

King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Workshop/Presentation Meeting

Monday, August 25, 2014
7:00 P.M.

King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
General District Courtroom

“Minutes of Meeting”

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order. Mr. Bailey advised that the Board does not normally have an invocation at this meeting but was asking Mr. Simpkins to provide one tonight. All members were present except Mrs. Morris.

PRESENTATION FROM COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE ON VEHICLE LICENSE TAX

Helen Longest, Commissioner of the Revenue, was present advising of frustrations that they were having in her office in administering license fees and wondering if there were some solutions to some of these problems.

Mrs. Longest advised that Susan Balderson her deputy within her office and would be presenting their concerns as she deals with this on a daily basis. Mrs. Balderson advised that currently it is set up that citizens are billed for their license a year in advance. On the 2014 bills it has the 2015 license fee. Every year they struggle with this and has learned that Essex County repealed theirs for 2014, they did not bill it last year but they are coming back and billing it this year for the current year and they are wondering if that is a possibility for King and Queen. When Essex changed it they added \$10.00 to the vehicle.

Mr. Swartzwelder advised that it was Mr. Hefty’s recommendation when he was County Attorney that the County do it pro-active so that we would not go without a revenue cycle and the Board took that recommendation. Mr. Swartzwelder further commented that he has spoken with the County Administrator in Essex, and after discussion, there is no way that the County could do it without skipping a year. You can’t repeal and implement a brand new tax in time for this year. If the Board does want to repeal then it needs to be done during budget discussions. The way is currently being done generates a lot of supplements and abatements.

Mr. Milby questioned if this is a good time to discuss going back to the County Vehicles Decals. Mr. Swartzwelder responded that he felt that this is a discussion that needs to be made with the

Commissioner and the Treasurer. In his opinion it would be better than what we have now, but does not know if it is still the best.

Mr. Milby questioned how the Commissioner and Ms. Balderson felt about going back to the county decals. Mrs. Longest expressed that she did not have a problem with it, but felt that the Treasurer might, as they will be the ones issuing them.

County Administrator Tom Swartzwelder comments that in his perspective, if the County is willing to forego the revenue this year then we need to get everybody together and look at the options.

Mr. Milby further commented that having a county decal helps identify a County citizen in going to the landfill or in a catastrophe that might be in King and Queen.

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to incorporate discussion of the license tax in the budget discussions next year.

SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST FOR RETROACTIVE FY2014 APPROPRIATION

Dr. Jones, Superintendent of Schools and Sue Salg, Director of Finance were present requesting approval for supplemental appropriation for FY2014.

County Administrator Tom Swartzwelder commented that the Board had instructed him to get confirmed information from the Treasurer of which he has placed before them, relating to revenues received. Also placed at each ones seat is a memorandum from the Schools as requested by the Board of their numbers.

The Board expressed concern that if reimbursement requests had been done by the Schools we would not be going through this and they would not have gone over budget.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Alsop to approve a retroactive appropriation to 2014 in the amount of \$253,949.77.

AYES: R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. L. SIMPKINS, J. M. MILBY, JR., S. C. ALSOP

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: D. H. MORRIS

Dr. Jones questioned if the Board would be taking any action on School Food Service. The School Food Service request is due to the new school nutrition guidelines.

Mr. Swartzwelder commented that he was not sure what the Board is being asked to do, but this has nothing to do with new School Nutrition Guidelines or spoilage, but the creation of a position that may have been necessary. Mr. Swartzwelder further commented that his issue with

this that someone mislead the Board in an open public meeting, when their own documents clearly represent that this was not the case.

After a lengthy discussion of questions and concerns, a motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Mr. Bailey to appropriate the fund balance for Food Services.

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

NAYS: J. M. MILBY, JR.

NOT PRESENT: D. H. MORRIS

Ms. Alsop further commented that the Schools need to stick to the amount that they are going to spend and not come back. She does not want King and Queen to be known as someone that does not pay their bills.

Mr. Milby expressed that it frustrates him that the Board gave them \$120,000 that they really did not need.

UPDATES

County Administrator Thomas Swartzwelder provided the following comments:

- Advised the Board that he was informed that the School Board has designated their Finance Officer as the Fiscal Agent for the Schools, which is always something that the Board of Supervisors has always shied away from.
- Advised that the Pier Project is on track.
- Invitation to the Economic Summit, if anyone can go, to please let him know
- Advised that he has gotten 3 or 4 complains about the hours of operation that the Pamunkey Library has set.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD ADJOURN:

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

AYES: R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. L. SIMPKINS, J. M. MILBY, JR., S. C. ALSOP

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: D. H. MORRIS

R. F. Bailey, Jr., Chairman

Thomas J. Swartzwelder, Clerk

