

**King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2020**

7:00 P.M.

**Regular Meeting
King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
General District Courtroom**

Minute of the Meeting

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

Chairman Simpkins called the regular meeting to order with all members present. Mr. Bailey provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE JANUARY 13, 2020 MINUTES OF THE BOARD

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the January 13, 2020 minutes of the Board, as written.

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

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE FEBRUARY 2020 COUNTY WARRANTS

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Alsop to approve the County warrants, subject to audit, for the month of January 2020

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

SCHOOL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Ms. Alsop to approve School revenue and appropriation in the amount of \$518,850.44 for revenue received in the month of December 2019.

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

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES 3RD QUARTER LUMP SUM APPROPRIATION

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Morris to approve the quarterly appropriation to the School Food Services Fund in the amount of \$89,841.00.

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

NAYS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rosalyn Trent, Stevensville District, spoke in favor of the Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board (CSB) FY2021 budget request. Ms. Trent is the county's representative on this board and she feels that they provide many great services in the community and hopes the Board will support their request as well as an increase in funding if possible.

SOCIAL SERVICES AND SCHOOL MONTHLY REPORTS

Dr. Carol Carter, School Superintendent provided the following report:

- The School Division is celebrating Black History month with many events throughout the month of February. The current ADM is 788, the FY20 budget is based on an ADM of 772. She advised the Board that the School Board will be holding their FY21 budget public hearing on Wednesday. Dr. Carter then shared a story with the Board titled "A World Without African Americans".

Betty Dougherty, Director of Social Services provided the following report:

- February celebrates Benefits Specialists Appreciation. King & Queen DSS has 4 Benefits Specialists and 1 Supervisor in their Benefits Team. Ms. Dougherty provided 2019 statistics on the services provided to clients by the King and Queen Benefits team.

FY2021 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS/OUTSIDE AGENCIES

The following agencies made presentations on behalf of their funding requests that were previously provided to the Board:

- Pamunkey Regional Library, Tom Shepley
- Legal Aid Works, Ann Kloeckner
- Rappahannock Community College, Bill Doyle
- Quin Rivers, Gillian Barney
- Arts Alive, Brenda Thompson and Patricia Hylton
- Bay Aging/Bay Transit, Cathy Vesley and Ken Pollack

- MPNN Community Services Board, Chuck Walsh
- JDR Court, Judge Holly Smith
- Bridges of Change, Vanessa Carter-West

WALNUT SOLAR LLC PRESENTATION

Representatives from Walnut Solar LLC were present to provide a draft of their proposed financial agreement. Some of the financial highlights from the proposal included payment of approximately \$6 million in taxes over the next 40 years and a commitment to an additional \$4 million. Other benefits highlighted included community benefits such as enhanced emergency resources, local job opportunities, improved erosion controls on the site, prevent residential development and local spending during construction.

As part of the presentation they reviewed the process up to this point as the project has worked its way through County land use approvals. In continuation of this process, it was asked that the Board agree to a date to set their public hearing for this project. The request is for the public hearing to be set for the May 11, 2020 regular board meeting and that there be at least one more informational meeting either with members individually or as a group prior to that meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Morris to set the May 11, 2020 regular board meeting as the date for the public hearing for the Walnut Solar project.

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

NAYS: NONE

Chairman Simpkins clarified that this is still subject to change if something comes up prior to that the Board feels they need more time.

BUDGET AMENDMENT/SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS

Pursuant to the FY2019 adopted budget resolution a request has been made to transfer any unspent local funds provided to the School Fund to the School Capital Projects Fund. There was \$21,921 remaining at the end of FY2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Burns to transfer \$21,921 from the General Fund to the School Capital Projects Fund.

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

NAYS: NONE

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Wetlands Board/Alternate member – Table.

Wetlands Board/Reappointment of Kirk Havens – A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Ms. Morris to reappoint Kirk Havens to the Wetlands Board for a five-year term ending on March 9, 2025.

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

Social Services Advisory Board/Shanghai District – Mr. Bailey made a motion to appoint Aletta Hall to the Social Services Advisory Board for a four-year term ending March 12, 2024.

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

Social Services Advisory Board/Newtown District – Table.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Thomas Swartzwelder, County Administrator, had no comments.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Alsop had the following comments:

- She has been very busy at the General Assembly. She attended VACo Legislative Day and the Rural Caucus.
- She taught a class at the VACo Chairman's Institute.
- She has been elected to the Virginia Leadership Institute.
- Be careful going home.

Mr. Bailey had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Thanked those who made reports for the good information.
- Thanked those who spoke on their budget requests.
- Thanked the Walnut Solar representatives for the informative presentation.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home and hoped to see everyone next month.

Ms. Morris had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone who came out and for their comments and hoped to see everyone next month.

Mr. Burns had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming.

- Advised fellow Board members that they are in for ‘a real treat’ with all of the solar project information coming their way. He also advised that they be careful believing what you read and consider the sources. He has listened to the citizens and will represent what they have expressed to him.
- Thanked everyone for coming and listening, have a safe trip home.

Mr. Simpkins had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Stated that at the last meeting he advised that he had not done much looking into the solar process, that he was waiting for the Planning Commission to make their recommendation but now that it has been sent to the Board he has spent a significant amount of time looking at the information that has been provided. He added that the Planning Commission and staff have done an amazing job. They have worked very hard and looked at every ‘nut and bolt’ and anticipate any issue that could come along. However, there is still work to be done by the Board and wanted to ensure that all knew that the Board is going to do that work, whether the project is approved or not. They will be open minded and listen to the citizens as well.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD BE ADJOURNED

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

J. Lawrence Simpkins, Chairman

Clerk of the Board