King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Meeting

King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
General District Courtroom

Monday, September 12, 2011
7:00 P.M.

"Minutes of the Meeting"

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

Chairman Simpkins called the regular meeting to order and provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE JULY 25, 2011 AND AUGUST 8, 2011 MINUTES OF THE BOARD

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Mr. McDuff to approve the minutes as presented.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, J. M. MILBY, JR., D. H. MORRIS, M. W. MCDUFF
NAYS: NONE

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE SEPTEMBER 2011 WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATION

Mrs. Morris questioned that in the warrants the county put out a bid for service of all county vehicles and noticed that there were a lot of bills to Medlin Ford and questioned if this was because that certain things cannot be done at Roane's Garage. Mr. Balderson responded that the majority of their bills are done at Roane's but would have to look at it individually as some are covered under our insurance/warranty.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Milby to approve the warrants and appropriations, as subject to audit.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, J. M. MILBY, JR., D. H. MORRIS, M. W. MCDUFF
NAYS: NONE

(*See budget amendment addition below to be paid out of this warrant cycle)

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Chairman Simpkins advised that the following budget amendments are being requested for approval:

Capital Projects: $63,365.00 for the purchase of a new generator plus installation at the Courthouse per discussion during the August 22, 2011 meeting. The project is not budgeted and funds will have to be pulled out of the fund balance.

E-911: $7,837.00 for replacement of existing GPS recon unit and backpack. Due to the unit no longer working and the age of the unit, parts are no longer available. This is an unbudgeted item and needs to come out of fund balance.

Sheriffs Department: $1,438.74 for courtroom security for the month of July/August per Sheriffs request. Since all the Courtroom Security revenue has been posted against the general fund, we will have to pull the amount from the general fund balance.

Chairman Simpkins advised that there is another budget request that did not get in the Boards packet for $1,036.00 which was submitted by the Sheriffs Department for reimbursement for used equipment that was paid by Deputy Jordan for his vehicle.

Mrs. Morris questioned that the letter has a November date of last year and why it has been so long. It was explained that the money was not in the budget and was held to the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mr. McDuff and seconded by Ms. Alsop to approve all of the budget amendments, making a total of $73,676.74.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, J. M. MILBY, JR., D. H. MORRIS, M. W. MCDUFF
NAYS: NONE

*Motion was further made amending the warrants and appropriation for September to include the $1,036.00 for reimbursement to Deputy Jordan.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, J. M. MILBY, JR., D. H. MORRIS, M. W. MCDUFF
NAYS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Simpkins opened the public comment period asking that those who wish to speak to please come forward, stating their name and district that they reside in and to please limit their comments to three minutes.

Louise Carlton, Shanghai District, commended the county on what she heard was a great effort relating to the services provided during the hurricane event. Ms. Carlton commented that in her end of the county she did not know about it until it was almost over and other citizens as well were not aware of those services, and questioned if there was a better way for citizens to be made

aware. Ms. Carlton further expressed that she was told that citizens in New Kent County received individualized notices to their homes advising of what was available.

After hearing no further comments, the public comment period was closed.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Treasurer Irene Longest was present advising:

- That she has not been in attendance due to meetings relating to Treasurers. Ms. Longest further advised that she received the real estate file on Friday from the Commissioners office and that it has been proofed and verified and has been sent to the printer. Tax payers should receive in the mail their tax bills by the end of next week if all goes well with the printing. As soon as we receive the personal property file from the Commissioner it will be approximately a week and a half before the citizens will receive those bills as well.

- Received a card from the couple that was in the trailer that the Southern Baptist set up for citizens to have showers and the ability to wash clothes during the time of the hurricane, expressing that they felt they had received a blessing during their time here and would forward a copy to the board tomorrow.

- Advised that she and her staff all worked at the food distribution center at the elementary school from Wednesday to Saturday and if you have never been in the back of a Red Cross Unit, you should do so, it was truly a blessing.

Commissioner of the Revenue, Helen Longest provided a report to the Board and pointed out that the land value decreased by about $3 million dollars due to the fact that The Nature Conservancy bought a lot of land and put a conservation easement on it and sold it to a taxing entity, loosing about 25 percent. Mrs. Longest further advised that we did pick up about $5 million in new construction, which is an overall increase of $2 million dollars.

Commonwealth's Attorney Charles Adkins advised:

- That they lost several court days due to Hurricane Irene and would be paying for that, as it will be very busy.
- That he handled a court case in Essex County and was concluded
- Thanked Mr. Swartzwelder, Greg Hunter and Sheriff Charboneau and commented with the exception of getting the work out to individual houses, we were very prepared and one of the most prepared to other counties around.
- Thanked Mr. Swartwelder and Mr. Hunter for the meeting that was held the Friday before the hurricane advising of the seriousness and without that, he would have been very unprepared.

Rob Balderson reported for the Sheriffs Department, advising that the Sheriff was at the Sheriffs Conference and advised:

- That two of their deputies have been promoted. Kenny Jordan has been promoted to Investigator and Donald Shackleford has been promoted to Court Security Sergeant.
- Advised that we have been having the inmates do some work here at the courthouse and that they may have noticed that the grounds have been mulched and doing various other things around the courthouse.
- During the hurricane the inmates helped with distribution of water at each sites.
- Worked on Commerical Motor Vehicles today and would be hitting them hard the next couple of months.
- The Sheriff wants to thank the Board for their response to the hurricane and providing the resources needed. The county worked together as a whole. The whole county came together.

Clerk of the Circuit Court was not present.

School Superintendent Charles Clare advised of the following:

- Advised that the first 2 days of school were not held due to the hurricane. The first day actually was September 8th.
- Advised that enrollment numbers as of today were as follows. Lawson Marriott had 206 students compared to last year being 210 students. King and Queen Elementary had 230 students compared to 222 last year. Central High school had 272 compared to 260 last year. Total enrollment of 708 students compared to 692. The budget was built on 730 students,
- Shared that they have 36 students in pre-K, with 18 at each elementary school and that the Department of Education provides the funding for this.
- Advised that payroll accruals were completed as of August 15th. The School System contracted a CPA consultant Mary Earhart to review the books and complete the year end close out of the books and is awaiting journal entries so that the county can proceed with their part of the year end closing.
- The School Board's auditors (Robinson, Farmer and Cox Associates) will be here on October 17th and 18th for the official audit.
- Commended Mr. Swartzwelder and Mr. Hunter for keeping the schools informed, as well as meetings prior to the hurricane. We are very fortunate to have these two individuals and all county representatives that assisted the citizens and to offer the assistance in communication, passing out flyers and so forth on their behalf.
- Lawson Marriott and Central High School sustained little damage during the hurricane. We did have a few ceiling tiles fall due to leaks. At King and Queen Elementary we did have water leaks and flooding. Both the high school and King and Queen Elementary School did have flooding in their basements. Inspection has been made on the boilers and there is no indication of damage. The boiler in King and Queen Elementary has not been in existence for 30 to 40 years.
- Ceiling grids fell as a result from the plaster from original roofing which was in the closet area. These tiles have been replaced and grids restored.

- Advised of a partnership with the Regional Partnership Center which would assist in getting a regional technical school and that one hold up is funding. New Kent and Charles City has recently come on board, and that New Kent County has expressed interests in possibly housing this school and hope that courses can be established for September 2012. Mr. Simpkins has agreed to represent King and Queen in the regional meetings to gain community support. This school will also allow adults to take classes in the evenings.

  Central High School Principal Mr. Davis provided information relating to Community Pride Day which will be held on October 14th and 15th and activities that are being planned to include a barbeque dinner, bingo on Friday and Homecoming - football game, and parade at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Social Services Director Betty Dougherty was present and echoed what has been said relating to Hurricane Irene. Citizens were truly thankful for the response that the County had in providing services.

Ms. Alsop questioned if there was going to be any assistance for those citizens that lost food. Mrs. Doughterty advised that they have the plan in place and are waiting for the OK to begin.

Pamunkey Regional Library, Tom Shepley was present advising that due to the heavy rains the library was drowned out and as a result, they had to close the library due to the conditions of the building. Wi-Fi is working should citizens want to park in the parking lot. They are planning to put the book mobile on the Library Branch Site on Friday's and Saturdays.

Ms. Alsop questioned when would the new Marriott School library be ready. Mr. Swartzwelder advised that it would be at least 8 weeks and that they were trying to do everything that they could and are talking with Mr. Walker to see what can be done to move forward.

HURRICANE IRENE UPDATE

County Administrator Thomas Swartzwelder provided an update on items that have not been touched on. Mr. Swartzwelder expressed that he felt we were as prepared as we could be, given we do not know what we were going to be faced with. Mr. Swartzwelder further commented that he did agree with Ms. Carlton that the short coming was public notice and would take responsibility. Information was on WRAR radio several times a day; we had VDOT post flashing signs on Rt. 33, Rt. 14 at St. Stephens Church and on Rt. 360. We did the best we could under the circumstances. Our Plan will be pre-advertised for the future as we have already begun the process on that. Verizon service was down for 4 days and when they sent a mobile command center, there were not enough signals to make it functional. Meetings were held with staff before the hurricane. Power saws were purchased ahead and trees were cleared by deputies and fire department volunteers. Prior to the hurricane we requested water and food which the Southern Baptist provided through a mobile kitchen that was set up at St. Stephens Baptist Church from Monday through Saturday preparing over 26,000 meals from that kitchen. Twelve

thousand of those meals went to King and Queen residents and the rest went to Hopewell, Hanover, Williamsburg, and also helped King William.

Mr. Swartzwelder further advised that:

- Three truck loads of water were distributed (over 100,000 bottles of water) from the three schools
- Our radio system stayed fully functional, being the only one in the region except for Gloucester
- The generator at the Canterbury site burned up Saturday afternoon, which took down the Canterbury and Newtown towers. Half of the system was still functional which allowed for communication.
- There were some substantial damages in the County
- The Extension Office estimated $913,000 in crop damage and $100,000 in agricultural structural damage
- Two churches were significantly damages and some roof damage at Central High
- On Friday FEMA approved the County for public assistance money.
- The County spent about $13,000 in hard cost in the hurricane preparation which is eligible for reimbursement. We have about $25,000 in soft cost that we are eligible for reimbursement which covers reimbursement to the County for employees' time that they came in and volunteered. The only thing not reimbursable is for drinks and food for deputies.
- We had 13 roads closed showing a picture of Spring Cottage Road with a 15 section of road washed out and VDOT classifying it as a "bump".
- Advised that it could take as long as 8 months for reimbursement to the County

Chairman Simpkins commented that the County Administrator and the Emergency Services Coordinator kept him in the loop and deserve a lot of credit for what they did in the organization.

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY – PRESENTATION OF CHECK (DENNIS GASTON)

Mr. Dennis Gaston with the Virginia Department of Forestry was present for the purpose of presenting the Board with a check in the amount of $33,248.82. Mr. Gaston advised that the Department of Forestry has a 9562 acre estate forest that they call the Dragon Run State Forest in the County. The State Forest System within the Department of Forestry is self supporting, maintaining themselves through selling and cutting of timber. In lieu of taxes they give 25% of their gross revenue back to the County. Mr. Gaston further advised that they have sold recently 484 acres of pine thinning.

MIDDLE PENINSULA-NORTHERN NECK COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD – APPROVAL OF FY11 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT AND BUDGET – CHARLES WALSH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Charles Walsh, Executive Director for the Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board was present expressing his appreciation for the financial support that the County has been given through the years and to request the Boards approval of the FY 12 Performance

Contract. Mr. Walsh also provided the Board with some statics relating to the services that have been provided to King and Queen residents and advised that a full service clinic has now opened in King William County which they were basically using Medicaid to do that. The Clinic is open 5 days a week. Mr. Walsh further expressed that their Board is the first Board in the Commonwealth to build two five bedroom group homes in King William, stressing the need for this type of housing.

Ms. Alsop expressed that she was thrilled that the people in the upper end of the County do not have to travel so far.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Milby to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
APPROVAL OF PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, §37.2-508 of the Code of Virginia [1950] as amended, requires each Community Services Board to submit, to the governing body of each political subdivision that established it, an annual Performance Contract for community mental health, intellectual disabilities, and substance use services for its approval prior to submission of the contract to the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and

WHEREAS, the Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services board has put forward its proposed Performance Contract for Fiscal Year 2012, for approval by the Boards of Supervisors of its governing counties of Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County, Virginia, that the Performance Contract prepared by the Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board for Fiscal Year 2012 and presented to the Board is hereby approved and may be forwarded to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, as further required.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, J. M. MILBY, JR., D. H. MORRIS, M. W. MCDUFF
NAYS: NONE

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS RELATING TO THEIR TRIP TO FRANCE

Mr. John Lyon, Government and Geography Teacher at Central and Mr. Mark Saltz, French Teacher at Central were present along with student Nicole Daniel. Mr. Saltz provided a presentation showing pictures of their trip and provided information on those attending and their

schedule while in France. Ms. Daniel also shared pictures that she had taken on the trip and expressed that by taking the trip it made her understand more about France.

DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN FOR MIDDLE PENINSULA AND SETTING OF HEARING DATE – CLARA MEIER, REGIONAL PROJECTS PLANNER

Ms. Clara Meier, Regional Projects Planner for the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, was present to provide an overview of the Local and Regional Water Supply Plan, advising that in 2003 it was mandated by the General Assembly that the State to a State Water Supply Plan. In the final regulations that came out in 2005 regulation was made relating to localities and cities and advised of what is being required, being:

- Development of Local or Regional Water Plans; (already done and revised)
- Submittal of Regional Plans to DEQ no later than November 2, 2011
- Determination by SWCB on whether the plans comply with the regulation;
- Adequacy review within 5 years of a compliance determination by SWCB
- Review, revision, and re-submittal to DEQ every 10 years

Ms. Meier further provided an overview of the adoption and review process, explaining that all localities must hold a public hearing with formal submittal to DEQ by November 2nd, 2011 with submittal of the following:

- Copies of the adopted program documents, including any local plans or ordinances or amendments
- A resolution that approves the Plan
- A record of the local Public Hearing with a copy of all written comments received and the submitters response

Three things that need to be done by the locality is to submit the plan to the State Water Control Board, tailoring the drought response and contingency ordinance to our locality and adopt the plan by resolution, holding a public hearing on the plan and recording comments and response.

Chairman Simpkins expressed that he was concerned of how it would affect the citizens. As he understands it, the County cannot mandate on the private citizen if the county declares a water emergency, that this addresses public and private water systems.

Mr. McDuff expressed his deep opposition to again another mandate to something that does not apply to this county, where the whole issue is a waste of time and irrelevant to King and Queen County. We are twiddling out thumbs where we go through this time and time again, where tons of money, time and effort means nothing, but money and heartache.

Ms. Alsop expressed that she agrees with Mr. McDuff. It is unfunded, but what would it mean if we had to do it all ourselves, where PDC is chipping in to do the report. It would have cost even more. She agrees too, that it has to stop.

Ms. Meier was questioned if other localities have adopted this. Ms. Meier responded that some are still thinking about it.

Mr. Simpkins commented the State is trying to control the amount of water that is being pulled out of the ground in an effort to find out how much is coming out of the ground which will affect many counties.

Mr. Swartzwelder commented that if you go back and read the studies, this is really about future water allotment to Northern Virginia and urban areas. Things like the reservoir in King William being shot down; this is what rural areas took for granted. We have to be careful of what this is the beginning of. In all likelihood, the State is saying that if we do not do it, they will put us in the groundwater management district. We are not in it now, so we can build a commercial well. This is pretty critical. Mathews County is very nervous in adopting this ordinance. The question is, do we have to adopt the Ordinance. The Code says we have to adopt the plan, but does it have to be an ordinance. The answer is probably yes. His opinion to all of this is the States polite way of trying to get us use to the fact that they are going to tell us what we can and cannot do.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Milby to hold a public hearing at the October 11th regular meeting of the Board.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, J. M. MILBY, JR., D. H. MORRIS, M. W. MCDUFF
NAYS: NONE

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF "EMERGENCY ORDINANCE" RELATING TO WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE IRENE

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. McDuff to approve the following Emergency Ordinance waiving the building permit fee for reconstruction as a result of Hurricane Irene and that permit fees be waived retroactive to those that have already obtained their permits.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

THIS ORDINANCE WAIVES ALL BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR CITIZENS OF KING AND QUEEN COUNTY WHO MUST OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT FOR RECONSTRUCTION AS A RESULT OF DAMAGE SUSTAINED FROM HURRICANE IRENE. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR SIXTY (60) DAYS AND IS ENACTED PURSUANT TO THE GRANT OF AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN VIRGINIA CODE § 15.2-1427.

WHEREAS, the citizens of King and Queen County have sustained substantial losses to property as a result of Hurricane Irene; and

WHEREAS, the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors seeks to assist its citizens in the reconstructing of their homes after Hurricane Irene.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the King and Queen County Code is hereby amended for a period of sixty days to waive all building permit fees for citizens of King and Queen County who must obtain a building permit for reconstruction as a result of damage sustained from Hurricane Irene. This waiver of fees shall not apply to expansions, new additions or new construction on previously undeveloped land.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and shall be valid for a period of sixty days.

ADOPTED: September 12, 2011.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, J. M. MILBY, JR., D. H. MORRIS, M. W. MCDUFF
NAYS: NONE

DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

County Administrator Thomas Swartzwelder, advised that the Board has discussed this issue in their workshop and it is now time to start gathering names for recommendation to Circuit Court Judge, Judge Hoover. Per Section 58.1-3374 the term begins January 1 and we would like to get to him by December at the latest. There can be between 3 and 5 members with the majority being free holders, owning their real estate, with representation from the real estate to include lawyers, financial, building profession, bankers, and brokers. A list of the last group that served during the prior reassessment is included in the packet. Once recommendation is made and approved by the Judge they will have to be trained on tax law.

It was the consensus or the Board that the prior members be contacted to see if they would be interested in serving again, if asked.

Mr. Swartzwelder advised that if we have the names by the November meeting, that would be enough time.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Planning Commission – Stevensville District (to replace Mr. Litchfield)

Tabled

Area Agency on Aging - Reappointment of Mr. Elton Smith

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. McDuff reappointing Mr. Elton Smith to the Bay Aging Board for a term to expire June 30, 2014.

It is noted that due to a change in Bay Aging bylaws, and the county not being aware of this change, terms are now for five years. Mr. Smith's term at time of appointment was for 3 years.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. McDuff to reappoint/extend his appointment to June 30, 2014.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, J. M. MILBY, JR., D. H. MORRIS, M. W. MCDUFF
NAYS: NONE

FYI

As an FYI the Board was reminded that Mrs. Laura Willis, representative on the Social Services Board, term expires in October and because of health and family issues she does not wish to be reappointed. Mrs. Willis represents the Shanghai District.

Also, the Board was reminded that Mrs. Plunard Robinson's term on the IDA/EDA expired September 10th. Mrs. Robinson represents the Buena Vista District.

CHANGE IN BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Chairman Simpkins advised that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Monday, October 10th of which is a legal holiday "Columbus Day". At the Board's annual meeting in January, the Board when setting the meeting dates for the year changed the October meeting date to Tuesday, October 11th.

The regular meeting date for the month of November falls during the time that the VACo annual meeting is held at "The Homestead".

Ms. Alsop expressed that she would like to either cancel the November workshop or change to another date. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to move the November meeting date to December 5th.

Recommending that the October meeting date be included in the resolution with other changes advising of the change to the 11th of October and that the November meeting date be changed to Tuesday, November 15th and that the December 26th workshop date be cancelled.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mrs. Morris to adopt the following resolution:

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' RESOLUTION CHANGING THE DATE OF THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2011 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND CHANGE OF THE NOVEMBER 2011 WORKSHOP MEETING DATE, AND CANCELLATION OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED DECEMBER 2011 MONTHLY WORKSHOP MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County (the "Board") is required by law to meet in regular session not less often than once each month and has at its 2011 annual meeting established the second Monday of each month at the King and Queen County Courthouse as the day and place of such regular meetings with open meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M., for 2011 and has established the fourth Monday of each month at the King and Queen County Courthouse as the day and place of such meeting for the purpose of holding workshops and to receive presentations beginning at 7:00 P.M; and

WHEREAS, Virginia law requires the Board to pass a resolution to change the time, date or place of any such regular meeting which is not otherwise changed automatically under provisions of Virginia law; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that its regular monthly meetings scheduled for the 10th day of October, 2011 and the 14th day of November, 2011 at the King and Queen County Courthouse should be changed to another date; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that its regular monthly workshop meeting scheduled the 28th day of November should be changed to another date and that the 26th day of December, 2011 should be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF KING AND QUEEN COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

1. **That the Board's regular monthly meetings scheduled for the 10th day of October, 2011 at the King and Queen County Courthouse should be changed to the 11th day of October, 2011 beginning at 7:00 P.M. and the regular meeting scheduled for the 14th day of November, 2011 should be changed to the 15th day of November, 2011 beginning at 7:00 P.M.**

2. **That the Board's regular workshop meeting scheduled for November 28th should be changed to December 5th, 2011 beginning at 7:00 P.M., and that the December 26th, 2011 meeting should be cancelled.**

3. **This Resolution is effective immediately, and shall be posted and published in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Code.**

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, J. M. MILBY, JR., D. H. MORRIS, M. W. MCDUFF

NAYS: NONE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTS

County Administrator Thomas Swartzwelder had the following comments:

- Reminded the Board that they had discussed holding a public hearing on the Branscom Project and asked that the Board confirm by making a motion that a joint public hearing be held with the Planning Commission at the Board's regular scheduled workshop to be held on Monday, September 26th at 7:00 P.M.
- Advised the Board that they have been working on bringing internet into the county and that it is pretty clear that we are not going to be able to bring hard wire to fiber into the county because of the cost and no one will run it because of our population. Favorable conversation has been made with one of our vendors who will run fiber to one of our towers which will allow us to have wireless internet at about 60 megs throughout the service area. Actual maps are not available yet. Pricing is very competitive and would be a county owned utility. There are ways to extend service and may be able to do this

SETTING OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION – BRANSCOM PROJECT - RT. 360

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mrs. Morris to hold a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on Monday, September 26th, 2011 at 7:00 P.M., on a request submitted by Branscom.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, J. M. MILBY, JR., D. H. MORRIS, M. W. MCDUFF
NAYS: NONE

SUPERVISORS'S COMMENTS

Mr. Milby had the following comments:

- Commended Mr. Swartzwelder, Mr. Hunter, the Sheriff and deputies, fire and rescue up and down the county for what they did in reference to the Hurricane. The Chief of Lower Fire and Rescue brought him a report and is quite remarkable of what they accomplished and was very proud of them.
- Expressed his appreciation for all of the County Employees that came out to help, as there were a good number to participate. We had meals, water, showers.
- Expressed his disappointment of the phone system, and advised that he was personally in contact with some people in Ms. Carlton's neighborhood and was disappointed that they did not get word to her.
- The County did an outstanding job and that we should be proud of what was accomplished. We have a remarkable group of volunteers.
- Good to see everyone, have a safe trip home, and hopes to see everyone next month.

Mrs. Morris had the following comments:

- Echoed everything to what Mr. Milby.
- Advised that she had received very commendable comments of how the whole issue with the hurricane was handled.
- Thanked the schools for sharing pictures of their trip and that they had an opportunity to go.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home.

Mrs. Alsop had the following comments:

- Expressed how excited she was in how the county handled the hurricane and how everyone came together, especially Upper Rescue in setting up shelter.
- Expressed how appreciative she was in how the Southern Baptist came in and cooked the meals and for the Red Cross coming in to serve the food.
- Asked that citizens listen to WRAR, as this is where announcements are made.
- Expressed her appreciation to see volunteers come out and work together, and churches delivering meals
- Excited that students at Central High were able to go to France. It is something that stays with you.
- Advised that they are still trying to close Newtown Post Office, and are giving us an opportunity to send letters expressing our feelings concerning the proposed closure and is asking that any letters of support in keeping the post office open would be appreciated.

Mr. McDuff had the following comments:

- Echoed comments made relating to the hurricane, commending Mr. Hunter in the plans that were made that they were amazing; they were some of the best he has seen.
- Expressed thanks from those that were putting in 20 hour days
- Expressed his appreciation for what everyone did, coming together as a team, working together as a group. There were small problems and always will be, as nothing will not work 100%.
- Thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Simpkins had the following comments:

- Advised that it is this Board's duty to set policy and hire personnel to do it and felt that this was exactly what was done. Direction was given, we got out of the way, and that is what they did.
- Expressed that he was very proud to hear the comments that were made by citizens.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. McDuff to adjourn.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD ADJOURN:

J. Lawrence Simpkins, Chairman

K. Diane Gaber, Deputy Clerk