

**King and Queen County  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
Monday, September 28, 2020**

**6:00 P.M.**

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

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Simpkins called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with three members being present and Supervisor Sherrin Alsop in attendance using remote access. Mr. Bailey was absent.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF SEPTEMBER RECURRING WARRANTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Ms. Morris to approve the September recurring warrants subject to audit.

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

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: R.F. BAILEY

**WALNUT SOLAR I, LLC SITING AGREEMENT – REVIEW PROPOSED TERMS**

Chip Dicks, representative of Walnut Solar was present to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the current draft of the proposed siting agreement. Mr. Swartzwelder, County Attorney went through items that the Board may still need to address. It was advised that the public hearing is set for October 13<sup>th</sup> and a review of the public hearing process was given since there is one hearing for multiple items.

Specific items of discussion included the following:

Payment Schedule – after discussion it was the consensus that if the siting agreement is approved, the Board prefers payment schedule option #3.

Mr. Burns expressed his concern with the public perception that the Board has already ‘spent’ this money on the broadband project. He wanted to make sure that it is noted in the record that the solar project was not taken into consideration when approving the broadband project.

Clarification of proposed well and water holding tank to be used by fire departments.

Discussion of concerns related decommissioning of equipment either at the end of 40 years or in the case of cease of operations.

**TELEWORK CENTER STATUS/DISCUSSION**

Mr. Swartzwelder updated the Board on the status of the design and site plan. The project has expanded to possibly include a telehealth component. The addition of this aspect has increased

the cost estimates of the project but full details will not be known until the results of the telehealth feasibility study are received. He asked for guidance as to whether or not the Board wants to continue with the project since the scope may change significantly from the original concept.

It was the consensus of the Board to continue moving forward with the project.

### **RIVERSTREET USE OF CARLTONS CORNER PROPERTY**

A request has been received from Riverstreet to allow them to use the property owned by the County at the intersection of The Trail and Carlton's Corner Road for a staging area for the broadband project. It was the consensus of the Board to allow them to use the property in exchange for the necessary improvements for entrances to the property. It was also the consensus to incorporate an area for an equipment 'hub' at the farmers market into the telework center site plan.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Swartzwelder gave an overview of previous discussions related to changing health insurance coverage options offered to new hires. We have received a determination from our insurance broker that by implementing the suggestion of having employees 'buy up' to the current 80/20 plan could put the County into a position that those who are considered to be highly compensated employees are able to receive a better benefit.

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Ms. Morris to offer only the high deductible plan with the accompanying Health Saving Account contribution to new hires made after October 1, 2020.

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

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: R.F. BAILEY

### **E&S/CODES COMPLIANCE OFFICER OPENING AND POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT TO SALARY STEP PLAN**

Mr. Swartzwelder advised that it has been difficult to get qualified applicants for the position left vacant with the resignation of David McIntire. The current position is significantly lower in the step plan than neighboring counties. The issue with this position was raised previously when review was done of the step plan but was not addressed at that time.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Burns to change this position from a Grade 4 to a Grade 5 in the step plan, to amend the FY21 budget to reflect a base salary of \$45,000 and to appropriate the necessary funds to do so from the salary contingency line item.

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

NAYS: NONE

NOT PRESENT: R.F. BAILEY

### **VACO CONFERENCE VOTING CREDENTIALS**

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Ms. Morris to designate Sherrin Alsop as the person authorized to vote on behalf of the County at the annual VACo conference.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, D.H. MORRIS, J.M. BURNS  
NAYS: NONE  
NOT PRESENT: R.F. BAILEY

**ITEMS BROUGHT FORTH BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Burns advised that he had no items to bring forth but advised the Board that he will be having oral surgery on the Thursday before the regular October meeting.

Ms. Morris offered her condolences to Mr. Bailey in the loss of his mother.

Ms. Alsop also expressed her condolences to Mr. Bailey and advised the Celestine Gaines, Newtown District School Board member recently lost her sister to COVID19.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD BE ADJOURNED**

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

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J. Lawrence Simpkins, Chairman

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Clerk of the Board