

**King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, July 24, 2023**

6:00 P.M.

**Regular Meeting
King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
Second Floor Conference Room**

Minutes of the Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with member Sherrin Alsop being absent.

Chairman Bailey advised that Item #5 was to be moved up on the agenda since the Commissioner of Revenue was here but needed to leave.

BOAT VALUATION DISCUSSION

Kelly Lumpkin explained that as with used vehicle values last year, boat values have increased dramatically this year. Most, but not all, of the increases are related to the motor rather than the board itself. Her office used Vessel Valuations to provide assessment values and they advised that most values were not adjusted in 2020 and 2021 with also contributed significantly to the increase.

After general discussion regarding the increases, suggested options for reductions and consideration of the fact that once again it seems to be older items that see the largest percentage increase a motion was made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to request that the Commissioner apply a 15% reduction in values on all boats for just one year.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

APPROVAL RECURRING WARRANTS

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Ms. Morris to approve the recurring warrants for the month of July, subject to audit.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

APPROVAL OF DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT - \$204,000 (DUE AUGUST 1, 2023)

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approved the payment of the debt service payment in the amount of \$204,000.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

SHERIFF REQUEST TO CONVERT ACO POSITION TO FULL-TIME

Sheriff Balderson was not present but Chief Deputy Wilson advised that they still have had no luck in filling the position as part time. As requested in the budget, the Sheriff would like the Board to reconsider making it a full-time position. The Director of Finance has confirmed that with the current funding in the budget for the part time position it would take approximately \$20,000 to make the conversion without needing a budget amendment in the current year.

There was general discussion among Board members including the need to revisit next year since the funding in the budget is only for this year and whether this would be a sworn officer position.

A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Morris to approve the conversion of the ACO position to full-time for one year. The Sheriff will come back to the Board at budget time and a decision will be made whether to keep it as full-time or not.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

VIRGINIA AMERICAN REVOLUTION 250 COMMISSION (VA250)

As part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the state is requesting that each county form a local VA250 committee that will be the liaison for state activities and will also plan activities within the county to celebrate this anniversary. Suggestions were made of local individuals who may be interested, and the County Administrator will reach out to them and bring back to the Board at their next meeting.

APPOINTMENT – MIDDLE PENINSULA ALLIANCE (MPA)

Vivian Seay advised that the PDC is working to reorganize the MPA. Mr. Simpkins was our last appointment, but since the organization has not been active for several years, there is no current appointment.

A motion was made by Ms. Morris an seconded by Mr. Burns to reappoint Mr. Simpkins the the MPA.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

LONG TERM STRATEGY FOR ANIMAL SHELTER

Ms. Seay reminded the Board that the original agreement with King William for the regional animal shelter is for 30 years and that we are now approximately halfway through that period. Since the current agreement has significant language regarding the construction of the facility and start up operational items, both counties are reviewing it for additional changes. As shown by the recent discussions surrounding the installation of a stand-by generator, it appears that there may be different mind sets on how the shelter should or could be operated and while the current discussions are underway, now may be the time to address other changes. There was general discussion, but no action was taken.

ITEMS BROUGHT BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Morris requested an update on the Liesfeld mining application on Devils Three Jump Road. Ms. Seay advised that Ms. Sprouse has not received the revisions requested from them regarding their application. She advised that she and Ms. Sprouse will meet with her again when they resubmit their application. At this point depending on when the application is submitted it will go to the Planning Commission in either August or September. She will provide copies to the Board once the application is submitted.

Mr. Burns asked for an update on litter pick up throughout the county. He stated that York River Road is terrible, that the litter is everywhere along the sides of the road. Chief Deputy Wilson advised that the Sheriff's office has not been able to get the inmates very much lately. He also asked that the Building and Zoning departments be added to the Quarterly Reports at Board meetings. Lastly, he asked if there is a listing of all the businesses in the county. Staff will request that from the Commissioner of Revenue, and it will be provided to the Board monthly.

Mr. Simpkins thanked the County Administrator for the weekly updates, they are very helpful. He requested an update on the KQES project. Ms. Seay advised that there is still no resolution on getting final plans from the architect. Staff has been focused on the modular campus but will keep asking Mr. Hudson to provide the documents. The ability to utilize the existing septic system at CHS will be a huge savings on this project by eliminating the need for pump and haul for the modular campus. The new well is in but staff is skeptical that Phase II will be complete prior to school starting. There is discussion now of doing a temporary connection and completing that during the Christmas holiday.

It was suggested that that the old KQES facility be used by Emergency Services and the Sheriff's office for training. Staff present (Deputy Chief Willaford and Chief Deputy Wilson) advised that plans are already in the works.

Ms. Seay also advised that the plans for the telework center have gone to EDA and VDOT for final approval and that project should be going out to bid soon.

Mr. Bailey advised that his hunt club has adopted Pear Tree Avenue for litter pick up.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD BE ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Doris H. Morris, Chairman

Clerk of the Board