

King and Queen County  
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2022  
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**

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

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE JANUARY 24, 2022 AND FEBRUARY 14, 2022 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Simpkins approving the January 24, 2022 and February 14, 2022 minutes as presented.

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

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 2022 WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the warrants and payroll for the month of March 2022.

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

**APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER OF FY2021 LOCAL FUNDS TO THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUND**

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Bailey to appropriate and transfer \$287,653 in unspent local funds from the FY2021 school fund to the school capital projects fund.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Kenneth Byrd, Stevensville District and President of the King and Queen NAACP, stated that the NAACP needs to have answers on when the monument at Circuit Court will be removed. He also advised the Board that the NAACP is planning a parade in celebration of Juneteenth on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The parade will be from the Courthouse to Central High School. Mr. Swartzwelder and Chief Deputy Balderson advised of the process for approval and offered to assist in completing the necessary VDOT application.

### **SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE/ELECTION ORDINANCE**

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Bailey to set the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting as the date for the public hearing to amend the county election ordinance to reflect the new redistricting maps that have been submitted to the Office of the Attorney General for approval.

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

### **ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY FROM THE IDA/EDA – FARMER’S MARKET**

Mr. Swartzwelder advised that the federal grant received from EDA for the tele center project requires that the county own the property. The IDA/EDA took action at their last meeting authorizing transfer of the farmer’s market property to the county.

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Ms. Alsop to accept the farmer’s market property from the IDA/EDA.

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

### **APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Economic Development Authority/Stevensville – Tabled  
Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board - Tabled  
Pamunkey Regional Library Board – Tabled  
Planning Commission/ Stevensville – Tabled  
Planning Commission/Newtown – Tabled  
Planning Commission/Newtown – Tabled  
Rappahannock Community College – Member Barbara Hudgins has resigned from her position on this Board. RCC has submitted citizen Carol Holmes for consideration as her replacement.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Burns appointing Carol Holmes to the RCC Board to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Hudgins which ends on June 30, 2022 and for an additional four-year term ending June 30, 2026.

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

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Swartzwelder had the following comments:

- He has been notified by the Commissioner of the Revenue that the county ordinance for Elderly and Disabled Tax Credits follows the state code however there appears to be a conflict in what has been the practice of implementation and the ordinance. The former Commissioner was using \$35,000 for income level and the ordinance says \$25,000. The current Commissioner has been using the same level and just recently realized the discrepancy.  
It was the consensus of the Board to continue with the use of \$35,000 for the current year and address any changes needed to the ordinance after budget.
- Reminded the Board that the Commissioner will be at the next work session meeting to discuss the value increases on personal property, specifically the increase in values on used vehicles.
- Reported that the fiber project is moving along quickly. Fiber now passes 750 residences and they have approximately 50 hook- ups completed. Riverstreet did qualify for an ACP (Affordable Connectivity Program) and will have a reduced cost option for customers.
- Advised that since Davenport did a very thorough financial analysis for the school funding project, staff would like to keep them on as financial advisors even after the final 'loose end' items from that project are complete.

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENTS**

**Mr. Bailey had the following comments:**

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Commented that it was very nice to have a brief meeting and that things were still accomplished.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home and see them next month.

**Mr. Simpkins had the following comments:**

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Reminded everyone to watch out for farm vehicles now that the weather is getting warmer and spring planting has begun.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home.

**Ms. Alsop had the following comments:**

- Advised that she is feeling better and is glad to be back.
- Thanked everyone for the updates on things she missed while out.

- Expressed appreciation of Women’s History Month. It is appropriate to recognize that Ms. Morris is the chair and that Ms. Alsop was the first woman to serve on the Board of Supervisors.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home.

**Mr. Burns had the following comments:**

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Asked the County Administrator to look into having the volunteer fire departments notified of controlled burns in their services area.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home.

**Ms. Morris had the following comments:**

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Expressed that it was wonderful to have Ms. Alsop back and she is glad she is feeling better.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home.
- Agreed with Mr. Simpkins comment, watch out for farm equipment on the road.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Burns to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A1 for a personnel matter involving the County Administrator.

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

NAYS: NONE

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Ms. Alsop 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 closed session.

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

NAYS: NONE

**IT IS ORDERED THAT THE BOARD BE ADJOURNED:**

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Alsop to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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**Doris H. Morris, Chairman**

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**Thomas J. Swartzwelder, Clerk**