

King and Queen County Board of Supervisors Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2014

7:00 P.M.

King and Queen Courts and Administration Building  
General District Courtroom

“Minutes of the Meeting”

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

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to and provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. All members were present except Mr. Milby.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2014 AND NOVEMBER 17, 2014 MINUTES OF THE BOARD**

A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Alsop to approve the October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minutes of the Board, as presented.

AYES: R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, D. H. MORRIS

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: J. M. MILBY, JR.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE DECEMBER 2014 WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS AND REQUEST MADE BY SCHOOLS**

**(A) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2014 WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATION**

A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Alsop to approve the December 2014 warrants and appropriation, subject to audit.

AYES: R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, D. H. MORRIS

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: J. M. MILBY, JR.

**(B) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL BY SCHOOLS – SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES**

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approve an amount of \$217,850.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter appropriation for schools.

AYES: R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, D. H. MORRIS

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: J. M. MILBY, JR.

**(C) Schools – Budget Amendment - \$323,949.00 (Grant funds – notation: money has not been received or appropriated)**

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approve the budget amendment for Schools in the amount of \$323,949.00.

AYES: R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, D. H. MORRIS

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: J. M. MILBY, JR.

**(D) Request for Appropriation to School Operating Fund for State and Federal monies for the month of November (money has been received) in the amount of \$380,667.14.**

County Administrator Thomas Swartzwelder expressed that it may be easier on everyone if the appropriation were made monthly rather than quarterly. Amount has been confirmed by the Treasurer.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approve the appropriation in the amount of \$380,667.14.

After discussion, Mr. Swartzwelder commented that they can come back monthly with an appropriation request, however, the Board does not have to agree.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chairman Bailey opened the Public Comment Period, asking that those who wished to speak to come forward, stating the district that they were from and to limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

Joe Hirtz, Assistant Chief EMS, Lower Vol. Fire and EMS, was present to remind the Board that they are still having problems with making some of their calls, expressing a shortage of help. Mr. Hirtz further commented that he understands that they can go to the State and have a study done to help show that additional funding is needed. Mr. Hirtz further expressed that he would be more than happy to work with the Board on the problems that are being experienced relating to EMS calls.

Ronnie Sprouse, Assistant Chief, Central Fire, expressed that they run mutual aid with EMS 4 and that he was here to support Mr. Hirtz. Mr. Sprouse further expressed that he attended one incident, where the biggest concern was where the ambulance was and further expressed that they need help. If having to pay more taxes to know that an ambulance is on the way would resolve the issue, he was willing to pay more.

Dr. James Dudley, Emergency Room Department, Riverside Tappahannock, was present expressing emergency crisis that squads were facing. King and Queen is rural and is challenged. King and Queen has to start figuring out the needs. Dr. Dudley further expressed that there are lots of resources available and that it is time to focus in and pay attention, expressing that he would be happy to do what he could.

After hearing all comments, the public comment period was closed.

## **SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Social Services** Director Betty Dougherty was present providing a report on the Status of CSA (Comprehensive Services Act) to the Board and that possibly they would be facing a budget amendment of approximately \$20,000.00, but it was too early at this point and time to tell. The amounts are what they are responsible for and further explained factors that are pushing them over budget, being special needs children.

**Superintendent of Schools**, Dr. Stanley Jones provided a report, thanking the Board for the Appropriation and Budget Amendment that was approved earlier in the meeting. Dr. Jones further advised:

- The Average Daily Membership for November, 2014 was 855 and the Average Daily Attendance was 815.
- Advised that Senator Norment visited the schools
- Commented that he had a discussion with Mr. Swartzwelder related to increasing the number of EMT's and that RCC has been talking about starting a program in a year.

## **STATE AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

It was explained that in the past the Board has elected to reimburse the funds directly back to the State rather than take the deductions from affected departments and agencies. The estimate for FY2015 is \$18,208.00 which is a lot less than last year.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mrs. Morris to reimburse the funds directly back to the State in the amount of \$18,208.00 rather than tell them to take deductions.

AYES: R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, D. H. MORRIS

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: J. M. MILBY, JR.

**REQUEST FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON RT14-01 – MICHAEL AND MARY DAUGS**

It was explained that the Planning Commission is requesting that the Board set a public hearing at their January 12, 2015 regular meeting on a rezoning request submitted by Michael & Mary Daus. The Daus are requesting approval of the rezoning of their property consisting of 20.58 acres from Agricultural to Light Industrial. The property is currently utilized as a single-family resident/lot located on Rt. 33, Shacklefords Fork. The Planning Commission held a public hearing at their December 1, 2014 meeting and approved this request.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to hold a public hearing at the January 12, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, D. H. MORRIS

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: J. M. MILBY, JR.

**APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Board of Zoning Appeals – 5 year appointment –**

Stevensville District (to fill Mr. Wyatt’s Place)                      Tabled

**Planning Commission**

**Stevensville District – APPOINTMENT OF MR. FREDDIE BYRD**

A motion was made by Mrs. Morris and seconded by Ms. Alsop to appoint Mr. Freddie Byrd to a 4 year term on the Planning Commission representing the Stevensville District.

AYES: R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, D. H. MORRIS

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: J. M. MILBY, JR.

Shanghai District -                      Tabled

**WETLANDS BOARD**

Buena Vista District – Tabled (Kirk Havens term expired November 14, 2014)

Tabled

**(Mr. Swartzwelder noted that the County is not required to have a Wetlands Board, however it saves the citizens from having to drive to Newport News, should a case arise).**

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

**County Administrator Thomas Swartzwelder provided the following update:**

- Provided an update on the Pier Project
- Advised that as part of the Aid to the State that the Jail's share was almost \$70,000. The Board was further advised that the Jail is doing everything that they can do to cut the cost.
- Advised that he attended the Regional Economic Development Meeting at the PDC, where Mayors, Administrators and Chairman's were invited.
- Advised that the Governor is giving ½ day Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the day after, as well as New Year's Day and the day after.
- Provided a draft copy of a Resolution in recognition of Judge Thomas Hoover who is retiring at the end of December.

## **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION – THE HONORABLE THOMAS B. HOOVER, JUDGE, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT**

**A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mrs. Morris to approve the following Resolution:**

### **Resolution of Recognition**

**The Honorable Thomas B. Hoover, Judge**

**Ninth Judicial Circuit Court**

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Thomas B. Hoover served as Judge for the Ninth Judicial District, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court from 1993 - 1997, and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Hoover was appointed in 1997 as Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court serving the Counties of King and Queen, New Kent, Charles City and King William, and

**WHEREAS**, In 1999 Judge Hoover played an integral part in the renovation process of the King and Queen County Circuit Court Building, and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Hoover has presided over numerous cases where he utilized his knowledge, dedication and professionalism, and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Hoover is known for being fair, thoughtful and just, in his jurisprudence, and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper that the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors recognizes Judge Thomas B. Hoover for his many years of service and commitment to the citizens of King and Queen County and congratulates him on his well-deserved retirement effective January 1, 2015 as Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors that they extend their very best wishes on the occasion of Judge Hoover's retirement and wish him every continued success in all his future endeavors.

AYES: R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, D. H. MORRIS

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: J. M. MILBY, JR.

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENTS**

Ms. Alsop had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting
- Expressed that she was happy to hear from EMS, and that she was very concerned about the missed calls, expressing that the problem is they do not have enough people to run the calls. Ms. Alsop further expressed that she felt it was time to sit down and meet with the Chiefs at the January workshop and try to come up with something.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
- Expressed that everyone has a right for justice and hopes if you see something happen that is wrong to take a picture.

Mrs. Morris had the following comments:

- Expressed that she was glad to have an appointment to the Planning Commission
- Expressed that she agrees with Ms. Alsop on the EMS problem
- Hopes everyone will have a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

Mr. Simpkins had the following comments:

- Expressed that it was good to see everyone at the meeting, especially the EMS and fire department folks.
- Advised that he attended the Economic Development Meeting where a lot of ideas were thrown around the table, expressing further that we do need to promote ourselves on the Middle Peninsula as a group, as they had good things to consider.
- Advised that there was an article in the newspaper relating to the Anderson Neck Oyster Company and King and Queen County.
- Advised that he attended the State Convention for Farm Bureau and that King and Queen County was recognized. There were several contests that we could participate in, one being public promotion and we made efforts for the Farmers Market when we did the grand opening and made it at District Level and that he was proud to represent King and Queen.

- As far as EMS, he agrees that people will be willing to pay more taxes if they know they are going to get coverage. Mr. Simpkins further commented that each family should pay for example a \$25.00 tax on each household, which should go to EMS. Mr. Simpkins further expressed that maybe we should be talking to Delegate Hodges for consideration at the General Assembly for something like this, as all localities are going through this and we need some other way to take some of the pressure off the real estate tax rate. We are one accident from a catastrophe. We need to address it, maybe need the meeting with the chiefs and feels that we should have this on the agenda for the January workshop.
- Wished everyone a safe Holiday and Merry Christmas.

Mr. Bailey had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming out and for their comments and reports. Your voices need to be heard and the Board listens to them very seriously.
- Expressed that he agrees also that discussion needs to be started with the Chiefs relating to EMS
- Advised that he also attended the Economic Development Committee meeting at the PDC. And further commented that he just sat there proud of King and Queen as everyone wants to be like King and Queen. Mr. Bailey further expressed that he enjoyed the meeting and enjoyed hearing our County Administrator brag on King and Queen.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy Holiday.
- Expressed that he hopes everyone remembers what the reason for the season is.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT THE BOARD ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, D. H. MORRIS

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: J. M. MILBY, JR.

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R. F. Bailey, Jr., Chairman

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K. Diane Gaber, CMC, Deputy Clerk

