

King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Monday, February 8, 2021
7:00 P.M.

King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
General District Courtroom

“Minutes of the Meeting”

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

Ms. Alsop opened the meeting. Roll Call was taken with member Doris Morris, Jim Burns and Lawrence Simpkins being present at the court house Sherrin Alsop attending via GoToMeeting and member Rusty Bailey absent.

Mr. Simpkins provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE JANUARY 11, 2021 MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Mr. Burns approving the January 11, 2021 minutes as presented.

AYES: D. H. MORRIS, J. L. SIMPKINS, J. M. BURNS, S. C. ALSOP
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: R.F. BAILEY, JR.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2021 WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approve the January warrants and payroll for the month of February 2021, subject to audit.

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

APPROPRIATION OF DECEMBER 2020 REVNEUE TO THE SCHOOL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$537,579.02

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to appropriate the December 2020 revenue to the School Fund in the amount of \$537,579.02, subject to audit.

AYES: D. H. MORRIS, J. L. SIMPKINS, J. M. BURNS, S. C. ALSOP

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: R.F. BAILEY, JR.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were received from the public.

SOCIAL SERVICES AND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Betty Dougherty, Director of Social Services provided an update on the following items:

- Virginia Restaurant Meals Program (VRMP)
- Child Welfare Stipend Program
- Benefit Waiver extensions due to COVID
- 2021 Legislation Update/CSA funds

Dr. Carol Carter, Superintendent of Schools provided the following updates:

- Congratulated the new Chairman and Vice Chairman
- Current ADM numbers
- Provided the date of the School budget public hearing
- Advised that the Schools are providing Equity Awareness training
- Provided and update on the COVID precautions at the schools

Member Lawrence Simpkins questioned the large number of students reported in the 2nd grade in the report provided. This is due to VAV students.

FY2022 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

The following agencies made presentations to the Board regarding their funding request for the FY2022 budget:

- Legal Aid Works, Ann Kloeckner
- MPNN Community Services Board, Linda Hodges
- Bridges of Change, Vanessa Carter-West

RESOLUTION/MPPDC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPLICATION

Tom Swartzwelder advised that the MPPDC is seeking support of their application to the US EDA to recognize the Middle Peninsula as an Economic Development District. The purpose of this designation is to improve the regions ability to further develop economic development in the region. The MPPDC provided the following resolution of support for adoption:

A Resolution of the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors Supporting the Submission of an Application for the Creation of the Middle Peninsula Economic Development District

WHEREAS, the United States Economic Development Administration (US EDA) was created by Congress pursuant to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 in part to establish economic development districts to fulfill the mission of US EDA in “fostering entrepreneurship, innovation and productivity through investments in infrastructure development, capacity building and business development in order to attract private capital investments and higher-skill, higher wage jobs to regions experience substantial and persistent economic distress.”; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Peninsula region meets the applicable measures of economic distress as provided in 13 CFR 301.3; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission (MPPDC) is qualified to and has supported the economic development planning needs of the region in the past; and

WHEREAS, the MPPDC has taken action supporting the creation of a six-county Economic Development District and directed staff to complete the tasks necessary to establish said District; and

WHEREAS, the US EDA has expressed a willingness to create a six-county Economic Development District (EDD) to serve Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Mathews, and Middlesex Counties; and

WHEREAS, there is regional support from both the public and private sectors for the creation of an EDD to serve the needs of the Middle Peninsula region; and

WHEREAS, an EDD program will help communities develop the planning and technical expertise to aid communities and the region in their comprehensive, entrepreneurial, and innovation-based economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, King and Queen County is desirous of participating in the EDD, in order to collaborate with other local governmental units, municipalities, organizations, and private entities for the mutual advantage and economic development of the communities of the region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors, as duly elected and authorized representatives, do here by support the designation by the US EDA of a six-county economic development district to support the regional and local economic development needs of the member localities of the MPPDC.

Mr. Burns asked who would be in charge of managing this designation. Mr. Swartzwelder advised that the MPPDC will do so.

Ms. Morris asked if this would draw the County into anything or bind it financially. Mr. Swartzwelder advised that this designation does neither.

A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Alsop to adopt the resolution as presented.

AYES: J. M. BURNS, J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, D. H. MORRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: R. F. BAILEY, JR.

BUDGET AMENDMENT – SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND

Per the adopted budget resolution for the FY2020 budget, the Board agreed to place any unspent local funds given to the school division during the fiscal into the School Capital Project Fund. At the January 2021 meeting RFC presented the annual audit reflecting \$52,838 in unspent local funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to amendment FY21 budget and appropriate \$52,838 to the School Capital Projects Fund.

AYES: J. M. BURNS, J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, D. H. MORRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: R. F. BAILEY, JR

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Economic Development Authority/Stevensville – Tabled

Wetlands Board – Tabled

Pamunkey Regional Library Board – Tabled

Planning Commission/ St. Stephens Church – Tabled

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

County Administrator Thomas Swartzwelder provided the following comments:

- Fiber Project – The project is still moving forward slowly. Continual delays caused by the weather are hindering progress.
- COVID Vaccine – The Health Department has asked for MOUs to be put in place in order to allow County EMS staff to assist with the vaccination process. A motion was made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Mr. Burns authorizing the County Administrator to execute MOUs with the Health Department related to the COVID vaccination process. Motion was approved unanimously.
- During the quarterly MPPDC meeting it was discussed that there is a need to have better public awareness regarding the vaccination process. The PDC has requested that each locality participate in having Consociate Media provide this service at a

not to exceed \$3,000 for this service. It was the consensus of the Board to take up at the workshop if still necessary.

- Advised that the MPPDC sent a letter to the Governor's office requesting that the state pay more attention to our region and possibly enlist the assistance of the National Guard in regards to the deployment of the COVID vaccine.
- Telework/Telehealth Center – He has had good discussion with one of the local hospitals regarding their interest in participating.
- KQES – Advised that he has the contact information for the adjoining landowner and has updated the Superintendent on the options that the Board is considering.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Mr. Simpkins had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming and providing the reports and hoped everyone has a safe trip home.

Mr. Burns had the following comments:

- Advised that he attended the recent Planning Commission meeting. They are doing great work. He asked that the Board consider several text amendments that would allow for Administrative approval of site plans for 'By Right' uses. The Board agreed to have staff begin to work on draft amendments.
- Asked for clarification on the size of school needed at KQES with the possible relocation of 6th and 7th grades to the high school.

Ms. Morris had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Asked the County Administrator to look into the contaminated dirt that is being brought out onto the road at the landfill due to the rainy conditions.
- Asked the County Administrator to have VDOT look at the approach to the bridge at Burch's Swamp on Rt. 610 Piedmont Road. It seems the pavement is sinking away from the bridge.
- Asked if the Board would agree to have the School Superintendent and Director of Social Services report on a quarterly basis rather than monthly. It was agreed to do so.

Ms. Alsop had the following comments:

- Advised that she attended VACO Legislative Day.
- Expressed additional concerns regarding the COVID vaccine 'roll out' in the Middle Peninsula. She did not receive her second vaccine as planned and that is why she is not able to be there in person. She is supposed to receive it this week.
- She is watching the Public School funding bills that are being proposed at the state level.
- Reminded everyone of the budget workshop meeting on Tuesday the 16th.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE BOARD BE ADJOURNED:

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

Sherrin C. Alsop, Chairman

Thomas J. Swartzwelder, Clerk