

King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2024
7:00 P.M.

King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
General District Courtroom

“Minutes of the Meeting”

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Mr. Simpkins call the meeting to order noting that member Sherrin Alsop was not present. He provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE JUNE 24, 2024, JULY 22, 2024 AND AUGUST 12,
2024 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Billups approving the June 24, 2024, July 22, 2024 and August 12, 2024 minutes of the Board.

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

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF AUGUST WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Berry and seconded by Ms. Norman to approve the August County warrants and payroll, subject to audit.

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

APPROVAL OF USE OF FUNDS – TELEWORK FFE

Ms. Seay advised that staff have been working with the architect and with vendors to get final pricing for furniture, signage, IT equipment and other finishing items for the telework center. Staff is requesting to utilize funds allocated in the Capital Projects budget for these items at an amount not to exceed \$495,000.

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Mr. Berry to approve the use of budgeted capital projects funds not to exceed \$495,000 for these items in the telework center project.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

DELEGATE KEITH HODGES GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Delegate Hodges noted that he now represents the new 68th district created in the congressional redistricting. He gave an update on the following priority items from the 2024 General Assembly session:

- Attempts to modernize the Commonwealths Revenues and to incorporate additional funding for the following priorities:
 - K12 construction and compensation
 - State supported local employees
 - Public Libraries
 - Water Improvement Funds
 - Mental & Behavioral Health
- The State is committed to remaining a Top State to do Business in
- Continue to address the issues facing rural versus urban areas, especially in flooding and resiliency and economic development
- Continue to raise awareness and funding for the Blue Catfish project
- Support local and regional efforts to fund dredging and to utilize the spoils into a new product
- Continue to advocate for rural communities with solar siting and decommissioning regulations
- Continue to raise awareness of the healthcare crisis

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments from the public were received.

PUBLIC HEARING – REQUEST TO VDOT TO RESTRICT THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC ON RT. 632 AND RT. 633

Chairman Simpkins asked the County Administrator to provide background and proof of publication.

Ms. Seay advised that this request had come from Mr. Berry based on safety concerns raised by citizens and recent accidents that have occurred on the listed roads. She reminded all that the public hearing is only to make the request to VDOT for review of the roads for the restriction that ultimately VDOT is the approving authority as to whether or not the restriction is put in place.

Further, she stated that due to an error on an internal map, that Rt. 634 should have been included in the notice for hearing, however the Board can continue with the hearing for tonight and readvertise for the next meeting.

Chairman Simpkins opened the public hearing.

Ann Marie Voight, Stevensville District – She does not support the restriction on Mantua Road from Rt. 14 to Hockley Neck Road but does support the restriction on the other roads. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mr. Berry and seconded by Ms. Norman to table until next month and to readvertise to include Rt. 634.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

PRESENTATION BY BAY TRANSIT REGARDING EXPANDED SERVICE

Ken Pollack, Transit Director provided a background on the current service that is provided to King William, King and Queen and the Town of West Point. These services have been in place since 2001 and provide shared bus services with one bus dedicated to the “Paper Trail” in the town during a portion of the day.

The new proposal is a micro transit plan that is a service similar to Uber. The area would include the Town of West Point and extend to Nick’s Restaurant in Shackelfords along Route 33 with short areas down each secondary road in the coverage area.

Board members questioned how far down the secondary roads the service would extend and the time of the offered service. The distance covered will be driven by requests for service and is flexible. The service would be available Monday through Friday 8z:30 to 4:30.

Ms. Seay advised that the funds are in the budget but were placed in the contingency line item until the plan was finalized.

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Ms. Norman to approve the transfer of the funds for the Bay Transit Express service.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

DOMINION ENERGY REQUEST FOR APPROVAL (RZ24-01, CUP24-01,SP24-01)

Chairman Simpkins advised that applications RZ24-01, CUP24-01, and SP24-01 come to the Board on the recommendation from the King and Queen County Planning Commission to approve all three requests. The Board held public hearings on June 10, 2024, for the Dominion Energy application for the construction of a permanent substation at the location of the current temporary substation on Carlton’s Corner Road. Additional meetings were held with Dominion Energy representatives to further discuss citizen concerns as well as Board concerns, and based on those discussions, the Applicant has proposed amendments to the site plan.

He further advised that the Board may accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of RZ24-01, CUP24-01, and SP24-01 as presented; accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission with the Applicant's proposed site plan changes; accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission with changes in addition to the proposed site plan change; or deny any one or more of the requests.

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Mr. Berry to approve RZ24-01; approve CUP24-01 with the conditions with proposed edits; and approve SP24-01 as amended by the applicant.

Board members made the following comments regarding the project:

Mr. Berry stated that several months ago concerns were raised by citizens. Since then there have been numerous meetings to address those concerns. He thinks that good solutions have been made, but the best would be for it not to be there. Dominion has thoroughly addressed the concerns and he is taking them at their word that it will be done. He hopes that in the future Dominion will make better choices on locating near residences. If they do not hold up to their obligations, he will advocate to the highest level of government for the citizens. He believes in providing reliable electric service to the county but it should not be at the expense of citizens. Ms. Billups stated that this isn't the end of this. She feels they are making the best of a situation that should have started better. She agrees that if they do not hold up to the obligation she will hold them personally responsible. She also supports reliable electric service but not at the expense of others.

Ms. Norman stated that she hopes that in the future Dominion will make sure not to locate near residences. Her son's house is near one and they haven't had any issues. She supports upgrade of the power grid but they need to consider the folks living there first.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

APPROVAL OF DOMINION ENERGY EASEMENT/TELEWORK CENTER SITE

Ms. Seay advised that this request is to allow an additional utility easement at the telework center site for the exterior lighting that is being installed through the municipal lighting program.

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Ms. Norman to approve the easement.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Quarterly reports were received from the following department heads and agencies:

1. Diane Klausen, General Registrar

2. Kelly Lumpkin, Commissioner of Revenue
3. Stephanie Sears, Treasurer
4. Tina Ammons, Director of Finance
5. Jeff Davison, Republic Services
6. Lee McKnight, VDOT
7. Christina Ruszczyk-Murray, Cooperative Extension

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Billups to appoint Ben Owens to the Bay Aging Board of Directors.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Seay had the following comments:

- The lease on the property adjacent to KQES is expiring at the end of the year, does the board have any interest in extending the lease? The consensus was not to extend the lease.
- The RFP for the design of the master plan for the property at Central High School has been posted. If the Board has any changes, an amendment can be made. She also asked the board to consider who will be willing to serve on the selection committee and work group.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Berry commented that it was nice to see a full courtroom.

Ms. Billups asked everyone to drive safe going home and to stay cool.

Mr. Simpkins stated that during his comments that Delegate Hodges noted that 76% of citizens commute out of the Middle Peninsula. His family is an example of this. They either commute out or moved away. This is a true statement that has been going on for a long time. He thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Ms. Norman appreciated everyone having interest in coming and have a safe trip home.

CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Billups to enter closed meeting pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) to discuss issues relating to salaries and assignments of duties employees in county administration and in the office of the Clerk of Circuit

Court. The Board invited Tina Ammons and Hattie Robinson to enter into closed meeting with them.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Billups 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: J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE BOARD BE ADJOURNED:

A motion was made by Mr. Berry and seconded by Ms. Billups to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk of the Board