

**King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2024**

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 Simpkins called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with all members being present. It was noted that this is a joint meeting with the School Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Berry to recess the meeting and reconvene in the General District courtroom on the first floor. This action was taken to accommodate the number of citizens present.

The meeting was reconvened in the General District courtroom at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF RECURRING WARRANTS

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Berry approving the recurring warrants for the month of February.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS
NAYS: NONE

DAVENPORT PRESENTATION

David Rose and Grace Caplice provided an update on the financial position of the county. They also made recommendations on funding future recurring capital needs as well as operational expenses. The general recommendation over the last several years has been to gradually increase the real estate tax rate by .03 each year in order to keep pace with the ever-increasing needs for maintenance, competitive salaries for staff, increased mandates and other items that come up each year. Based on the current state across the country regarding inflation and the rising cost of living, they are currently recommending a .05 increase now and then return to the .03 increase next year if review at that time allows for it.

CAPITAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION – CENTRAL FIRE STATION

Ryan Cantu with Wilmot provided draft plans of a modular solution for the construction of the fire/rescue station to be built on the Carlton's Corner property. Preliminary estimates show the construction cost to be approximately \$3.8 million which includes the living quarters, large bay area, training areas and space designated for the 'pharmacy' that will be required for rescue staff to maintain stock of medications. If the board wishes to proceed and takes action to do so, the construction could be completed by the end of the year.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Budget presentations were received from the following departments that were unable to attend the meeting last week.

- Dr. Carol Carter, School Superintendent
- Quentin Mascari, Building Official, Maintenance and Capital Projects Manager
- Greg Hunter, Emergency Services Coordinator (includes Rescue Services and Radion Communications)

OTHER ITEMS BROUGHT BY BOARD MEMBERS

No items were added by board members. County Administrator Vivian Seay requested authorization to have Blair Wilson finalize the site plan for the fire station property. This way there would be a document available for an RFP when the board is ready to proceed with this project.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mrs. Norman to authorize the county administrator to move forward with having Mr. Wilson complete the site plan, with a cost not to exceed \$2,500.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: M.R. BERRY

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Norman to enter into closed session pursuant to VA Code § 2.2-3711(A)(3) to discuss the potential acquisition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body relating to real properties located in the Stevensville Magisterial District.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS

NAYS: NONE

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Ms. Alsop that each member of the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors, and (iii) no action was taken in the closed meeting.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS

NAYS: NONE

WIRELESS AUTHORITY DISSOLUTION

Vivian. Seay reminded the Board that there will be a brief Wireless Authority meeting prior to the March regular meeting in order to take action to dissolve the WSA now that the fiber project is complete and is available to all citizens. There are no more customers on the wireless network and the county will not receive any more revenue sharing funds. Expenses for the wireless network have been cancelled as well. This is the final step in order to formalize the close of the authority.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANT FUNDS

Tina Ammons provided the board with information relating to the use of school construction funds to cover the shortfall of local funds in FY24. There was brief discussion and the item will be placed on the March regular meeting agenda for approval.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD BE ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Billups to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk of the Board