

“Initial” Draft Accomack County Board of Supervisors Minutes of March 21, 2012

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Board Chambers in Accomac on the 21st day of March , A.D., 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair and opened with a prayer by the Reverend Broad, after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Crockett made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Ms. Major seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Employee Recognition

Finance Director Mike Mason introduced the Finance & Information Technology (IT) Division’s new Deputy Director, Ben Fox. The Board of Supervisors welcomed Mr. Fox.

Public Comments

The County Attorney read the rules governing conduct during the Public Comment period.

Mrs. Shirley Zamora offered comments on the declining population in the county, the five-year building plan, proposed fire tax on Chincoteague, the Enterprise Building, space needs, and demolition of Whispering Pines.

Mr. William Starr offered comments regarding the Board’s health insurance, board’s salary, and how deserving they were to receive it.

Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2012, February 15, 2012, February 22, 2012, February 28, 2012, and March 7, 2012 minutes. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Mrs. Thornton stated she would like for the entire board to get copies of the minutes and they be given to the board at the Regular Monthly Board meeting.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the following items under the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 5.1 Virginia Port Authority – Aid to Local Ports Grant
- 5.2 Rural Rustic Road Project Quail Lane Resolution
- 5.3 Contract Renewal – RFF 225 Inmate Food Services
- 5.4 Contract Award – RFP 251 Translator TV Digital Transmitter System

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QUAIL LANE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-70.1 of the Code of Virginia, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have no more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Accomack County, Virginia (“Board”) desires to consider whether Route 618, Quail Lane, from intersection with Route 178, Boston Road to intersection with route 617, Pennyville Road should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the public has been made aware that this road may be paved with minimal improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, the road is in the Board’s six-year plan for improvements to the secondary system of state highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Local Manager for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Local Manager for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Report of Public Officials

Dr. Linda Glover, President of the Eastern Shore Community College appeared before the board and gave an updated presentation on the Community College regarding a good career path, increase in fulltime enrollment, financial awards to students, programs that were available, and resources. Dr. Glover continued her presentation and gave an update on the access road going to the college.

Mr. Curtis Smith, A-NPDC Planning Director gave a presentation concerning the new LiDAR elevation data for the Shore on a day-to-day basis and responded to questions from the board.

Consideration of Transfer Station

Mr. Stewart Hall spoke on the closing of the South Landfill and responded to questions. He stated while the closure of the south landfill was being closed the transfer station would be happening at the same time and greenboxes would be used doing the fifteen months. Mr. Hall informed members that Draper Aden Associates were asked to evaluate the various transfer operations available to the County when the South Landfill closes. He stated historical tonnages were analyzed to determine the required sizing of the facility and site plans were developed and conceptual opinions of probable costs were provided, and four options were presented. Mr. Hall said after reviewing the four options he would make a recommendation go with Option 1D which was top loading with internal wall and covered access ramp; back in access. A discussion ensued.

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to accept the Option 1D recommendation. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. Mr. Hart made an amendment to the motion to have Mr. Hall and the Solid Waste Committee look for a site for another Convenience Center approximately the size of Tasley's Convenience Center in the southern end of the County. The motion was unanimously approved.

Advertisement of Public Hearing

Mr. Miner discussed with the board the advertisement of the amendment of a Public Hearing to be held on the Fire and EMS Ordinance. It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the next meeting on the budget on March 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Metompkin Elementary.

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Mr. Wolff made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on April 4, 2012 for the Fire and EMS Tax Ordinance at 7:00 p.m. at Metompkin Elementary School. Mr. Crockett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Appointments

Eastern Shore Resource Conservation and Development Council

Mr. Chesser made a motion to appoint Sandra Hart Mears to the Eastern Shore Resource Conservation and Development Council to fill the unexpired term of Barry L. Brooks commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2012. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

County Administrator's Report

Mr. Miner gave a brief report about traveling to Congress in Washington to watch the debate concerning the Chincoteague Beach parking. He also gave a brief update concerning his meeting with the school superintendant and discussed the space needs of the county.

Board of Supervisors Comments

Mrs. Thornton commented on the number of hours that Nathaniel Ferguson, the Assistant for Scott Reigel, had spent working on the deed restrictions of Wallops Research Park and she wanted the board to congratulate him on the hard work that he had done.

Mr. Crockett commented on the article that was in the Eastern Shore News that had been written to the editor from Mrs. Thornton concerning the Fire Accountability Policy and the attack on his character.

Mrs. Thornton gave her opinion on the billing money that fire companies collect and stated she felt an audit needs to be done on the companies because she felt it was a shame the Board of Supervisors did not want an audit of public funds. She continued to express her feelings about the situation and explained why she felt the way she did.

Ms. Lewis thanked the board and everyone for their calls, cards, flowers, and support during the passing of her daughter-in-law.

Mr. Chesser commented on personal attacks that were made towards him when he was running for Supervisor for Election District 3.

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Mrs. Gordy offered comments and stated she hoped all the comments about one another could get taken care of because it does make the Board of Supervisors look bad when they argue a lot.

Recess

The Chairman stated the meeting would reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting back to order.

Public Hearing –Agricultural and Forestal District with modifications of properties Within the District

County Attorney Mark Taylor read the public Hearing rules. A Public Hearing was held to continue the Davis Wharf Agricultural and Forestal District with modifications of properties within the district as recommended by the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission.

Open Public Hearing

Chairman Gordy opened the Public Hearing. No one was present to speak.

Closed Public Hearing

Chairman Gordy closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Major made a motion to continue the Agricultural and Forestal District and Davis Wharf as presented. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Payables

Mr. Miner certified the payables.

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the payables. Ms. Major seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Closed Meeting

Mr. Wolff made a motion to go into Closed Meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, pursuant to subsection (A) (1)(3)(4) and (7) for the following purpose (3) Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

The Chair declared the meeting open to the public.

Certification of Closed Meeting

Mr. Wolff made a motion to reconvene in Open Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Thornton, and to certify by roll call vote, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (3) of the Code of Virginia, that to the best of each member's knowledge the only matters heard, discussed, or considered during the Closed Meeting discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and consultation with legal counsel employed or trained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel lawfully exempted from Opening Meeting requirements under this chapter as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened. The motion was unanimously approved.

Roll Call

Aye:	Mrs. Thornton	Mr. Gray	Mr. Hart
	Mr. Wolff	Mrs. Gordy	
	Mr. Chesser	Mr. Crockett	
	Ms. Lewis	Ms. Major	

Adjournment

Mr. Wolff made a motion to recess to April 4, 2012. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Chair

Date