

King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 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. Bailey provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. Vice Chairman Bailey noted that members Jim Burns and Doris Morris were absent.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE AUGUST 16, 2022 AND SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Alsop approving the August 16, 2022 and September 12, 2022 minutes as presented.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S.C. ALSOP, R.F. BAILEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: J.M. BURNS, D. H. MORRIS

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2022 WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

- 1) A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to ratify the approval of the September recurring warrants paid after the work session was cancelled.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S.C. ALSOP, R.F. BAILEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: J.M. BURNS, D. H. MORRIS

- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Alsop to approve the County warrants and payroll for the month of October 2022, subject to audit.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S.C. ALSOP, R.F. BAILEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: J.M. BURNS, D. H. MORRIS

- 3) A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approve the quarterly appropriation to the School Food Services Fund in the amount of \$100,011, subject to audit.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S.C. ALSOP, R.F. BAILEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: J.M. BURNS, D. H. MORRIS

- 4) A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approve the budget amendment and appropriation to the Forfeited Assets Fund in the amount of \$3,750.67.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S.C. ALSOP, R.F. BAILEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: J.M. BURNS, D. H. MORRIS

- 5) A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approve the budget transfer for 2 new dispatcher positions in the Sheriff's Office from the Contingency Fund to the Sheriff's Budget.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S.C. ALSOP, R.F. BAILEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: J.M. BURNS, D. H. MORRIS

- 6) A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Alsop to approve the payment of the invoice to DRK Enterprises for the lighting on the CHS football field in the amount of \$45,882.85.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S.C. ALSOP, R.F. BAILEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: J.M. BURNS, D. H. MORRIS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Richard Kay, Newtown District, voiced his concerns over the recent increase in his personal property bill for 2022. His concerns included that his increase on his RV was 43% and that many people saw an increase of 15% and some as much as 60%. He felt that the Board's decision to exclude RVs, trailers, boats and airplanes was unfair and asked that the Board reduce the taxes for this year and in future years.

CHANGE MEETING DATE – NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to move the November regular board meeting from Monday, November 14, 2022 to Tuesday, November 15, 2022 due to a conflict with the VACo conference.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S.C. ALSOP, R.F. BAILEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: J.M. BURNS, D. H. MORRIS

VOTING CREDENTIALS – ANNUAL VACO CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to appoint Vivian Seay as the voting delegate and Sherrin Alsop as the alternate.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S.C. ALSOP, R.F. BAILEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: J.M. BURNS, D. H. MORRIS

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Reports were provided by the following:

- ❖ Sheriff Charboneau – A written report was provided in advance. He also thanked the Board for the approval of the two new dispatch positions.
- ❖ Kelly Lumpkin, Commissioner of Revenue – A written report was provided in advance but she also reminded everyone that 2022 taxes are due December 5th and that applications for the Elderly and Disabled Tax Credit will be going out soon and are due by January 1, 2023.
- ❖ Vanessa Porter, Circuit Court Clerk – A written report was provided in advance and she was present to answer any questions.
- ❖ Linda Cooke, Social Services Administrative Services Manager – A written report was provided in advance by the Social Services Director and she updated the Board on the status of CSA for FY22.
- ❖ Dr. Carol Carter, School Superintendent – A written report was provided in advance and she also gave the following updates:
 - The current ADM is 809 and their budget was based on 805.
 - On 10/14 the football teams play West Point.
 - Community Pride Day is October 15th.
 - She thanked the Board for the lighting at CHS on the football field.
 - They will be having track meets at CHS this spring on the new field.
 - They have been able to have a band at the football games.
 - The security grants for CHS and LMES are underway.
 - There will be a COVID booster clinic at CHS next week.
 - A \$35,000 grant for hot spots for students has been received.
 - Thanked the Board for the purchase of the school bus, it has finally arrived.
 - They have 2 new bus drivers.
 - The students are enjoying the new water bottle filling stations in the schools.
- ❖ Lee McKnight, VDOT Residency Engineer – A written report was provided in advance but he gave additional details on items within the report.
(Board members Simpkins and Bailey thanked him for the grass cutting, it was much needed in many areas.)

SALE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT TO NORTHERN NECK REGIONAL JAIL

Mr. Swartzwelder advised that this request is similar to past requests from the Emergency Services Coordinator to provide equipment to entities that use our system. The equipment is no longer used by the County but can help out the smaller agencies that use it. The last request was for the Middle Peninsula Regional Jail.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approve the sale of the repeater equipment in the amount of \$8,000.

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

APPOINTMENT OF VIVIAN SEAY AS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, COUNTY ATTORNEY AND CLERK OF THE BOARD

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to appoint Vivian Seay as the County Administrator, County Attorney and Clerk of the Board.

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

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to appoint Vivian Seay to fill the unexpired terms of Tom Swartzwelder on the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center, Public Access Authority and VPPSA Board.

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

Economic Development Authority/Stevensville – Tabled
Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board - Tabled
Planning Commission/Newtown – Tabled
Planning Commission/Buena Vista – Tabled
Pamunkey Regional Library Board – Tabled

CPMT Parent Representative – A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to appoint Rosalyn Trent as the parent representative on the CPMT.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

Mr. Swartzwelder had the following comments:

- Thanked the Board for the years of support as County Administrator and County Attorney and welcomed Vivian aboard in both positions.
- Advised that DHCD recently did an inspection on the fiber project and all went well, they are very pleased with the work that Riverstreet has done.
- Reminded the Board that the preliminary reports from Wampler and Eanes shows that many tax payers will see a significant increase in real estate property values.

- Handed out the list of Board of Equalization members from the last reassessment so the Board can be looking into recommendations for appointment this time. Hearings are set to begin in January so appointments will need to be in place prior to that.
- Updated the Board on the status of the well failure at Central High School. The temporary repair is still holding and estimates are being received from Sydor Hydro for the replacement well. In order to keep the project moving he requests a ‘not to exceed’ approval from the Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to set a not to exceed of \$100,000 for the CHS well project and approval of authorization to proceed once estimates are received.

AYES: J. L. SIMPKINS, S.C. ALSOP, R.F. BAILEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: J.M. BURNS, D. H. MORRIS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Ms. Alsop had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming and to have a safe trip home.
- Addressed Mr. Kay and stated that everyone is feeling the brunt of the economic impacts right now.
- Advised that she will be attending the VACo conference next month.
- Expressed concern over fire and rescue issues, volunteers are needed.
- There will be CPR and Basic Life Support classes at Upper Rescue, anyone interested please sign up, she will be the instructor.

Mr. Simpkins had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming and providing their reports.
- In response to Mr. Kay’s concerns, he stated that when the Board prepares the budget and sets tax rates, they have to find a balance and look at the big picture. The Board has many projects going on including \$20 million school construction, the fiber project, the tele center and many other things. It takes a lot of money to run the County.
- Tonight is Tom’s last night. He has truly enjoyed working with him the last 15 years. He wished him well and is looking forward to the next chapter.

Mr. Bailey had the following comments:

- My comments tonight are what many would call a farewell and a welcome at the same time. We bid farewell to our current County Administrator/County Attorney Tom Swartzwelder. Tom, I will always say that you are one of the smartest men I have known, and a good friend to the County and to me. You have always had the best interest for us at heart. We have completed so many projects with your guidance and have started a

bunch more. When the other counties come to little ole King and Queen and say “How do you get that done?” then we must be doing something right. I will miss our talks about anything from county business to sports, hunting and sometimes fishing. From the first meeting after my election in your office I knew we were going to work well together and be friends too. So, thank you for your years in helping to improve our County.

Welcome to Vivian Seay our new County Administrator/County Attorney. We look forward to working with you to further improve our county. We have a lot on the horizon with a new school, a new EMS/firehouse and telework center, and completion of the fiber to the home project plus other smaller projects. We are glad you are here and look forward to working with you.

On a different note, anyone who thinks that the decisions made by this board are in haste and without sometimes agonizing worry is sadly mistaken. This Board over the years has had many 3-to-4-hour meetings and Saturday all day meetings, only to postpone our decision to the next meeting so we could come to the best decision for our County. Much thought and extreme attention to detail is poured into each task or project. We were voted into these positions by our fellow citizens and we take that very seriously.

We thank you all for your reports and comments. I wish you a good night and a safe trip home and hope to see you at future meetings.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE BOARD BE ADJOURNED:

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Doris H. Morris, Chairman

Thomas J. Swartzwelder, Clerk