

King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Monday, March 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

Vice Chairman Morris opened the meeting. Roll Call was taken with member Doris Morris, Jim Burns, Lawrence Simpkins and Rusty Bailey being present and member Sherrin Alsop absent.

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

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE JANUARY 25, 2021 AND FEBRUARY 8, 2021 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Bailey approving the January 25, 2021 and February 8, 2021 minutes as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2021 WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

APPROPRIATION OF JANUARY 2021 REVENUE TO THE SCHOOL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$545,142.73

A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Mr. Burns to appropriate the January 2021 revenue to the School Fund in the amount of \$545,142.73, subject to audit.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were received from the public.

BUDGET AMENDMENT – RESCUE SERVICES/HEART MONITOR GRANT

Emergency Services has received a grant to replace the heart monitors used by the Rescue Services staff and volunteer agencies on the ambulances. The grant application was to replace all 8 units but funding received was only for 6. The current budget includes \$20,000 for local match that was anticipated based on the original grant application. However, in order to proceed with complete replacement an additional \$37,968 in local funds is needed. The budget amendment includes \$151,129.90 in grant funds as well as the additional \$37,968 in local funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Burns to amend the FY21 budget and appropriate the requested \$189,097.90 in grant and local funds to purchase the replacement heart monitors.

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

RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATION OF MARCH AS MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

Bay Aging has requested approval of the resolution below proclaiming March 2021 as the 19th annual March for Meals Month to promote the Meals on Wheels program.

PROCLAIMING MARCH 2021 AS THE 19TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for older adults 60 years and older; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels America established March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs – home delivered and congregate, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of hunger in older adult populations in America; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 observance of March for Meals celebrates 19 years of providing an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about hunger and isolation in older adult populations; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs – home delivered and congregate, in King and Queen County have served our older adults and people living with disabilities admirably for over 43 years; and

WHEREAS, volunteers for Meals on Wheels programs in King and Queen County are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to older adults and people living with disabilities who are at significant risk of hunger and isolation, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Meals on Wheels program in King and Queen County provides nutritious meals to older adults and people living with disabilities throughout the county that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, the Meals on Wheels program in King and Queen County provides a powerful opportunity for social connection for hundreds of older adults and people living with disabilities to combat the negative effects and economic consequences of loneliness and isolation; and

WHEREAS, the Meals on Wheels program in King and Queen County deserves recognition for the heroic contributions and essential services they have provided amid the COVID19 pandemic and will continue to provide to local communities, our Commonwealth and our Nation long after it is over.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Doris H. Morris, as Vice Chair of the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim March 2021 as the 19th Annual March for Meals Month and urge every citizen to take this month to honor the Bay Aging Meals on Wheels program, the older adults and people living with disabilities they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the 2021 Bay Aging March for Meals can enrich our entire community and help combat hunger and isolation in these populations in King and Queen County, Virginia.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2021

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

AYES: J. M. BURNS, J. L. SIMPKINS, D. H. MORRIS, R.F. BAILEY, JR.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

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
 - Planning Commission/Buena Vista District – A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Bailey to reappoint Hunter Richardson to a four-year term expiring on March 8, 2025.
- AYES: J. M. BURNS, J. L. SIMPKINS, D. H. MORRIS, R.F. BAILEY, JR.
 NAYS: NONE
 ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

Mr. Burns advised the Board that he had originally had reservations reappointing Mr. Richardson due to concerns with some personal actions that appeared to be in conflict with his role on the Planning Commission. However, he has spoken to Mr. Richardson and Mr. Richardson has assured him that his concerns have been addressed and will not continue to be an issue.

Mr. Swartzwelder advised that the EDA has had difficulty having a quorum at their meetings due to vacancies and members who seem to not be able to attend. As there continue to be vacancies here and on other committees he asked the Board for permission to have staff place information on the County website regarding committee openings and appointments. It was agreed to have staff proceed with this.

Mr. Burns inquired to whether or not Mr. Percy Pollard would be able to continue to serve on the Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Swartzwelder advised that he was not certain but felt that Mr. Pollard’s health may preclude him from continuing but he would look into it further.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

County Administrator Thomas Swartzwelder provided the following comments:

- Fiber Project – The project is approximately 2 months behind schedule. As the weather improves, they hope to catch up moving towards summer.
- There are currently two vacant positions in the Administration Office. The Codes Compliance Officer and the Permit Tech/Receptionist. He thanked the Board for making the permit tech position fulltime, we are seeing much better response since that has been done.
- Telehealth Facility – This project is continuing to move forward. He has been working with the interested parties to work towards a final plan so that design and bidding can begin.
- KQES update – He is still in communication with the adjacent property owner on what they are willing to do and what the County will need.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Mr. Bailey had the following comments:

- Commented that it was nice to have a short meeting and still accomplish things.
- Thanked the 2 citizens who attended.
- Thanked staff for working on getting COVID vaccinations for the Board and hopes that now things will start to get back to the old normal.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home.

Mr. Simpkins had the following comments:

- Thanked the Sheriff for his report.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home and to be careful.

Mr. Burns had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for the reports.
- Thanked everyone who came out and to have a good evening.

Ms. Morris had the following comments:

- Thanked the Sheriff for his report and for increasing his patrols on Rt. 614, it has really been a help.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Bailey to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A1 for a personnel matter within the County Administration office and Section 2.2-3711A5 for the discussion of a perspective business you where no public announcement has been made of the business' interest in locating its facilities to the community.

AYES: J. M. BURNS, J. L. SIMPKINS, D. H. MORRIS, R.F. BAILEY, JR.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Bailey to enter into open session with all members certifying by individual vote that only those public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in close session.

AYES: J. M. BURNS, J. L. SIMPKINS, D. H. MORRIS, R.F. BAILEY, JR.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

Mr. Bailey asked for an update on the Opioid Litigation. Mr. Swartzwelder advised that the pharmaceutical companies are working towards settling the suit. Based on preliminary information the Counties that participated in the litigation (which King and Queen did) will get a greater portion of the settlement once it is finalized.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE BOARD BE ADJOURNED:

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Sherrin C. Alsop, Chairman

Thomas J. Swartzwelder, Clerk