

VIRGINIA: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Cafetorium of Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley, Virginia on the 3rd Day of October, A.D., 2013.

Members Present: Donald L. Hart, Jr., Chair
Wanda J. Thornton
Ron S. Wolff
Grayson Chesser
John Charles "Jack" Gray, Vice Chair
Kay W. Lewis
Robert D. Crockett
Laura Belle Gordy
C. Reneta Major

Others Present: Steven B. Miner, County Administrator
Mark B. Taylor, County Attorney
Shelia Goodman, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. The invocation was given by Chairman Hart and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Condition Use Permit Extension Request

Mr. Crockett made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit Extension as requested by Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital until October 12, 2014. Ms. Major seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Hearing

County Attorney Mark Taylor read the rules governing conduct during the Public Hearing.

Deer Hunting with Dogs in Accomack County

The Chair opened the Public Hearing to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or to present written comments concerning whether the Accomack County Board of Supervisors to petition the Virginia Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to amend the Virginia Hunting Regulations to prohibit deer hunting with dogs in Accomack County.

The following offered comments opposing deer hunting with dogs:

George Waldernmarer, Onancock, Virginia
John P. Conza, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Rupert Humer, Pungoteague Virginia
George Peterson, Quinby, Virginia
Michael Berry, Georgetown, Delaware
Russell Knill, Harborton, Virginia
Deborah Behrmann, Bloxom, Virginia
James Behrmann, Bloxom, Virginia
Doris Tosi, Harborton, Virginia
Earl Kovac, Parksley, Virginia
Carl Bundick, Painter, Virginia

James Sarlky, Mears, Virginia
Gretchen Knapp, Mears, Virginia
Craig Volt, Hacksneck, Virginia
Gretchen Swartz, Bloxom, Virginia
Jeff Powers, Bloxom, Virginia
Don Henry, Bloxom, Virginia

The following offered comments supporting deer hunting with dogs:

Lee Johnson, Onancock, Virginia
Ned Finney, Onley, Virginia
Kirby Burch, Powhatan, Virginia
John L. Hamblini, Jr., Willis Wharf, Virginia
Walker Fluhart, Quinby, Virginia
David Fluhart, Quinby, Virginia
Curt Russell, Onancock, Virginia
John Konkel, Exmore, Virginia
Billy Ferguson, Onley, Virginia

The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

The Chair asked the Board of Supervisors if they wanted to vote on the motion to petition the Virginia Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to amend the Virginia Hunting Regulations to prohibit deer hunting with dogs in Accomack County.

Mrs. Thornton stated she had lost several of her animals from her business from dogs that were pets on the island and understood what the landowners were feeling.

Mr. Gray stated he would like to delay until he could speak to more of the citizens in his district.

Mr. Chesser stated he would like to delay his vote until he could think about the issue and speak to residents of his district.

Ms. Major stated she had family members with hunting dogs and would need more time to think about the issue.

Mrs. Gordy explained the decision would be up to Game and Inland Fisheries and the Board of Supervisors could only make a recommendation to them.

Mrs. Lewis commented and said the motion had been on the docket for a long time and that it was unnecessary to delay it any longer.

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to make a decision on deer hunting with dogs at the October 16, 2013 regular monthly meeting. Ms. Major seconded the motion. Ayes: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Crockett, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart, Ms. Major. Nays: Mr. Chesser.

Adjournment

Ms. Major made a motion to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at Metompkin Elementary School. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Donald L. Hart, Jr., Chair

Date