the Owner/Applicant, Scout Storage LLC, set forth in the attached proffer statement, dated April 6, 2022 ("Proffer Statement"); and

WHEREAS, following a duly advertised public hearing, the Accomack County Planning Commission, on April 13, 2022, recommended approval of the conditional rezoning, subject to the proffers set out in the Proffer Statement, based on good zoning practice and promotion of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, at a public hearing held on June 15, 2022, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors approved the conditional rezoning, subject to the Proffer Statement and Site Plan, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Accomack County, Virginia, that in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare, the real property identified as Parcel ID 02700A0000103A0 (Tax Map # 27-A-103A), located in the vicinity of the intersection of Chincoteague Road, State Route 176, and Fleming Road, State Route 679, Accomack County, Virginia, and consisting of approximately 11.6 acres, from Agricultural and General Business District to Industrial District, subject to the Site Plan and the proffers set forth in the Proffer Statement dated April 6, 2022, signed by the Owner/Applicant Scout Energy LLC.

The proffers set forth in the Proffer Statement are incorporated herein and shall be made a part of the Accomack County Zoning Ordinance and shall continue in effect until a subsequent amendment changes the zoning on the rezoned property.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack, Virginia, on the 20th day of July, 2022. This ordinance is effective upon adoption.

**VOTE:**

**AYES: H. Phillips, Johnson, Muhly, Wolff, Tarr, J. Phillips, Crockett, Major, Hart**

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

  
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William "Billy" Joe Tarr, Chairman

Dated: July 20, 2022

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution approved July 20, 2022, at a meeting of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, Accomack County, Virginia.

A COPY TESTE:   
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Michael T. Mason, CPA  
County Administrator/Clerk to the Board



6.2 Action on application CUSE-000268-2021- Scout Energy/Jupiter Power for a Conditional Use Permit for the construction and operation of a battery storage facility utilizing a site of more than ten (10) acres at Tax Map # 27-A-103A.

**On a motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors approves the Scout Energy/Jupiter Conditional Use Permit application (CUSE-000268-2021) for a lithium battery energy storage facility Tax Map # 27-A-103A (property located across RT -175 from the ANEC Wattsville Substation - Wattsville, VA) as recommended by the Planning Commission, which includes 12 conditions as amended below, and adopts the Planning Commission's findings of fact and rationale for approval. In addition, the Board of Supervisors finds that the issuance of the conditional use permit will serve the public health, safety, and welfare by improving the efficacy of electric power facilities, contributing to the public infrastructure, and by mitigating the impact of the energy storage system on adjacent properties.**

**The Board's approval of the Conditional Use Permit amends the Planning Commission's recommendations as follows:**

- 1. Condition 2 - Approves revised site plan package with a cover sheet last dated 03-25-2022 prepared by Ulteig.**
- 2. Condition 3 - Approves revised landscape plan package last dated 03-07-2022 prepared by Norris Design and Ulteig.**
- 3. Condition 11 – Accepts the Planning Commission's recommendation and waives the Industrial District regulation requiring a fence or wall 20 feet from the abutting property line as part of, and subject to the Board of Supervisor's approval of, the Scout Energy/Jupiter Power siting agreement.**
- 4. Condition 12 – Revises the current language with the following: "These conditions adopted and approved by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors shall supersede any conflicting conditions offered by the applicant."**
- 5. Condition 13 - Adds condition #13 which prohibits the disposal of lithium batteries from the facility in Accomack County at any time, including without limitation, while the facility is under construction, while the facility is in operation, during decommissioning, and after decommissioning is complete.**

6.3 Receive County Fire and EMS Service Level Recommendations from County Department of Public Safety Director

*At the Board's budget work session on February 28, 2022, the Board requested that the Director of Public Safety provide the Board with his written recommendations for improving fire and rescue services in Accomack County.*

Mr. C.Ray Pruitt, Director of Public Safety, presented the following recommendations which he noted were not all-inclusive, but rather the most significant in terms of impact on the existing service level and safety. Director Pruitt stated that he had spoken with every Volunteer Fire Chief. He also distributed a packet to the Board that included recruitment flyers that had been received by various DPS staff members.

<b>Recommendation # 1</b>	Develop minimum County-wide training standards that apply to all volunteer firefighters.
<b>Recommendation # 2</b>	Consolidation for DPS Fire Medics.
<b>Recommendation # 3</b>	Align Career DPS Compensation with compensation provided to Sheriff Deputies
<b>Recommendation # 4</b>	Standardize Select Volunteer Equipment among Stations

Director Pruitt clarified that he at no point recommended shutting down a volunteer fire station or doing away with volunteers. Applauds that he had so much support from the VFCs to have training standards. Training Standards have been recommended since the conception of the Fire Commission in 1986. Having the same training would allow paid and volunteers to respond together and require the same training. In 1983, when Director Pruitt joined Bloxom VFC and EMT was required. He stated that Accomack has one of the best fire training centers for the size of the county. Classes are canceled every year because people do not come to class. Director Pruitt has no authority over the volunteers. A working group is needed with the volunteers, even those who only drive the apparatus.

Discussion ensued among the Supervisors, Director Pruitt, County Administrator Mr. Mason, and Chief Human Resources Officer Ms. Carmody, regarding the data for responses, and data for hiring and retention.

***Break for Public Hearings – and then return to finished***

Discussion ensued among the Supervisors and Director Pruitt regarding each recommendation, the pros, and the cons. It was agreed that the topic has been discussed for years with little to no action taken; therefore, it was suggested that the Board authorize staff to proceed with the recommendations brought forth by Director Pruitt as he provided the data to support each recommendation. It was noted that changes could be made along the way if issues were found once implemented.; The implementation date was set for August 1, 2022.

The discussion moved to discuss possible incentives for ‘active’ fire and rescue volunteers. Mr. Mason stated that with 586 on record, there would be a loss of tax revenue; however, he noted that there are options listed within the state code that provide parameters.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. Crockett, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to accept the recommendations and move forward with the recommendations presented by Director Pruitt. The motion passed 6-3:**

**Ayes: Wolff, Major, Crockett, J. Phillips, Tarr, Johnson**

**Nays: Hart, H. Phillips, Muhly**

**Abstain: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to make Recommendation #3 Align Career DPS Compensation with compensation provided to Sheriff Deputies, from Director Pruitt’s presentation, effective immediately using the \$5 million remaining in the Emergency Medical Services Fund.**

Supervisor Crockett suggested that the Board have staff return with comparable compensation numbers to allow the County to retain and attract DPS personnel. He further explained that the \$5 million from the fund balance is steadily drawn from and more is spent than is brought in. Currently, the tax revenue is not enough to cover the EMS expense.

## 7. Appointments

### 7.1 Appointments

The following vacancies were deferred until the Board's August meeting:

- Eastern Shore Resource Conservation & Development Council
- Community Policy and Management Team
- Parks and Recreation
- Audit Committee: Citizen Member Subject Matter Expert:

#### ❖ Eastern Shore Community College:

**On a motion made by Mr. H. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to appoint Ms. Ruth Downing Tankard to the Eastern Shore Community College Board to fill the District 5 vacancy created by Mr. Glen Muhle. Mr. Muhle was an out-of-district appointment made by Mr. Jack Gray in 2014. This term commences immediately and will expire on June 30, 2026, at which time she may be considered to serve a second and final term.**

#### ❖ Audit Committee:

Mr. Mason reviewed the reasoning for the creation of the Audit Committee Staff recommended the Committee consist of three members comprised of:

1. BOS Member, preferably one of its members that currently serves on the Social Services Board:

**On a motion made by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. Crockett, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to appoint Ms. Major to the Audit Committee to serve as the Board of Supervisors member.**

2. Accomack County School Board Member, the School Board has been asked to endorse the creation of the audit committee and its duties and to recommend one of its members for appointment by the Board of Supervisors.:

**On a motion made by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. Crockett, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to appoint Dr. Ronnie Holden to the Audit Committee to serve as the Accomack County Public Schools Board Member.**

#### ❖ Accomack – Northampton Planning District Commission

1. **On a motion made by Mr. J. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to appoint Mr. Steve Johnsen to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Rickie Ross who did not wish to be considered for reappointment. This term will commence immediately and expire on June 30, 2023.**

2. **On a motion made by Mr. H. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Crockett, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to reappoint Mr. Gwendolyn Turner to serve an additional one-year term to commence immediately and expire on June 30, 2023.**

❖ Parks and Recreation

- 1. On a motion made by Mr. Muhly and seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to reappoint Ms. Kay Lewis for an additional four-year term to commence immediately and expire on June 30, 2026.**

7.2 Attendance Reports

Attendance Reports were included in the Board's Agenda packet.

**8. Public Hearing (6:30PM)**

8.1 Public Hearing Rules

Ms. Proctor read the Public Hearing Rules.

Mr. Mason explained that four Agenda items are attached to the Jupiter Project and staff requests no action after the public hearings until action has been taken on items 6.1 and 6.2

8.2 Hearing to Obtain Citizen Comment on Proposed Adoption of a Revenue Share Ordinance for Energy Storage Facilities

Mr. Mason reviewed the details of the proposed ordinance, explaining that Code of Virginia Section 58.1-2636 authorizes localities to adopt an ordinance that provides for a different form of taxation for energy storage systems and solar energy projects known as revenue share. Under the provisions of this Code section, the County is authorized to impose a rate of up to \$1400.00 per megawatt which would be assessed in lieu of traditional machinery and tools taxation. Based on the staff's analysis, for energy storage systems, revenue share provides the County with a greater revenue stream over the life of an energy storage facility than that associated with traditional taxation methods and is therefore recommended.

He stated that the draft ordinance limits revenue share to just energy storage systems and excludes solar energy projects. Explaining that staff believed excluding solar energy projects from revenue share is prudent at this time allowing the County greater flexibility to determine the right taxation model for future solar energy project proposals at the time they are submitted. The draft revenue share ordinance can always be amended in the future to include solar projects within its scope if it is beneficial for the County to do so.

Mr. Mason reviewed a summary of the key provisions of the proposed ordinance:

- Limits revenue share to electric energy storage facilities.
- Sets the revenue share rate at the maximum of \$1400.00 per megawatt of storage capacity.
- Dictates that "storage capacity" be determined based on submission by the facility owner to the interconnection utility.
- Does not apply within incorporated towns that have adopted their own revenue share ordinance for energy storage systems.
- Stipulates that the revenue share rate be increased by 10% on July 1, 2026, and every 5 years thereafter by 10%.

He then noted that the adoption of a revenue share ordinance is a prerequisite to considering the siting agreement associated with the Scout Storage/Jupiter Energy project proposed for Wattsville.

Chairman Tarr opened the public hearing

- 1. Jeff Powers – Parksley, VA – Spoke in opposition to the Jupiter Energy Project.**

2. **John Schnieder – Olde Mill – Fleming Road** – Discussed his interest in the prospect and beauty of Accomack County, suggesting barrier and vegetative buffer around the project and that the County be cognizant of the positive aesthetic along Rt 175.
3. **Robert Tittle – New Church, VA** – Spoke in opposition of the Jupiter Energy Project.
4. John Mitchell signed in but opted to not speak as his questions had been addressed.

Chairman Tarr closed the public hearing.

**On a motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Wolff the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to adopt the following Revenue Share Ordinance for Energy Storage Facilities, as it was presented, by roll call vote:**

**Ayes: H. Phillips, Johnson, Muhly, Wolff, Tarr, J. Phillips, Crockett, Major, Hart**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**Abstain: None.**

**AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT REVENUE SHARING FOR ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS IN ACCOMACK COUNTY PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA LAW**

WHEREAS, Section 58.1-2636 of the Code of Virginia authorizes localities to adopt an ordinance to assess a revenue share for energy storage systems; and

WHEREAS, Section 58.1-2636 further authorizes localities to assess a revenue share of up to \$1,400.00 per megawatt of storage capacity of the energy storage system; and

WHEREAS, the \$1,400.00 per megawatt of storage capacity for an energy storage system, shall be increased by 10 percent on July 1, 2026, and every 5 years thereafter by 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, a duly advertised public hearing was held on July 20, 2022, to receive public comment regarding the proposed adoption of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors finds the provisions of this ordinance to be appropriate and in the best interest of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors desires to adopt this ordinance to implement the provisions of Virginia Code Section 58.1-2636, as amended, as such provisions pertain to energy storage systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors that this ordinance implementing revenue sharing for energy storage systems is hereby adopted as follows:

1. The County hereby imposes a revenue share to be assessed at a rate of \$1,400.00 per megawatt of storage capacity on any energy storage system located in the County. This ordinance shall not apply to any incorporated town within the County that has adopted a revenue share ordinance for energy storage systems.

2. Storage capacity shall be measured in alternating current (AC) storage capacity of the facility, and the determination of storage capacity shall be based on submissions by the facility owner to the interconnecting utility.


3. The rate assessed under paragraph 1 above shall be increased by 10 percent on July 1, 2026, and every 5 years thereafter by 10 percent, except that this increase shall not apply to energy storage systems for which an application has been filed with the locality, as defined by Virginia Code Section 58.1-3660(H), and approved by the County prior to January 1, 2021.

4. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent the County from assessing taxes and fees on an energy storage system as provided by the Accomack County Code and authorized by the Code of Virginia.

Voting: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Not Voting: 0

This Ordinance is effective upon adoption.

Accomack County Board of Supervisors

By:   
William J. Tarr, Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance approved at the July 20, 2022, meeting of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, Accomack County, Virginia.

A Copy Teste:



Michael T. Mason,  
County Administrator and Clerk to the Court

### 8.3 Hearing to Obtain Citizen Comment on a Proposed Siting Agreement for the Scout Storage/Jupiter Energy Project in Wattsville

Mr. Mason reviewed the proposed agreement stating that the Code of Virginia § 15.2-2316.8 authorizes host localities to enter into a siting agreement with an applicant seeking to construct and operate an energy storage facility. The attached draft siting agreement between the County and Scout Storage LLC is being presented for the Board's review. It is contingent upon approval of the conditional rezoning and conditional use permit associated with the Scout Storage/Jupiter Energy proposed battery storage facility to be located on tax map # 27-A-103A. It is also contingent on the adoption of a revenue share ordinance by the Board.

The key provisions of the proposed siting agreement are as follows:

1. The agreement is conditioned on the County approving the associated conditional rezoning application and conditional use permits associated with tax map # 27-A-103A.
2. Parties agree that the sound wall in the location depicted on the project site plan satisfies the requirements of Section 106-138 of the County Zoning Ordinance.
3. Sets forth the amount of revenue share payments to the County by year.
4. Sets forth the number of supplemental payments to the County by year.
5. Prescribes that the County may reassess the real property associated with the project on an annual basis if the County chooses to do so.
6. Prescribes the allowable uses of revenue share and supplemental payments as stipulated in state law.
7. Makes agreement binding on successors.

Chairman Tarr opened and closed the Public Hearing as no one signed up or wished to speak.

**On a motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to approve the Siting Agreement with the addition of Article II, Item 3, to provide that the Supplement Payments will be used for public recreation purposes in the northern portion of Accomack County, subject to appropriation by the Board of Supervisors.**

8.4 Hearing to Obtain Citizen Comment on Sale of Accomack County Property in Wallops Research Park 2 +/- acres to Devreco, LLC

Mr. Rich Morrison reviewed the project.

Chairman Tarr opened and closed the public hearing as no one signed up or wished to speak.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. H. Phillips, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to authorize the County Administrator to execute the July 13, 2022 agreement, approved in form by the County Attorney.**

8.5 Hearing to Obtain Citizen Comment on amendments to Accomack County Code Section 70-2 to reflect changes in State code relating to the removal of trash and refuse from private property

Mr. Mason reminded the Board that at its regular monthly meeting on June 15, 2022, a draft ordinance was presented to the Board for review which amended County Code Section 70-2 to add "clutter" to the list of materials that may be removed from private property and specifically exempting agricultural properties from the ordinance both of which are reflected in current state law. At this same meeting, the Board ordered a public hearing to be held regarding these amendments. Mr. Mason emphasized that while these amendments would provide more enforcement tools for the County regarding violations, there is no dedicated funding to remedy violations that are not corrected by the property owner.

**On a motion made by Mr. Crockett and seconded by Ms. Major, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to adopt the following Ordinance amending County Code Section 70-2 to reflect changes in State code relating to the removal of trash and refuse from private property:**



**ENTITLED “SOLID WASTE,” SECTION 70-2 THEREOF, TO REFLECT CHANGES  
IN STATE LAW RELATING TO REMOVAL OF TRASH AND REFUSE FROM  
PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

WHEREAS, the County of Accomack, Virginia (“County”) adopted Section 70-2 of the Accomack County Code to require that property owners remove trash, garbage, refuse, litter and other substances that might endanger the health or safety of other residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, Section 70-2 was adopted under the authority of Virginia Code Section 15.2-901, which was amended by the General Assembly in 2021 to authorize localities to require the removal of clutter and to mandate an exemption for land zoned for or in active farming operation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack (“Board”) wishes to bring its local ordinance into compliance with state law by exempting from Section 70-2 those lands that are zoned for or in active farming use; and

WHEREAS, the Board further wishes to expand the scope of the Section 70-2 to include the removal of clutter from private property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors that Section 70-2 of the Accomack County Code be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

**Sec. 70-2. - Removal of dangerous refuse from property.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided, ~~the owners of real property within the county shall, at such times as the board may prescribe,~~ shall remove from their property any and all trash, garbage, refuse, litter, clutter, and other substances that might endanger the health or safety of other residents of the county. This section shall not apply to land zoned for or used for an active farming operation.

(b) After reasonable notice to the owner of a property upon which there is trash, garbage, refuse, litter, clutter, and other like substances that might endanger the health of other residents of the county, the board may, whenever it deems necessary, have such trash, garbage, refuse, litter, clutter, and other like substances removed by its own agents or employees, in which event the cost and expenses shall be chargeable to and paid by the owners of such property and may be collected by the county as taxes and levies are collected.

(c) Every charge authorized by this section with which the owner of such property shall have been assessed and which remains unpaid shall constitute a lien against such property, ranking on a parity with liens for unpaid local taxes and enforceable in the same manner as provided in Code of Virginia, §§ 58.1-3940 et seq. and 58.13965 et seq.

(d) For purposes of this ordinance, the term “clutter” shall mean mechanical equipment, household furniture, containers, and similar items that may be detrimental to the well-being of a

community when they are left in public view for an extended period or are allowed to accumulate.

Voting:

Ayes: 9

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: 0

This Ordinance is effective upon adoption.

Accomack County Board of Supervisors

By:   
William "Billy" Joe Tarr, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance approved at the July 20, 2022, meeting of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, Accomack County, Virginia.

A Copy Teste:

  
Michael T. Mason,  
County Administrator and Clerk to the Court

## 9. New Business

### 9.1 Receive Required Communications from External Audit Firm, Brown Edwards & Company, LLP Regarding FY21 External Audit

Mr. Mason stated that as required by Section §15.2-2511 of the Code of Virginia, the County's Finance Department prepared the report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the standards of financial reporting as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), and the Auditor of Public Accounts. Brown Edwards, an independent certified accounting firm, has audited these financial statements and their opinions are contained within the report. The auditor's report expresses an Unmodified Opinion on the County's Financial Statements.

Mr. Mason further explained that Section §15.2-2511 of the Code of Virginia requires Brown Edwards to present a detailed written report to the local governing body at a public session by the following December 31. Furthermore, the Board is receiving this report, approximately six months after the due date, because the County failed to issue its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report promptly, which is something the County is working to improve.

Mr. Mason reported that findings that had been identified by the auditors, which led him to his recommendation to establish an Audit Committee for Accomack County were listed beginning on page 225 of the Final ACFR FY21, on the Board's Agenda, and are associated with a number of different organizations that make up the financial reporting entity including the County primary government, Accomack County Public Schools, Department of Social Services, and various Constitutional Offices.

Mr. Mason stated there were five material weaknesses and three significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the County's financial statements and two material weaknesses and one significant deficiency related to the audit of federal awards reported by Brown Edwards. Furthermore, the County takes these findings seriously and prepared a corrective action plan which is also contained, in its entirety, within the financial report beginning on page 238. A committee comprised of representatives from the different entities previously mentioned has been formed and is charged with implementing the documented corrective actions. The Committee currently meets monthly and will continue to do so until all corrective measures are implemented including any actions needed to address comments on internal control contained in the separate report to the Board entitled "Report to the Board of Supervisors" which was also attached to the agenda item.

Leslie F. Roberts, CPA, Partner - Brown, Edwards & Company, L.L.P., reviewed the audit review and findings. She expressed that while it was a difficult audit, staff worked diligently through the process and created an action plan to remedy the issues identified, which is the importance of creating the audit committee as recommended by Mr. Mason.

Mr. Crockett clarified that entities included within the County Audit are entities that the County has no control over, making an audit committee composed of members from each entity would be beneficial. Ms. Roberts stated that part of the issue through the audit was gathering information from outside entities.

## 9.2 Consider Establishing an Audit Committee for Accomack County

Mr. Mason expressed the County's need for an Audit Committee and the event leading to his recommendation stating the County's FY21 External Audit has revealed a number of material weaknesses and significant deficiencies associated with the financial reporting and internal controls of the County, Accomack County Public Schools (ACPS), Constitutional Offices, and Department of Social Services (DSS). He further explained that a corrective action plan had been formulated and the County Administrator had assembled a committee made up of representatives from the County Finance Department, Treasurer's Office, ACPS, and DSS to begin implementing these actions.

**On a motion made by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mr. Crockett, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to establish an Audit Committee as recommended by the County Administrator with the following members and duties:**

**The duties of the committee are as follows:**

- 1. To provide a forum separate from management in which auditors and other interested parties can candidly discuss concerns relating to the County's annual external audit.**

2. **To carefully review, upon completion of the County's annual audit, all audit findings in the annual audit report and consult with the external auditors regarding any irregularities or deficiencies disclosed in the annual audit.**
3. **To consider the effectiveness of the internal control system, including information technology security and control, review the effectiveness of systems for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations.**
4. **To establish a process by which employees, taxpayers, or other citizens may confidentially report suspected illegal, improper, wasteful, or fraudulent activity. This is already in place for the County but not in other component units)**
5. **To annually present a written committee report detailing how it discharged its duties and any committee recommendations to the Accomack County Board of Supervisors and Accomack County School Board.**
6. **To provide reports or conduct investigations requested by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors.**

**The Committee should be compromised of three members:**

**One member of the Board of Supervisors (preferably one of its members that currently serves on the Social Services Board).**

1. **One member of the Accomack County School Board.**
2. **The School Board has been asked to endorse the creation of the audit committee and its duties and to recommend one of its members for appointment. On July 19, 2022, the School Board endorsed and appointed Dr. Ronnie Holden.**
3. **One citizen member, who is considered a subject matter expert**

## **10. County Administrator's Report**

Mr. Mason reported on the following items:

### **10.1 Possible Use of Distributors and Janssen Opioid Settlements (Partnership Exploration)**

Accomack County is expected to begin receiving opioid settlement proceeds this July starting with funds tied to the Distributors and Janssen Settlements. The actual amount the County is to receive is not set in stone yet but it is projected to be between \$126K and \$157K in 2022 and approximately \$25K annually thereafter until July 2038. The majority of these funds are restricted to uses designed to treat, prevent or eliminate the opioid crisis.

Mr. Mason reported that he had contacted the Eastern Shore Community Services Board (ESCSB) to explore partnership opportunities that would allow funds to be spent on initiatives that align with approved opioid remediation, as stipulated in Exhibit E of the Final Settlement Agreement (attached). The ESCSB has been asked to prepare a list of possible partnership programs that they could administer using these settlement proceeds, both restricted and unrestricted. Once staff has received the proposed program information from the ESCSB, it will be shared with the Board for discussion and consideration.

10.2 Mr. Mason reported that along with the Eastern Shore Tourism Commission's Executive Director, the County has submitted Virginia Tourism Commission ARPA Tourism Grant Application on July 11, 2022. Staff has since received notification that the VTC requires additional information regarding the timeline and marketing categories associated with the proposed spending plan, which staff and the Tourism Commission are working to provide.

### **10.3 2023 VATI Partnership/Application Status Update**

On July 7, 2022, the County submitted a letter of intent notifying DHCD of the County's intent to apply for an FY2023 VATI grant. The letter does not name the County's partner and does not identify the specific areas to be targeted for broadband construction. It is also nonbinding.

The County has been in discussions with both Charter/Spectrum and the ESVBA about forming a partnership to apply for VATI assistance. Data has been provided to Charter/Spectrum that identifies the areas currently served by the ESVBA with instructions for Charter/Spectrum to scope their project to provide a network to the remaining areas. A recommendation as to who the County should partner with on the FY23 VATI application will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on August 17th.

#### 10.4 County Sewer Asset Transfer to HRSD Agreement Status

Mr. Mason reported that HRSD distributed a draft sewer transfer and service agreement which was reviewed by staff. The agreement, when finalized, will control the transfer of the County's Central Accomack Sewer System assets to HRSD and the operational responsibility of those assets. Staff's comments and concerns were forwarded to HRSD and a meeting to discuss changes to the proposed terms and conditions held on July 20, 2022, and was a successful meeting.

#### 10.5 Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center Community Meeting to be held on July 21, 2022

A community meeting will be held at the MNS Cultural Enrichment Center on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 6:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information from residents on how they would like to see the MNS Cultural Enrichment Center used to meet the needs of the region. The input gained from the community meeting will help to formalize a vision for the future of the Center. This meeting is a requirement to obtain the \$50,000 DHCD planning grant conditionally awarded to the County for the Center.

### 11. County Attorney's Report

Ms. Proctor had nothing to report to the Board during the public session.

### 12. Board of Supervisors Comment Period

- ❖ **H. Phillips** – Congratulated Accomack Little League Senior Girls Softball Team on the tournament for being undefeated through the State tournaments and making it to the Regional Tournament. He requested that once the tournaments have concluded, the Board present the team with a resolution, hopefully at the Board's August meeting.
- ❖ **Johnson** – Attended three Juneteenth festivals and the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence's open house of Hope Harbor.
- ❖ **Hart** – Thanked the Board and staff for their condolences due to the loss of his mother.
- ❖ **Tarr** – He and Chincoteague Town officials were requested to attend a Zoom meeting with Congresswoman Luria, once connected only her staff members were on the call and they asked what Chincoteague had done to obtain money for the Assateague Beach parking. Mr. Tarr then requested that the Board \$50,000 in the Inlet Study Fund outsource a TIGER Grant. Mr. Mason stated that staff would do their due diligence to see what is required of the TIGER Grant.

**On a motion made by Mr. Tarr and seconded by Mr. Hart, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to use \$50,000 of the Inlet Study funds to outsource the TIGER Grant application.**

### 13. Budget and Appropriation Items

13.1 Consider Approving Resolution to Amend the FY22 and FY23 Budgets

**On a motion made by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to amend the FY22 and FY23 budgets as presented:**

*July 20, 2022 BOS Meeting*

## RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND 2023 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 29, 2021, the Board of Supervisors finalized the Accomack County Fiscal Year 2022 Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2022, the Board of Supervisors finalized the Accomack County Fiscal Year 2023 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 it be approved; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Accomack County, Virginia, that the Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 County budgets be amended by the amounts listed below and the amounts appropriated for the purpose indicated.

Fiscal Year	Requesting Department	Fund/ Function	Purpose	Funding Source	Total
FY23	Sheriff	General Fund/Public Safety	To recognize award of funds for vehicle purchase.	Federal Funds	\$ 29,600
FY23	Victim Witness	General Fund/Judicial Administration	To recognize additional Victim Witness Program grant funds.	State Funds	\$ 560
FY22	Clerk of Circuit Court	General Fund/Judicial Administration	To recognize grant funds received for the Circuit Court Records Preservation Program.	State Funds	\$ 18,138
Total					\$ 48,298

ATTEST:

  
Michael T. Mason, CPA  
County Administrator

  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Accomack County, Virginia, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

### 14. Payables

14.1 Consider Payables

Mr. Mason certified the July payables.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. H. Phillips, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to approve to authorize the County Administrator to pay the July Payables.**

## **15. Closed Meeting**

### 15.1 Closed Meeting

*Supervisor Hart left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.*

**On a motion made by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. H. Phillips the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to enter into Closed Session at 8:45 p.m. pursuant to:**

**15.2 Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.3 pertaining to property acquisition for office space**

**15.3 Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711(A)(7) and (8) pertaining to the library.**

### 15.4 Certification of Closed Meeting

**On a motion made by Mr. H. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Major, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to certify that to the best of each Board Member's knowledge (1) only public business lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements was discussed and (2) only matters identified in the convening motion were discussed, by roll call vote 8-1:**

**Aye: H. Phillips, Johnson, Muhly, Wolff, Tarr, J. Phillips, Crockett, Major**

**Nay: None.**

**Abstain: None.**

**Absent: Hart**

Mr. H. Phillips asked if the Space Needs Study that would address the building and space needs of all departments, once the School Board relocated. Mr. Mason responded that the Board should wait to move forward with the County's space needs plan until the School Board has selected its new administrative office. Discussion ensued regarding the current library building in Accomack. Mr. Crockett requested that Mr. Hall distribute the most recent report and cost estimate done by an engineer to the Board.

**On a motion made by Mr. Crockett and seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to purchase rural property identified as Lot 9 of the Subdivision of Accawmack Office Center for the purchase price of \$390,000; to appropriate the sum of \$430,000 for this project and for this purchase to include any closing costs, renovations and to provide for a project contingency which can be reappropriated at the Board's discretion if not needed; and to authorize the County Administrator to take such action as may be necessary to complete the purchase and accept the property on behalf of the County.**

**by roll call vote 6-2-1:**

**Aye: Johnson, Wolff, Tarr, J. Phillips, Crockett, Major**

**Nay: H. Phillips, Muhly**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: Hart**

## **16. Adjournment**

**On a motion made by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. J. Phillip, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted to adjourn at 9:18 p.m.**

# Accomack County Fire/EMS

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR INITIATIVES

JULY 20, 2022



# Recommendation #1: Establish a Minimum Volunteer Training Standard

Recommendation	Third Party Study Reference	Pros/Cons	Cost	Implementation Date	Additional Info
<p><b>Develop minimum County-wide training standards that apply to all volunteer firefighters</b></p> <p>Example: Firefighters using SCBA must be Certified Firefighter I</p> <p>NIOSH Report: Firefighters 9 percent increase in cancer, 14 percent increase in cancer related deaths, compared to general population.</p>	<p>All Hands Study 2007</p> <p>Fire Commission Meeting December 10, 1986 Priority Goals &amp; Objectives</p> <p>Fire Commission Fire / EMS Response Committee 1998</p>	<p><u>Pro:</u> On Scene Safety, Firefighter. Ensure Firefighters from multiple stations have same training.</p> <p><u>Con:</u> Standard needs to be defined in the county funding agreement.</p> <p>Management of the program, data base with names for all fire chiefs.</p> <p>Training Standard could reduce number of volunteers due to fire training requirements.</p>	<p>No additional training costs as training could be accomplished through existing County Fire Academy which is a part of the County Public Safety budget.</p> <p>Development of data base and management of program.</p> <p>Training Costs can be met with FTC Funding and VDFP Funding.</p> <p>Could in the future lessen the LODA costs. Increased training equals more knowledge less injuries.</p>	<p>Dependent upon a work group assigned by BOS to develop &amp; implement standards.</p>	<p>The standard needs to have a proactive approach to incorporate veteran firefighters.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> SCBA user must be a certified Virginia Firefighter I or Pro Board Certificate.</p> <p>Firefighter I 165 Hours Firefighter II 65 Hours</p>

# Recommendation #2: Consolidation for DPS Fire Medics

## SAFETY (provide protection on MVC scene)

536 MVA dispatched calls in 2021

Tasley VF&R vehicle hit in 2015

## Fire Scene – EMS Unit Assigned

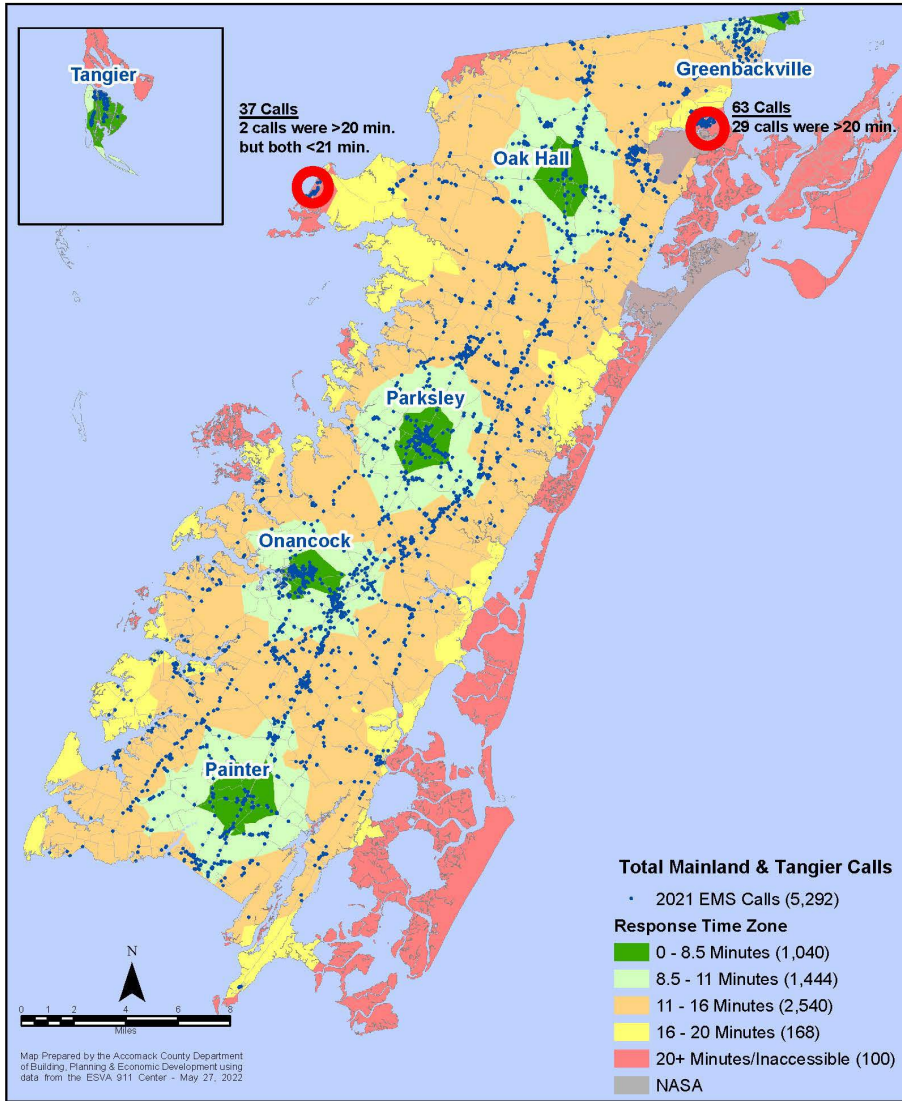
20 fire ground deaths in 2021 related to heart attacks



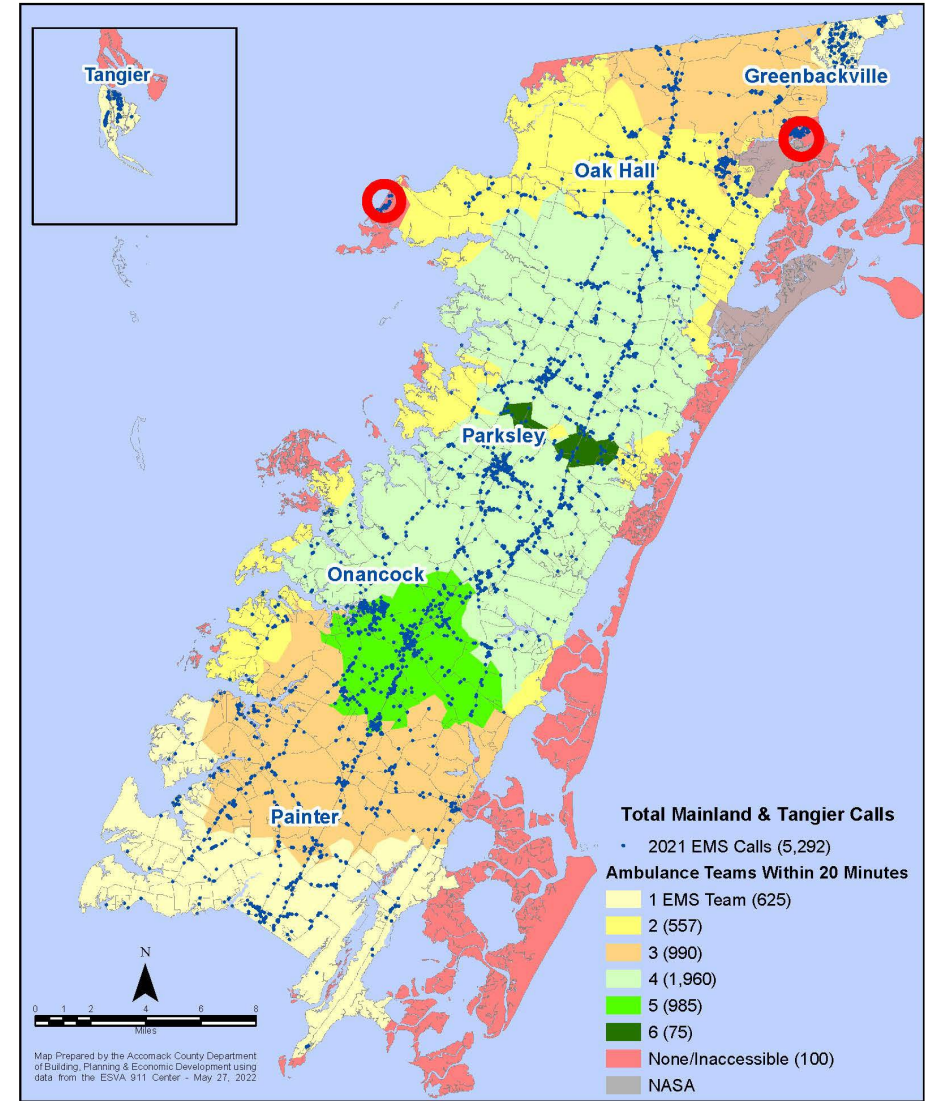
# Recommendation #2: Consolidation for DPS Fire Medics

Recommendation	Third Party Study Reference	Pros/Cons	Cost	Implementation Date	Additional Info
<p><b>Strategically staff core stations with DPS Fire Medics:</b></p> <p>Greenbackville 24/7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 unit</li> </ul> <p>Oak Hall 24/7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 units</li> </ul> <p>Parksley 24/7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 units</li> </ul> <p>Onancock 24/7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 units</li> </ul> <p>Painter 24/7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 units</li> </ul> <p>Tangier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daytime Staff Only</li> </ul>	<p>Fire Commission Fire / EMS Response Committee 1998</p>	<p><u>Pro:</u> Safety on fire and EMS scenes, provides additional units in high call areas, builds station comradery, consistency in staffing, Mgt. Span of Control, less workplaces to manage (equipment, supplies &amp; IT)</p> <p><u>Con:</u> 2 FTE are needed.</p>	<p>\$171,000 including benefits to hire an additional 2 FTE &amp; convert (4) daytime staff.</p>	<p>August 1</p>	<p>Convert (4) daytime staff positions to 24-hour staff.</p> <p>Saxis VFD to remain unstaffed and DPS Fire Medic positions stationed in Melfa and Bloxom VFDs to be reassigned to other stations. By taking these actions, staff will be consolidated into 6 core stations, improving response &amp; employee safety. Saxis staffing could be revisited by the Board in the future if response times are not routinely met.</p> <p>We will <u>continue</u> to meet the County's 20 minute benchmark.</p>

## Response Time to Mainland and Tangier 2021 EMS Calls from Selected Stations



## Number of EMS Units within 20 Minutes of 2021 EMS Calls



# Recommendation #3: Align Career DPS Compensation with compensation provided to Sheriff Deputies

Recommendation	Third Party Study Reference	Pros/Cons	Cost	Implementation Date	Additional Info
<p><b>Salaries</b> Adjust DPS career staff pay bands to align with the new Virginia Compensation Board pay bands for Deputy Sheriffs that become effective August 1, 2022.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p><u>Pro:</u> Higher salary will attract a broader range of applicants and help retain current staff.</p> <p>Keeps DPS and Sheriff staff compensation on an even playfield.</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p><u>Current Recruit Pay:</u> Virginia Beach \$45,656 Norfolk \$41,200</p>

# Recommendation #4: Standardize Select Volunteer Equipment among Stations

Recommendation	Third Party Study Reference	Pros/Cons	Cost	Implementation Date	Additional Info
<p><b>Standardized Equipment</b> Ambulances, EMS equipment, PPE, and SCBA in order to provide uniformity among all providers.</p> <p>*Examples*</p> <p>Exterior compartment to accommodate SCBA and PPE.</p> <p>Interior compartment similar layout.</p> <p>OMD involved in the decision process.</p>	<p>All Hands 2007</p> <p>Fire Commission December 10, 1986 Recommendations.</p>	<p><u>Pro:</u> Provides consistent equipment for everyone that would provide safer and more efficient scene management.</p> <p>Lessens the frustration of career staff learning multiple types of equipment.</p> <p><u>Con:</u> Standard needs to be defined in the county funding agreement. Management of the program.</p>	<p>Equipment costs will vary.</p>	<p>Dependent upon a work group assigned by the BOS to develop &amp; implement standards.</p>	<p>Safety concern with providers operating on different units with different equipment.</p> <p>To provide quick definitive care, the equipment needs to be the same county wide.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Providers make quick decisions while providing patient care, should not be hindered by different equipment.</p>