

**King and Queen County  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
Monday, September 23, 2024**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Regular Meeting  
King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 September, subject to audit.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

Vivian Seay, County Administrator provided the following comments:

- Advised that EMS staff Kevin Mounts and Phillip Jewell were part of the inspection of the new pharmacy facility at Mattaponi Rescue's building that will be required in November for EMS providers. The inspector reported that the inspection went very well and that the area is "a model for rural counties".
- Advised that Deputy Chief Willaford received a training grant that normally requires a 50/50 match awarded at full funding of \$30,099.
- Advised that the new Economic Development and grant position at the PDC has received their first grant award in the amount of \$250,000 which is intended to be used to purchase a portion of the West Point owned property adjoining the airport. The site will be used for public river access.
- Reported that she and Dr. Carter have drafted the joint press release for the school project.
- Commented that she received a request from a citizen regarding a through truck restriction on Rt. 603, Lombardy Road. She has spoken with VDOT and feels that it will be a non-starter since the road continues into Middlesex County.
- She provided radios with access to the public safety radio system to all Board members.

- Advised that nine companies were at the pre-bid meeting for the school master plan project. A selection committee will need to be formed to review and select a company. Suggestions were Dr. Carter, David Copsmith, Vivian Seay, Celestine Gaines and Tina Ammons. In addition, at least one Board member should serve on the committee. Carolyn Billups and Mark Berry volunteered to serve.

## **TIMMONS PRESENTATION – SITE STUDY AND DATABASE**

Representatives of Timmons provided the Board an update on the status of this project and an overview of how properties are selected using data such as highway access, internet availability, access to existing electrical service, parcel size and zoning.

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Ms. Norman to enter into closed session pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(6) for discussion regarding the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, and pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with legal counsel for King and Queen County regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, the subject being the potential development of identified real properties located in the Stevensville Magisterial District and the Buena Vista Magisterial District.

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 Mr. Berry 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.

Certification was as follows:

Mr. Berry – Aye

Mr. Simpkins – Aye

Ms. Norman – Aye

Ms. Billups – Aye

## **BOARD RETREAT UPDATE**

It was the consensus that the School Board be invited to attend on Saturday morning and the EDA would be invited to attend on Friday morning. It was also the consensus to not invite Davenport or the Planning Commission.

## **BOARD MEETING SECURITY**

Ms. Billups expressed concern related to security at board meetings. She advised that at least one board member had received threats during the election and that it is concerning that other than having the Sheriff or a deputy at the meetings that there are no protections in place. She suggested a higher level of security, possibly having a deputy outside the courtroom before and during the meetings to require anyone entering to go through the metal detector similar to the procedure for court days.

Chief Deputy Wilson was present and advised that the Sheriff was unable to attend but had asked him to advise the board that he is willing to provide the service but there will be a cost associate with it. Deputies would be working overtime since the meetings are held at night. He also advised that the board would need to provide a list of prohibited items similar to the courts. Such items typically include cell phones, knives, etc.

No action was taken, but it was the consensus to discuss further at a future meeting.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Norman advised that she recently toured the landfill at Little Plymouth and it was a very informative visit. She wished everyone a good evening and safe trip home.

Mr. Berry advised that he would not be able to attend the October board meeting.

Ms. Billups thanked staff for the radio and thanked the board for considering the additional security request. She also noted that she recently toured the Surry Nuclear Power Plant and that it was a very educational trip.

Mr. Simpkins thanked everyone for coming and for the presentation by Timmons.

### **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 8:25 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk of the Board