

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

6:00 P.M.

**Regular Meeting
King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
2nd Floor Conference Room A and B**

Minutes of the Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Lawrence Simpkins called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with member Sherrin Alsop being absent.

APPROVAL OF RECURRING WARRANTS

A motion was made by Mr. Berry and seconded by Ms. Norman to approve the recurring warrants for the month of August with the correction to the expense allocation of the copier lease charges to the IT budget, subject to audit.

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

**DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION REGARDING DOMINION ENERGY
SUBSTATION APPLICATION**

Several representatives from Dominion Energy provided updates on proposed changes to the project site plan that will hopefully help alleviate concerns raised by the adjoining property owners. Specific items included the addition of antivibration pads under equipment, additional evergreen screening in the buffer areas, and level spreaders and traversable stone to address drainage concerns.

Board members asked additional questions regarding noise levels, the durability and lifespan of the proposed fencing and how long it will take for the buffer trees to mature to the point where they provide full screening.

It was the consensus of the Board to take no action until the September 9th meeting.

TELEWORK CENTER UPDATE

Ms. Seay advised that the contractor advised at the OAC meeting last week that the project is ahead of schedule. He anticipates that the certificate of occupancy will be issued by November 1st. Paving is done and the parking lot lights are installed. The Building Official has approved a change to the plans adding a door in the PDC office space in order to address egress concerns.

Tile is to be installed this week. Staff is continuing to meet with furniture vendors. She expects to have the lease and MOU with the PDC completed soon and draft lease has been sent to Sentara.

The Board took a brief recess until the scheduled 7:00 meeting with the School Board.

DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN JOINT MEETING WITH THE KING AND QUEEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Ms. Seay gave a background on why the joint meeting was requested.

Chairman Simpkins advised that the purchase of the piece of property behind Central High School is now complete. It has taken many months to get to this point but now that it is done, the Board will be issuing an RFP for companies to assist with designing the use of the property. As of right now, the decision has been made to relocate King and Queen Elementary to that site but no decision has been made on whether or not to relocate Lawson Marriott also into a consolidated elementary school.

Mr. Berry stated that the current practice of running two elementary schools is not cost effective based on the student populations. The current model is simply not sustainable, and the Board needs to invest in better infrastructure and better schools as a whole.

Ms. Billups referenced the King William campus where Cool Springs Elementary and Hamilton Holmes are located. It reduces that number of principals and other staff and maximizes resources. A combined elementary school will be more economically feasible. Lawson Marriott is also an aging building that will need an overhaul eventually.

Mr. Oakley (Buena Vista School Board member) asked if the proposed school would be modular or brick and mortar and if there are plans for a middle school.

Ms. Lee (Stevensville School Board member) stated that she felt it would be unfair not to include a middle school in the plan.

Ms. Gaines raised concern about the ability to be able to answer the questions that have been raised by citizens.

There was brief discussion on the need to get the word out, whether there would be additional meetings, the need to establish a work group to work with whatever company is chosen to do the design.

It was the consensus to create the work group, send out a joint press release which Dr. Carter and Ms. Seay would draft, and work towards having a draft master plan by early spring.

The Board also decided to invite the School Board to their retreat in November.

ITEMS BROUGHT BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Berry brought forth the following items:

- There have been three accidents recently on the roads that will be discussed during the public hearing to request through truck restrictions by VDOT.
- He has talked with Chief Otto regarding the fire station project and they are still looking into the feasibility of improvements to their building.
- Brought up the email received from Hattie Robinson, Clerk of Circuit Court regarding the maintenance and landscaping needs in her building. He stated that some of the items mentioned are safety concerns that need to be addressed sooner rather than later. He requested a detailed list of needs and an established time line for items on the list to be done.

Ms. Billups asked the status of landscaping and maintenance at the courthouse complex. Ms. Seay advised that the part time maintenance person became fulltime on August 1st and has been working to get the most pressing items addressed first.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD BE ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Mr. Berry to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk of the Board