4. MEETING MINUTES

Attached for your consideration please find a copy of the Board of Supervisor's meeting minutes for the regular session of June 24, 2013.

MOTION REQUIRED:	**Unless corrections or additions to the minutes are noted, they will be considered approved as presented by unanimous consent.**

June 24, 2013

At a regular meeting of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room of the Southampton County Office Center, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia on June 24, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT
Dallas O. Jones, Chairman (Drewryville)
Ronald M. West, Vice Chairman (Berlin-Ivor)
Dr. Alan W. Edwards (Jerusalem)
Glenn H. Updike (Newsoms)
Barry T. Porter (Franklin)
S. Bruce Phillips (Capron)

SUPERVISORS ABSENT
Carl J. Faison (Boykins-Branchville)

OTHERS PRESENT
Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator (Clerk)
Beth Lewis, Director of Community Development
Lynette C. Lowe, Finance Director
Richard E. Railey, Jr., County Attorney
Cynthia J. Edwards, Administrative Secretary

OTHERS ABSENT

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor West gave the invocation.

Chairman Jones asked if he could get a motion to go into closed session.

Supervisor West made a motion to go into closed session.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Supervisor West read the certification resolution to go back into open session.

RESOLUTION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Southampton County Board of Supervisors had convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southampton County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies 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, and (ii) only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed and considered by the Southampton County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor West made a motion to go back into open session.

Supervisor Porter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we are now in open session; we did not discuss anything that was not on the agenda.

Supervisor West said we do have two issues to discuss.

Chairman Jones said yes we do have two issues to discuss that we did in closed session. Number one is to hire some part time help for the utility department. We need to give Mr. Michael Johnson the authority to hire a part time person and a full time person.

Supervisor West said two full time people.

Chairman Jones said yes two full time people.

Supervisor Edwards said two full and one part time.

Supervisor Edwards said he would like to move that we go in that direction.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones said the second item is the cottage out front.

Supervisor West said the second one was to move the registrar to the cottage in the front and we need to advertise for that.

Chairman Jones said we need to advertise for the moving of the registrar's office from the existing office to the little building that we own right out front. We need to have a public hearing on that next month. I need a motion to allow us to do that.

Supervisor Phillips made a motion that we advertise for a public hearing to be held next month regarding the moving of the registrar from the current office location into the little cottage that we own out front.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was the approval of the minutes. He asked if anyone had any problems with the minutes of the last five meetings.

There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman Jones stated that we would move on to number 5 – Highway Matters – Monthly Concerns. He asked Mr. Michael Johnson if he had anything.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that he didn't have any issues.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor West.

Supervisor West stated that he didn't have anything that this was being handled nicely.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike stated that on Marsh Church Circle the culvert is washing out.

Mr. Michael Johnson said is that Marsh Church Circle.

Supervisor Updike said correct.

Mr. Michael Johnson said which end.

Supervisor Updike said his end.

Mr. Michael Johnson said okay.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else.

Supervisor Updike stated there was lots of water.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Edwards.

Supervisor Edwards said no everything was clear.

Chairman Jones said he had something. He stated that on Joyner's Bridge Road where the trailers are we need to get a "Child at Play" sign. He stated that he had been asked by his constituents if we could get a "Child at Play" sign over there.

Mr. Michael Johnson said there has been a change in policy by the Department of Transportation that took effect July 1 of last year. The General Assembly actually changed the statue as it relates to "Children at Play" signs and it affects, in fact, two signs that you all have already approved that are subject to this new policy. They are the one on Country Club Road that Supervisor Edwards constituents had requested and then there is one on Vicksville Road that was approved last year as well. Basically the change in policy is this; it used to be that you all adopted a resolution requesting VDOT to install them; that is not the way that it works any more. Now, you all will actually request that VDOT issue a permit and the locality has to purchase and install the signs themselves based on a plan that is approved by VDOT. So, for the two that you have already approved, we have got those applications in which are pending, and I'm just waiting to hear back. That is the process now. I don't know how much it cost; I haven't priced it yet.

Supervisor Edwards said its $400 I think.

Mr. Michael Johnson said what's that.

Supervisor Edwards said the cost is about $400 I think. They said a stop sign was $250 to $300.

Mr. Michael Johnson said I think they say $900 for these because there is one on each end.

Supervisor Edwards said wow.

Mr. Michael Johnson said I think we can buy a sign and put it up cheaper than $900 bucks. We will see. But, just so you will know when you approve them from now on they are coming out of your pocket and not VDOT's.

Chairman Jones said right. He stated the other item he had was cats and we can't do anything about cats. He said he had some constituents that had more than 50 or 60 cats roaming around at her house, but there is nothing we can do about cats.

Supervisor West asked if animal control even responds to a cat.

Chairman Jones said no.

Mr. Michael Johnson said no.

Supervisor West said well what do we do. Will they take a cat that is…?

Supervisor Porter asked if we were still on highway matters. Let's finish with highway matters first. He stated that he had a question. He asked if we are required to have them put the signs up and we have to pay what they want to charge us or do we have to put it up.

Mr. Michael Johnson said we actually install the sign.

Supervisor Porter asked if we could get our own sign made as long as it confirms.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes.

Supervisor Porter said so we should be able to do it for less than $900.

Mr. Michael Johnson said I would hope so. We do have to purchase signs that meet the federal standards. There are only certain places that we can order those from, but we are responsible for ordering and installing the signs now.

Supervisor Phillips said so this is our responsibility now.

Supervisor West said but we have to go through VDOT to get the permit.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor West said but the burden is back on you to provide the sign and install it.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor West said but it will be based upon their regulations.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor Phillips said it is kind of like street lights.

Mr. Michael Johnson said they just pass the cost on to you.

Supervisor West said I would doubt beyond any question that we can do anything cheaper.

Chairman Jones said yeah and it won't take five men.

Supervisor West said no it won't take five men.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other highway matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson asked if Chairman Jones wanted to pursue one on Joyner's Bridge Road.

Chairman Jones said yes he would like to.

Mr. Michael Johnson asked which end. Did you say down near the trailers? Is that near the bridge?

Chairman Jones said it's on this end. He said let me get back with you. They didn't say exactly where they wanted it; they just said near the trailer park.

Chairman Jones said let's go to number six then – Appointments.

Mr. Michael Johnson said we talked about it last month and Supervisor Porter agreed to seek a successor for Mr. Morgan Munford who regrettably passed away on February 24, 2013. Mr. Munford's successor will be appointed to complete the balance of his unexpired term through September 30, 2014, after which he/she will be eligible for reappointment for a full term.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor Porter if he was ready for us.

Supervisor Porter said he would like to appoint Mr. Jason Fowler. He stated that Mr. Jason Fowler is a professional engineer who brings a skill set to this Board that it does not have at the moment. I think he will be a tremendous asset to it.

Supervisor West said "Fowler".

Chairman Jones said yes Mr. Fowler.

Chairman Jones said he needed a motion.

Supervisor Porter said he made it a motion.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next appointment was Litter Control Council.

Mr. Michael Johnson said as he mentioned in your agenda the representative from the Drewryville District, Mr. Ernest Joyner, resigned his position on the Litter Control Council. He had difficulty attending the meetings so we do need a representative from your district.

Chairman Jones stated that he would bring one for the meeting next month. He stated that Mr. Michael Johnson told him about it yesterday.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to item 7 – Reports.

The reports were Financial Report, Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, Litter Control, Building Permits, Cooperative Extension, and Treasurer's Report.

Chairman Jones asked Mr. David Britt if he had anything for us.

Mr. David Britt addressed the Board. Good Evening. I would just like to give you all a run down as to where we are as far as working on the delinquencies. As of this time last year on real estate we had $789,000 that was outstanding as of the 21st of June. As of Friday we were at $716,000 which is roughly 99.5 percent of collections over the period of time, whereas we were at 99.34 percent last year. As far as for personal property last year we were at $651,000 outstanding, which was 97.6 percent of collections. This year we are at $674,000 which is 97.13 percent. Part of that might be due to the fact that we are trying to collect the solid waste fee. Solid waste has taken the priority over personal property. Just to give you some ideas of what we are doing right now in the office, since around the middle of May we have issued 496 tax liens. Of those 496 we have had successful collections of 85 of them for $24,357. We do have a tax sale coming up on Wednesday evening down at Suffolk. I think we have thirteen properties in that, that were on the list that I advertised and one of those has been pulled because the taxes have been paid on it. He asked if there were any other questions.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions. Chairman Jones thanked Mr. David Britt.

Supervisor Updike asked if these properties had a floor sale value. What is your floor on each one of these? Is it what we have in it or what they are owed taxes on?

Mr. David Britt said we probably just need to sell them and get them back on the books so we can earn revenue on them. There is no minimum bid, but then again the Judge also has the right to approve or disapprove. So, the Circuit Court Judge has the final say.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

Supervisor West asked if there was such a thing as an opening bid for the minimum lien against it. I suppose that if there is a minimum bid that is what it is.

Mr. David Britt said these have gotten past due for eight, ten, and twenty years past due and I think we will just get what we can get and put them back on the tax rolls.

Supervisor West said he knew where the signs were in his location and he sees that Chesapeake, maybe Suffolk, and maybe a number of the localities are coming together and everything will be done at the Holiday Inn there on Highway 460 at Suffolk at the Highway 58 interchange.

Mr. David Britt said I believe that is the location.

Supervisor West said sort of where there is more traffic.

Mr. David Britt said that is what it is sort of looking at. There are more localities, more properties and if we get a bigger turn out maybe we can get better results as far as the bids are concerned.

Supervisor West said good deal. Thank you.

Supervisor Phillips asked if we could get an update on the solid waste management fee percentages.

Mr. David Britt said as of right now we have 71.25 percent collected. But, then again a lot of these tax liens that we issued in May and June we may start seeing a lot of results start coming in the next few days because payrolls are coming due at the end of the month.

Supervisor Phillips thanked Mr. David Britt.

Supervisor Updike asked Mr. David Britt what our cash flow looked like for the rest of the year. What is on the horizon?

Mr. David Britt said as far as the cash flow right now we are managing to take care of the bills.

Supervisor Updike asked what it looked like for the rest of the year.

Mr. David Britt said he hadn't looked at that, but he could get back to him on that.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he would anticipate that we would need to do revenue anticipation again this year if that is where you are going with that.

Supervisor Updike asked when.

Mr. Michael Johnson said probably in July or August.

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. David Britt.

Other reports were New Housing Starts, Solid Waste Quantities, and Personnel. He asked Mr. Michael Johnson if he had anything.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he had just a few personnel items. First of all we had one reclassification during the month in the Sheriff's Office – Vicki L. Xinos effective June 1, 2013 at $27,885. We had two employees hired during this period, both in the Sheriff's Office – Dylan T. Boyce effective June 1, 2013, annual salary $29,843, and Doug W. Whitby effective July 1, 2013 at $29,843. We had three resignations during the month, two in the Sheriff's Office, Tryphena L. Davis effective May 31, 2013, Stephanie R. Sumpter effective June 1, 2013, and in the Department of Utilities, David L. Joyner effective June 11, 2013.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions on personnel.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was number 8 – Financial Matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that the first item that you will see is the 2014 semiannual appropriation resolution. You will see a copy of that in your agenda. It provides a total appropriation of $27,151,514.00 which represents roughly 52% of the funds budgeted for FY 2014. The balance of the FY 2014 funding would be scheduled for appropriation in the second half of the fiscal year in December.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia held in the Board of Supervisors Room on Monday, June 24, 2013

RESOLUTION BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia that the following appropriations be and hereby are made from the Fund to the Fund indicated for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for the function and purpose indicated:

From the General Fund to the General Operating Fund to be expended only on order of the Board of Supervisors:

11010	**Board of Supervisors**	**105,159**
12110	**County Administration**	**108,062**
12310	**Commissioner of Revenue**	**152,949**
12320	**Board of Assessors**	**4,420**
12410	**Treasurer**	**156,137**
12415	**Delinquent Tax Collection**	**5,980**
12430	**Accounting**	**114,602**
12510	**Data Processing**	**188,861**
12550	**Insurance/County Code**	**299,121**
13200	**Registrar**	**75,936**
21100	**Circuit Court**	**17,114**
21200	**Combined District Courts**	**11,100**
21300	**Special Magistrates**	**329**
21600	**Clerk of the Circuit Court**	**237,595**
21700	**Sheriff - Bailiff**	**185,032**
21750	**Courthouse Security**	**167,807**
22100	**Commonwealth's Attorney**	**254,407**
22200	**Victim Witness**	**37,094**
31200	**Sheriff**	**843,024**
31400	**Enhanced 911**	**75,737**
31500	**PSAP Wireless E-911**	**24,194**
31750	**School Resource Officer**	**26,697**
32200	**Volunteer Fire Departments**	**303,892**
32300	**Volunteer Rescue Squads**	**948,343**
32400	**State Forestry Service**	**21,729**
33100	**Detention**	**1,421,329**
33300	**Probation**	**51,656**
34000	**Building Inspections**	**57,136**
35100	**Animal Control**	**52,614**

35300	**Medical Examiner**	**200**
35500	**Emergency Service/Civil Defense**	**70,178**
41320	**Street Lights**	**24,000**
41500	**Assign-A-Highway Program**	**2,595**
42300	**Refuse Collection**	**379,278**
42400	**Refuse Disposal**	**545,500**
43000	**Buildings & Grounds**	**251,599**
51100	**Local Health Department**	**147,440**
52000	**Mental Health Services**	**66,876**
53240	**Sr Services of Southeastern**	**9,239**
53500	**Comprehensive Services Act**	**180,693**
53600	**STOP Organization**	**1,494**
72000	**Community Concert Series**	**4,500**
72200	**Rawls Museum Arts**	**14,000**
72500	**Historical Society**	**13,500**
73200	**Walter Cecil Rawls Library**	**114,886**
81100	**Planning/Zoning**	**100,012**
81500	**Economic Development**	**125,000**
82400	**Soil & Water Conservation District**	**9,768**
83500	**Cooperative Extension Service**	**22,392**
91400	**Non-Departmental Operating**	**15,974**
	TOTAL	**8,047,180**

From the General Fund to the Enterprise Fund to be expended only on order of the Board of Supervisors:

89600	**Enterprise Fund Water**	**369,502**
89500	**Enterprise Fund Sewer**	**1,515,251**
	TOTAL	**1,884,753**

From the General Fund to the Building Fund to be expended only on order of the Board of Supervisors:

94000	**Building Fund**	**924,109**
	TOTAL	**924,109**

From the General Fund to the School Operating Fund to be expended only on order of the Southampton County School Board:

61000	**Instruction**	**8,563,466**

62000	**Administration**	**478,125**
63000	**Other Direction & Management**	**1,442,840**
64000	**Operation & Maintenance Services**	**1,562,197**
68000	**School Food Service**	**31,020**
66000	**Facilities**	**77,013**
67000	**Debt Service**	**1,130,996**
68000	**Technology/School Operating**	**229,921**
260	**Rental Textbook**	**83,177**
265	**Technology**	**116,000**
400	**At Risk 4-Year Olds**	**116,776**
450	**Early Reading Intervention**	**22,387**
500	**Title I**	**281,804**
525	**Reading First Grant**	**-**
550	**Title VIB Special Ed-Flow Through**	**297,571**
560	**21st Century Community Learning Center**	**-**
625	**Title II-A Training and Recruitment**	**62,852**
630	**Title IID Ed Tech**	**-**
650	**Substance & Drug Prevention**	**-**
800	**Vocational Special Education**	**23,683**
850	**Opportunity Inc**	**50,000**
900	**QPre-School Incentive**	**6,410**
	TOTAL	**14,575,938**

From the General Fund to the School Operating Fund to be expended only on order of the Southampton County School Board:

65100	**School Food Service**	**586,246**
	TOTAL	**586,246**

From the Virginia Public Assistance Fund to the Virginia Public Assistance Operating Fund to be expended only on order of the Social Services Board of Southampton County:

309	**Welfare Administration (Eligibility)**	**897,042**
310	**Welfare Administration (Service)**	**-**
313	**Benefit Programs**	**236,246**
	TOTAL	**1,133,288**

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 27,151,514

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer of Southampton County shall transfer to the accounts as indicated, the funds from time to time, as the need occurs and as funds become available.

A copy teste: _____,Clerk
Michael W. Johnson

Southampton County Board of Supervisors
06/24/13

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions on this.

Supervisor West said he would like to ask a question and that is that he sees it says 52% of the budgeted funds for FY 2014 and his question would be why not 50%.

Mr. Michael Johnson said exactly 50%.

Supervisor West said because that might make a difference with that being a couple of million dollars and that might would make a difference in the running funds throughout July and August.

Mr. Michael Johnson said good question. He stated that primarily there are certain things that you budget and pay for that you can't split equally in half. Debt service payments are due when debt service payments are due. Certain appropriations to organizations you typically make once annually, for example contributions to Western Tidewater Community Service Board and the Blackwater Regional Library. Some of those kinds of things might be done once annually, so it doesn't work out perfectly 50/50.

Supervisor West said he just hoped maybe we didn't have to dip into borrowing additional funds is what I am saying. Thank you.

Chairman Jones stated that he needed a motion.

Supervisor West made a motion that we adopt the semiannual appropriation resolution.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would move to item B.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item B was our regular monthly appropriation resolution for fiscal year 2013. It provides a total appropriation of $247,579.92, which consists of a combination of expenditure refunds, reimbursements, insurance claims and grants. We have received revenues in those amounts from the sources indicated. The appropriation includes $206,195.32 for the General Fund, $116.20 for the Building Fund and $41,268.40 for the School Fund. The resolution includes no new money.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia on Monday, June 24, 2013

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia that the following appropriations be and hereby are made

from the Fund to the Fund for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for the function and purpose indicated:

From the General Fund to the General Operating Fund to be expended only on order of the Board of Supervisors:

4-100-12110-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	161.63
12310-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	148.42
12410-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	144.30
12430-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	124.65
12510-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	128.11
12510-8150	FY13 PSAP GRNT/MAPPING UPGRADE/GIS PROJECT	75,413.00
12550-2300	HOSPITAL PLAN	5,088.00
12550-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	(57,607.86)
13200-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	56.16
21100-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	19.95
21100-3848	JURORS & WITNESSES - STATE	5,310.00
21100-3848	JURORS & WITNESSES - STATE	51.70
21600-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	268.86
21600-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	53.77
21600-3320	MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACTS	361.64
21600-3847	TECH TRUST FUND/IMAGING	5,316.62
21600-5500	TRAVEL CONVENTION, EDUCATION	24.35
21600-5210	POSTAL SERVICES	158.98
21700-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	3,148.67
22100-1100	SALARIES & WAGES REGULAR	(15,200.00)
22100-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,900.00
22100-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,312.58
22100-8201	EQUIPMENT	11,300.00
22100-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	237.44
22200-6001	SUPPLIES & OTHER EXPENSES	265.60
31200-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	9,380.52
31200-5500	TRAVEL CONVENTION, EDUCATION	39.78
31200-5500	TRAVEL CONVENTION, EDUCATION	1,114.12
31200-6024	DISCRETIONARY FUND	50.00
31400-3320	MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACTS	2,000.00
31400-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,925.48
31400-6007	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	686.52
31400-8108	LEASE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	(6,612.00)
31600-5510	TRAINING/EQUIP PROJ LIFESAVER	25.00
32200-5110	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	117.55
32200-5110	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	270.09
32300-5843	STATE FUNDS/FOUR-FOR-LIFE	17,709.12
33100-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	20,144.46
34000-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	1,214.00
35100-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	410.57
35500-8201	RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	3,500.00
41500-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	410.57
42300-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	8,445.62
42300-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	9,112.86
43000-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	2,411.31
43000-5110	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	78.57
43000-5241	TELECOM-SOC SER/HEALTH	262.33
43000-5241	TELECOM-SOC SER/HEALTH	368.51
72500-5650	REBECCA VAUGHAN HOUSE PROJECT	52,723.68
72500-5650	REBECCA VAUGHAN HOUSE PROJECT	12,596.72
81100-2700	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	1,585.99
82500-1100	SALARIES & WAGES REGULAR	15,423.34
82500-2100	FICA	1,146.60
82500-2210	RETIREMENT	2,244.10

82500-2215	RETIREMENT-EMPLOYEE	616.94
82500-2300	HOSPITAL PLAN	3,210.00
82500-2400	GROUP INSURANCE	183.54
82500-2600	UNEMPLOYMENT TAX	212.86
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	206,195.32

From the Local Utility Tax Building Fund to
the Operating Local Utility Tax Building Fund
to be expended only on order of the
Southampton County Board of Supervisors:

4-300-94000-8292	MOTOR VEHICLES - SHERIFF	116.20
	TOTAL BUILDING FUND	116.20

School Board:

4-205-61100-1620-002-1-100	SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY - REG	250.00
61100-1140-003-1-100	TECHNICAL SALARIES - REG	7,556.22
61100-1620-003-1-100	SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY - REG	2,000.00
61100-6000-002-1-100	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - REG	8,040.52
61100-6000-002-1-100	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - REG	30.00
61100-6000-002-1-100	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - REG	77.74
61100-6001-003-1-100	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FRESH START	15.49
61100-6009-003-1-100	LOCAL DONA FRIENDS OF FRESH START	500.00
62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	10,213.00
62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	1,400.00
62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	10,177.00
63200-1170	OPERATIVE SALARIES	300.00
63200-1170	OPERATIVE SALARIES	266.43
63200-2300	HOSPITALIZATION	140.00
63200-2300	HOSPITALIZATION	302.00
	TOTAL SCHOOL FUND	41,268.40
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	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	247,579.92

REVENUE APPROPRIATION JUNE 24, 2013 (REVENUE
RECEIVED FOR ABOVE EXPENDITURES)

3-100-16040-0003	REIMBURSEMENT VFD-VRS	117.55
3-100-16040-0003	REIMBURSEMENT VFD-VRS	270.09
3-100-16090-0001	HEALTH-TELEPHONE	262.33
3-100-16110-0001	SOCIAL SERVICES-TELEPHONE	368.51
3-100-16120-0001	REIMB-SOIL & WATER SALARIES	23,037.38
3-100-16170-0001	PROJECT LIFESAVER	25.00
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.00
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	265.60
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	78.57
3-100-18030-0005	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	5,088.00
3-100-18990-0004	PASSPORT APPLICATION MAIL COST/CLERK	158.98
3-100-18990-0004	COPIER REIMB/CLERKS OFFICE	361.64
3-100-23010-0006	COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY OTHER COSTS	2,312.58
3-100-23020-0007	EXTRADITION EXPENSES	39.78
3-100-23020-0007	EXTRADITION EXPENSES	1,114.12
3-100-23070-0006	CLERK OTHER COSTS	24.35
3-100-23070-0006	CLERK TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND	5,316.62
3-100-24040-0011	RADIOLOGICAL EMER PREPAREDNESS GRNT	3,500.00
3-100-24040-0014	JURORS & WITNESSES	5,310.00
3-100-24040-0014	JURORS & WITNESSES	51.70
3-100-024040-0016	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	17,709.12
3-100-24040-0057	HISTORICAL SOCIETY GRANT	52,723.68
3-100-24040-0057	HISTORICAL SOCIETY GRANT	12,596.72
3-100-24040-0082	FY13 PSAP GRANT/MAPPING & GIS UPGRADE	75,413.00
	REVENUE GENERAL FUND	206,195.32
BUILDING FUND		
3-300-18990-0003	REFUNDS	116.20
	REVENUE BUILDING FUND	116.20
SCHOOL FUND		
3-205-015020-0010	TUITION	8,040.52
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	10,213.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	140.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	1,400.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	10,177.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	302.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	300.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	250.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	7,556.22
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	2,000.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	266.43
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	15.49
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	77.74
3-205-18990-0101	DONATIONS	30.00
3-205-18990-0101	DONATIONS	500.00
	REVENUE SCHOOL FUND	41,268.40

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TOTAL APPROPRIATION 247,579.92

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Michael W. Johnson

Southampton County Board of Supervisors
6/24/2013

APPROPRIATION - JUNE 24, 2013

12510 DATA PROCESSING Grant money received for Mapping and

	GIS project ($75,413.00)
12550 INSURANCE/CO CODE	(1) Insurance reimb received from retirees ($5088.00) (2) Workers Comp spread among departments (net effect of zero)
21100 CIRCUIT COURT	State reimbursement received for jurors & witnesses ($5310.00 + 51.70)
21600 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	(1) Additional funds recd from comp board for technology trust ($5,316.62) (2) comp board funds recd for travel ($24.35) (3) additional passport application mail cost fees recd ($158.98) (4) additonal copier reimb fees recd ($361.64)
22100 COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY	(1) funds moved to line items needed within department ($11,300 + 3,900 -15,200 = 0) (2)additional funds from Comp Board ($2312.58)
22200 VICTIM WITNESS	Postage reimbursement ($265.60)
31200 SHERIFF LAW ENFORCEMENT	(1) Donation to Sheriff's Office ($50.00) (2) Reimbursement received for extradition of inmates ($39.78 + 1114.12)
31400 ENHANCED 911	Funds moved within program among line items net effect of -0-
31600 SHERIFF PROJECT LIFESAVER	Donation to Project Lifesaver ($25.00)
32200 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPTS	Reimbursements rec'd from Sedley Vol Fire ($270.09) and Drewryville Vol Fire for electrical services ($53.96 + 63.59)
32300 VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADS	Four for Life funds for rescue squads ($17,709.12)
35500 EMERGENCY SERVICES	Grant received for Radiological Emergency Preparedness ($3500.00)
43000 BLDGS & GROUNDS	(1) Reimbursement received from Dept of Social Services (368.51) and Health Dept (262.33) for telephones (2) Reimb from Enviva for elec usage at the IP Bldg (78.57)
72500 CULTURAL ENRICHMENT	Historical Society funds recd from 1831 Grant years ($52,723.68+12,596.72)
82500 CHOWAN SOIL & WATER DISTRICT	Reimb of salaries for April and May ($23,037.38)
BUILDING FUND	Money from scrap metal to be utilized to buy enforcement equipment to go on sheriff's cars
SCHOOL BOARD	See attached letter/spreadsheet for: (1) Expenditure refunds received (2) Reimbursements from retirees for health ins. (3)Donations received (4) Tuition received over original budgeted amount

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
P O BOX 96
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TO: MR. MICHAEL JOHNSON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

FROM: JOY CARR
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

DATE: JUNE 14, 2013

SUBJECT: REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS

REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS OF REVENUE

3-205-018990-0060	SBCB	5/10/2013	4-205-62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	10,213.00
3-205-018990-0060	SBCB	5/10/2013	4-205-63200-2300	HOSPITALIZATION	140.00
3-205-018990-0100	EXPR	5/10/2013	4-205-63200-1170	OPERATIVE SALARIES	300.00
3-205-018990-0100	EXPR	5/10/2013	4-205-61100-1620-002-1-100	SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY - REG	250.00
				TOTAL	10,903.00

REVENUE CODE	INTERFACE	DEPOSIT DATE	EXPENDITURE CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3-205-018990-0060	SBCB	5/24/2013	4-205-62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	1,400.00
3-205-018990-0100	EXPR	5/24/2013	4-205-61100-1140-003-1-100	TECHNICAL SALARIES-REG	7,556.22
3-205-018990-0100	EXPR	5/24/2013	4-205-61100-1620-003-1-100	SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY - REG	2,000.00
3-205-018990-0101	DONA	5/24/2013	4-205-61100-6000-002-1-100	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	30.00
				TOTAL	10,986.22
3-205-018990-0060	SBCB	6/13/2013	4-205-62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	10,177.00
3-205-018990-0060	SBCB	6/13/2013	4-205-63200-2300	HOSPITALIZATION	302.00
3-205-018990-0100	EXPR	6/13/2013	4-205-63200-1170	OPERATIVE SALARIES	266.43
3-205-018990-0100	EXPR	6/13/2013	4-205-61100-6001-003-1-100	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - FRESH START	15.49
3-205-018990-0101	DONA	6/13/2013	4-205-61100-6009-003-1-100	LOCAL DON - FRIENDS OF FRESH START	500.00
3-205-015020-0010	TUIT	6/13/2013	4-205-61100-6000-002-1-100	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - REG	8,040.52
3-205-018990-0100	EXPR	6/13/2013	4-205-61100-6000-002-1-100	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - REG	77.74
				TOTAL	19,379.18
				GRAND TOTAL	41,268.40

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions.

Supervisor West made a motion that we adopt the appropriation resolution.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was item C.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item C is Consideration of the Write Off of Certain uncollectible Utility Accounts. He stated that our auditor, who is Creedle, Jones, & Alga, P.C., has recommended that we periodically write-off certain uncollectible utility accounts so that our annual financial report doesn't overstate the accounts receivable in our enterprise fund. Included in your agenda you will see a spreadsheet containing approximately 36 water and sewer accounts, all of which have been disconnected since 2008. Despite diligent attempts by our staff to collect the accounts, most of them are now deemed uncollectible for various reasons. It could be the parties are deceased, moved into a nursing home, moved out of the state, moved with no forwarding address, etc. The collective principal sum of the accounts is slightly less than $6,000, but with accrued penalties and interest, is reflected in our annual audit as an accounts receivable of $13,466.29. It is the recommendation of our auditor that the Board write the accounts off as bad debt to avoid overstating the enterprise revenues in the annual audit. I might add that should any of these customers ever return to open another account, we will collect all charges, penalties, and accrued interest through the date that the Board writes off the debt.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions on item C.

Supervisor Edwards said let's write them off.

Chairman Jones said I need a motion.

Supervisor Edwards said so moved.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would move to item D – Bills. He asked if there were any questions on the bills.

Supervisor Updike said he had one suggestion. He said he thought they needed to put on hold the payments to the Timmons Group until they could get those pipes right. They are supposed to be overseeing it. I say just hold the money until they get it right.

Mr. Michael Johnson said are you talking about the pump station at the Turner Tract?

Supervisor Updike said if they are overseeing that it is their responsibility.

Mr. Michael Johnson said they are not responsible. It is the contractor that is installing it that is responsible.

Supervisor Updike said well they are overseeing it aren't they?

Mr. Michael Johnson said they provide the inspection, yes.

Supervisor Phillips said well WACO agreed to move the pipe.

Mr. Michael Johnson said we didn't really get a vote on that. WACO is asking us to look at some other alternatives in which we are looking at and evaluating right now, but ultimately WACO has got to make it right.

Chairman Jones said so it is up to the contractor to do it.

Supervisor West said so it is the contractor's responsibility and even though Timmons is in on what is going on I don't see the reason for withholding that money. They are obviously knowledgeable as to what is going on. I am not in favor of withholding the $24, 619.00 and some cents.

Chairman Jones asked if there was any other discussion on this.

Supervisor Porter said the question he has is who is the responsible party? Is Timmons the responsible party or is it the contractor.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it's no question it's the contractor.

Supervisor Porter said I don't think that we can withhold money from someone who is doing their job when someone else is responsible for it. He asked if they have responsibility for the contractor.

Mr. Michael Johnson said no.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else had any comments.

Supervisor Edwards said we are in no way liable for anything else here. Is that what I'm getting from the conversation tonight?

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is correct.

Supervisor West made a motion seconded by Supervisor Edwards to pay the bills in the amount of $1,278,726.81 to be paid by check numbers 131167 through 131720. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that the next item was number 9 – Public Hearings.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that the first public hearing tonight is an ordinance amendment to street lighting. This public hearing is held pursuant to § 15.2-1427, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended to receive public comment on an ordinance to amend Chapter 14 of the Southampton County Code as it relates to the provision of street lighting in residential subdivisions. The notice of this public hearing was published in the Tidewater News on June 9 and June 16, 2013 as required by law. After conclusion of tonight's public hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the comments offered and may act upon the ordinance or defer action until such time as it deems appropriate.

Mrs. Beth Lewis stated that as you will recall this is a request that this body made to the Planning Commission to try to get the county out of the street lighting business. This is an amendment to the subdivision ordinance that requires that new residential subdivisions that requires the creation of a property owners association at the time the subdivision is established and requires that the developer install the street lights in the subdivision as is now, but requires that the property owners association pay all of the maintenance and utility bills for those street lights as the years go on. Right now the ordinance says that the developer gives the county five years' worth of payments for those utility bills and the county would pick that up after the five years. This requires from the beginning that the developer put in the lights and that the property owner's association pay for the bills. Should the property owner's association fail to pay the bills then the lights go out, but that is not the county's responsibility to pick that up any longer.

Supervisor West said that is only for new development.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said new residential subdivisions, yes.

Supervisor West said correct and those that are already in existence won't be affected?

Supervisor Edwards said they are grandfathered.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said yes that is correct. They are not bound by the subdivision.

Supervisor West said that does not affect the number of additional small lighting in communities along some rural routing where there are clusters of houses.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that is a different problem to solve.

Chairman Jones thanked Mrs. Beth Lewis. He opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone to speak for or against this ordinance.

Mr. Ash Cutchin of Darden Mill Estates addressed the Board. He said he didn't know whether he was for or against it. He stated that he had a few questions. He said he would like to start out by just referring to what he heard here a few minutes ago about 36 uncollectible utility accounts to the tune of $36,466 and…

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is $13,466.

Supervisor Phillips said you said it was $36,466.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said I'm sorry - $13,466. Okay, I'm sorry. He stated that Supervisor Porter made a comment about responsibility about paying the bills for something. I don't understand what you all were talking about. It was something about the Timmons Group. He stated that when he was in leadership school in the military it was drilled in their heads over and over and over again, more times than he could count on his fingers and toes, that following statement. You can delegate authority, but not responsibility. In this ordinance for street lighting it sounds like you are delegating the authority to pay for the street lights for the first five years to the developer. Then it sounds like you are passing on the authority to collect or pay for the street lights to the homeowner's association after five years. So far, am I correct? He said well authority is one thing, but responsibility is another. After five years, what kind of enforcement authority are you giving to a homeowners association if one or more members just refuses to contribute his portion of the street light fee and how long does it have to go on before you are stuck with unpaid accounts

and somebody having to make a decision about the unpaid accounts. It looks like you are creating a potential problem in the future in these residential subdivisions. I remember when we had a discussion here a year or two ago about my subdivision when you wanted to extend the cull de sac and some of my neighbors stood up here and said they had been in homeowner's associations in the past and they hated it and that homeowner's associations are a mixed blessing. He said he just wanted to know at this point from Mrs. Beth Lewis or you all, how this confusion of authority over responsibility is going to be dealt with because all of us sitting in this room tonight know that at some point somebody is not going to cough up their fair share. Thank you.

Mrs. Beth Lewis stated that with the amendments to the subdivision ordinance the five years that the developer would pay for the street lights goes away. From the beginning those lights are installed by the developer. The bill is paid for by the homeowner's association and it is just as if the homeowner's association had a community building or a swimming pool. If they can't pay the bills to maintain it then the pool is locked and nobody uses it. So, in this case if the homeowner's association fails to pay the utility bills then the lights go out. The county doesn't have any responsibility. It is up to the management of the homeowner's association to make sure the bills get paid. It takes the county out of the middle of that process.

Mr. Ash Cutchin asked if the homeowner's association have any authority to collect from individuals. Are you just going to cut off a few lights or are you going to kill all of them for a few people not paying.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that the general statutes are pretty specific as to what the rules are and what the powers of a homeowner's association are, but this makes those street lights the same as any other amenity such as a pool or playground, or anything else.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said there aren't any pools in any subdivisions in the county are there?

Mrs. Beth Lewis said I don't know that there are. I don't think so, but let's say for example a homeowner's association that may own a pool, if you don't pay your homeowner's association then you can't use the pool. I don't know specifically how you would take care of the lights, but that is not the county's problem. The county is not going to have to pay the bills for those utilities for those street lights.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Mr. John Burchett of Sebrell addressed the Board. He asked how are you all doing? He stated that he had a question. He asked does that mean that whoever applies to build a subdivision will be required to belong to an association? Everybody doesn't have a homeowner's association. Will there be something that says you got to belong?

Supervisor Edwards said that is right.

Mr. John Burchett said we have got a well association in Sebrell with ten houses, a church, and a community center and there is no law that says that if somebody builds a house in the vicinity that they have got to join. They can put their own well in if they want to. I just wondered. It sounds kind of strange if there is something that says you have got to belong. How can you do that?

Mr. Richard Railey said it applies to a subdivision, not a village.

Mr. John Burchett said but everybody doesn't have an association.

Supervisor Edwards said that's right.

Mr. Richard Railey said but this applies forward not backwards.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said this is new subdivisions.

Mr. John Burchett said I'm not asking the question right I guess. Who says there has got to be a homeowner's association? What law?

Mr. Richard Railey said this statue that we are adopting tonight.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said this ordinance requires a homeowner's association and purchasers in subdivisions that have a homeowner's association are required to be members.

Mr. John Burchett said so this ordinance requires there to be a homeowner's association, okay.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said should this pass, yes.

Mr. Richard Railey said if this passes they will have a homeowner's association.

Mr. John Burchett said okay. Thank you.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Mr. Jason Fowler said he understands that if we have a code that requires the street lights, but when you say if the homeowner's association doesn't pay the lights go out, does that present a problem to the county as far as the dangers to unlit subdivisions and any complaints we have now that create a hazard to the county so we could be end up having to pay the bill?

Supervisor West said you will have to refer that to legal.

Mr. Richard Railey said the only thing he would say is that right now we have a situation where we are furnishing electricity for some people, but there are many people in Southampton County who don't have the electricity who are paying the bill for the people who get it. This is a step in the right direction to cast the burden of who is getting the light and who is getting the benefit of living in the subdivision on those that live in the subdivision. Now is it a perfect solution, well I can name or have thought about every problem that you have, but you have to have a homeowner's association and you have to put the rules in it that you want. It has got to be in accordance with the Code of Virginia and our ordinance incorporates the Code of Virginia; and the Code of Virginia is pretty thorough on the conditions and stipulations that you have got to put in. Now, we can all think of examples someplace, somewhere where a property owner's association has been abused or not been strong enough or been put in a restricted covernance and never implemented, but this is our attempt to implement them and put the burden of the street lights on the people who are going to get the benefit of the street lights.

Mr. Jason Fowler asked if anyone had an estimate on the cost of a street light.

Supervisor West said it cost about $8.00 a month in the country. Its $7.00 or $8.00 a month and about $100.00 per year.

Mr. Jason Fowler said what does the ordinance say about every four or five houses that you have to have a street light?

Supervisor West said four or five consecutive.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that is not in the ordinance. That is your policy and that is for existing homes. This is only for newly developed, newly plated subdivisions, none of which exist right now because the ordinance is not in effect.

Mr. Jason Fowler said so in future subdivisions we require street lights is that correct.

Supervisor Phillips said yes.

Mr. Richard Railey said that is correct.

Mr. Jason Fowler said so for every five houses you are going to have an $8.00 street light every year.

Supervisor Phillips said the light cost is $8.00 a month.

Supervisor West said $100.00 a year.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said the number of homes that would benefit from it would depend on the street light. There are a number of different types of street lights and of course the taller the street light the lighter the glow.

Supervisor Phillips said the further it is cast.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said yes cast and it would serve more houses. But, that is up to the developer or when the county did the subdivision request the county would probably look at the one light for five homes which is the standard policy now, but it depends on the street light that is put up. There is not a minimum or a maximum as to how many street lights there may be.

Mr. Jason Fowler said thank you.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak. Chairman Jones closed the public hearing. He said what say ye Board?

Supervisor West said we asked the Planning Commission to look at this and they came back with a recommendation; we are going to follow the recommendation and I make a motion that we adopt the attached resolution concerning this amendment to the lighting in subdivisions.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion.

Chairman Jones called for the vote.

Supervisor Porter said can we have some discussion on this. He stated that he supported it. He just wanted to go on record as saying I think this is the right direction. I think that the Virginia Statues are pretty thorough they explain what are the rights and responsibilities of homeowner's associations. He said he has lived in homeowner's associations. Each homeowner's association is established by a declaration that lays out the rights and responsibilities of the homeowner's association. This is good because what it requires is that it requires everyone in a subdivision to share in the cost of common facilities in the association. That is basically what the homeowner's statues do. Living in a loosely constructed subdivision with a common private road we have all kinds of headaches maintaining the road because we don't have a document which says or spells out the way the road should be maintained or to vote to maintain on it. Right now if you don't want to contribute to the maintenance of the road you just say you are not going to pay and there is nothing anyone can do about it. When you do require a homeowner's association you take the burden and you require everyone who participates in that subdivision to share in the cost of those common facilities. And, I think this is a great step in the right direction.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments.

Chairman Jones said we have a motion and a second on the floor and called for the vote which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to item B.

Mr. Michael Johnson said item B is a second ordinance amendment that is related to the building and trade permit fees. This public hearing is held pursuant to § 15.2-1427, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended to receive public comment on an ordinance to amend Article II, Chapter 4 as it relates to building and related trade permit fees. The notice of this public hearing was published in the Tidewater News on June 9 and June 16, 2013 as required by law. After conclusion of tonight's public hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the comments offered and may act upon the ordinance or defer action until such time as it deems appropriate. There is a full copy of the ordinance in your agenda packages. Specifically what this does is make our fee schedule identical to the fee schedule that is imposed in the City of Franklin for building and trade permit fees. As you all know effective July 1, 2013 our offices will merge together and we will be sharing those services so we felt like it was important to have uniform fees in both the city and the county. Included along with the ordinance you will see a comparison of those fee schedules as well as the impact on a typical single family residential unit. I think the fees are within $5.00 of one another

so while there will be some differences permit to permit in this schedule overall we don't anticipate any real change in overall revenues generated by the changes.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that is correct. This is just adopting the City of Franklin's fee schedule. She stated that when the building official in Franklin and she looks at a typical home, and this home of typical construction is listed on your last page, is a house that one of the busiest builders in Southampton County has six under construction right now. He builds the same house over and over again; so we used his house. And our fees totaled up to $655.21 and theirs totaled up to $660.00; so it is a difference of $4.79. It is cumbersome for the person who issues the permits to go back and forth between the two sets of fees and since ours aren't broken down like theirs are it is difficult. So when the figures came out so close there didn't seem to be a logical reason not to do it this way.

Chairman Jones asked if there was any discussion on this.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said the fees for a zoning map amendment, a comprehensive plan amendment, a trip to the Board of Zoning Appeals will all stay the same. The county fees will stay the county fees and the City of Franklin fees will stay City of Franklin fees, but this is just for building and trades permits.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions for Mrs. Beth Lewis. He thanked her.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing. He asked if there was anyone for or against this ordinance.

There being no one wishing to speak, Chairman Jones closed the public hearing. He asked what say ye Board.

Supervisor Phillips said it is a housekeeping matter.

Chairman Jones said yes and it needs to be swept up.

Supervisor Phillips said he thought we needed to move forward.

Chairman Jones asked if he could get a motion.

Supervisor Phillips made a motion to adopt the ordinance.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was C.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that item C is the third ordinance amendment that deals with stormwater management fees. This public hearing is held pursuant to § 15.2-1427, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended to receive public comment on an ordinance to amend Article III, Chapter 13.5 as it relates to fees associated with the Stormwater Management Program. The notice of this public hearing was published in the Tidewater News on June 9 and June 16, 2013 as required by law. After conclusion of tonight's public hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the comments offered and may act upon the ordinance or defer action until such time as it deems appropriate. Just by way of background this same ordinance is being considered tonight by the Franklin City Council so that again the ordinance related to the stormwater management fees would be the same in the City and the County. As you all know there have been some changes made at the state level in the stormwater program which will require some additional personnel starting next year and these fees are the way that you generate the revenue to help pay for these additional services. With that I will turn it over to Mrs. Beth Lewis.

Mrs. Beth Lewis stated that stormwater management throughout Virginia will change drastically July 1, 2014, but on that day implementation of the ordinance has to take place. But, before that time staff has to be hired and trained. There are people in both Franklin and Southampton County who are certified erosion sediment control inspectors and certified stormwater plan reviewers and inspectors, but none of those certifications will be any good come July 1, 2014. Everybody has to

start over. Even engineers who create stormwater plans have to be certified by the Commonwealth of Virginia to create those plans. So to get those employees hired in this fiscal year and to get them certified and trained in this fiscal year it is requested that the stormwater fees that will go into effect next year throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia be adopted so that we can start generating the funds needed to hire and train those people this year. We will also have a grant application in to the Commonwealth of Virginia to help pay for those new staff people and the certification and training necessary. As you will recall your budget included half of a stormwater inspector and half a water plan/reviewer and the City of Franklin included the other half. But, these fees will go toward getting these people hired in this fiscal year and getting them certified in this fiscal year so that July 1 of next year they can hit the ground running. The new stormwater rules throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia will focus mostly in 2014 on pollution control. The size of storm water ponds probably won't change a lot, but there will be much stricter regulations requiring production of pollutants in the stormwater and slowing down the speed that the stormwater enters the surface waters. So, this is a big step in Southampton County and Franklin in less developed parts of the Commonwealth. These are pretty close to the Chesapeake Preservation Act Rules, but they will be imposed Commonwealth wide so we need a year to get people in place and get them trained and certified. The training has already started and some of the inspectors have gone to the basic class. If the staff can't be found soon enough then the staff that is on hand will take the training and we would like to get it done now because in this first round of training it is free to the localities. They don't charge us anything. The next round of training we will have to pay for the training and the certification. The first round of training is also only open to counties; the subsequent rounds of training will be open to the private sector as well so the localities need to get their people in to be trained and certified so that July 1 of next year we will be ready to go.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions for Mrs. Beth Lewis.

Supervisor Edwards asked if the grant was good just for the first year.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that is correct.

Supervisor West said help me with what I know or what I don't know. As far as Isle of Wight, did they not enact a fee?

Supervisor Edwards said they are in the Chesapeake Bay.

Supervisor West said right. That is the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, right?

Supervisor Edwards said correct.

Supervisor West said so they enacted a per household fee regardless, correct?

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor West said the Chowan River basin is saying as needed as used.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor West said so the house or the ... go ahead.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that Isle of Wight is charging a stormwater fee for existing houses.

Supervisor West said right and that is a fee added on as an annual fee paid with the tax bill equivalently too.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said these fees are for plans for new projects, projects that don't exist today. So it is for new projects that will come in; not existing projects.

Supervisor West said so in other words this is not a new fee that will be added on to your tax bill or anything as Isle of Wight? Did the City of Suffolk adopt this too if I recall?

Mr. Michael Johnson said probably, but they are also in the Chesapeake Bay.

Supervisor West said but everything the other side of the Blackwater River.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said right, but this is new projects just like the building fee permits that we just looked at.

Supervisor West said so is it anticipated that it will be able to be funded? And, you did mention a grant. So you are seeking a grant, but will we be able to fund properly these positions. I know we are sharing the expense with the City of Franklin for the two positions.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said Franklin's Department and our department looked at how many people we would need to hire and how many positions we could fund, we looked at fiscal year 2011-12 building activity and as much as 2012 as we could. The funds that we see being able to be collected are based on actual construction. We took the actual plans that we looked at during that period of time to see how much they would have generated with the new fees and then we said that was an inspector and plan reviewer.

Supervisor West said so what we are planning will be good. Thank you.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions. Did you have a question Supervisor Phillips?

Supervisor Phillips said my comment, if I read the attached information correctly; it is going to cost the county about $18,000.00.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the county and the city combined. It is the difference between what the fees will generate and what we think the cost of the services will run.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said right.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

Supervisor West said but again this is a state mandate and this is not something that we choose to do. It is something that has been brought on by the state.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that is one of the questions that people often times have and do we have to adopt it. And, right now projects that go through the stormwater plan review are covered under the construction general permit under the clean water act. If the locality chooses not to adopt the new stormwater rules that are going Commonwealth wide no construction project within the county will be covered under the construction general permit. They will each need to get an individual permit and an individual permit for a single family home is $15,000.00 and that is what that property owner would have to pay before they scrape one piece of ground. So, that would effectively halt all construction.

Supervisor West asked how does it or does it in any way affect the farming industry as such or farmers scratching the soil or changing the landscaping or digging a pond, or doing anything like that? How does it affect that person?

Mrs. Beth Lewis said just like today agriculture and forestry are exempted. It's just like under today's stormwater rules, as is much of the mineral mining.

Supervisor West said well you have silt fences now when a lot is set aside and set apart.

Mrs. Beth Lewis said that is correct.

Supervisor West asked would there be an additional type silt fence equivalent or what?

Mrs. Beth Lewis said what the stormwater management does is really longer term after the construction is over. Part of these fees is because the staff has to go out and inspect those stormwater management devices into perpetuity. So for a single family home, you will probably

not see anything different. The biggest changes that you will see most likely are in commercial non-residential development and most of it will be the maintenance of it rather than the appearance of it. The Commonwealth is also creating a list of best management practices which includes devices and practices themselves which people can choose between to meet the stormwater requirements.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions for Mrs. Beth Lewis.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing. He asked if there was anyone for or against this ordinance.

Chairman Jones closed the public hearing. What say ye Board?

Supervisor Edwards said this should have been done twenty-five years ago. That way we would still have some seafood left in the Chesapeake Bay in the ocean.

Supervisor West said he wasn't so willing to say that, but he would say that we need to adopt this ordinance for the stormwater management.

Supervisor Edwards said he would second that motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones said now we will go to item number ten.

Mr. Michael Johnson said as you all are aware we have solicited proposals to finance the purchase of the school buses that were included in your fiscal year 2014. The proposals were due on Friday and at your places tonight you will find a summary of the bids that were received. We received five bids. We have with us tonight Mr. Courtney Rogers who is our financial advisor of Davenport & Company. He asked Mr. Courtney Rogers to come up and give a quick overview of the summary of the bids.

Mr. Courtney Rogers addressed the Board. He stated that if they had seen the news that interest rates are heading up. I am pleased to say that we have received five bids. One firm came through and has the lowest bid for the three options that we asked for which are seven years, ten years, and twelve year rates. That would be capital one bank. What we did was work with the rates that they had, 1.98% for 7 years, 2.29% for 10 years, and 2.52% for 12 years. The second sheet will show you that we are able to finance using a cost of $84,000 per bus with five buses for seven years, seven buses for ten years, or eight or twelve years depending on which option you might choose. I will tell you that while rates have been going up we have seen tax exempt rates rise almost one percent in the last month alone. We did an RFP for another client that came in about ten days prior to yours and it actually had a 2.53% for twelve and a half years. So, I feel like you have a pretty good rate here in spite of the open market or public market.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else had any questions.

Supervisor Porter asked how long these rates are good for.

Mr. Courtney Rogers said we have to accept this particular bank's rates by July 5th which is next week. They hold the rates until once we have accepted the rates to allow time to get the proper documents signed. The closing date is July 26th, so it is locked in until we close.

Mr. Michael Johnson said so if we accept the proposal tonight you have locked the rate in the assumption is that all the financial documents will be ready for you at your regular meeting next month for you to act upon.

Supervisor Porter asked where did we stand on the buses purchase.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the School Board is standing by. At this point they will purchase those buses off of the state contract which has already been tentatively procured, so there is no bid process that they need to go through. So, they are basically standing by waiting for the green light. They want to know how many buses to order. So for them to figure that out we need to know what the term of the loan is. So, that is really a decision in front of you all tonight if you want to

look at seven years, ten years, or twelve years and that will in turn determine whether they order five, seven, or eight buses.

Supervisor Porter said but we talked about five buses during budget season.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that is correct.

Supervisor Porter said there is a substantial difference in rates if we extend it.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct. We just wanted to give you as much flexibility to consider as we could. If you look at five buses, which are what the base assumption was, you can do that for seven years with what you have appropriated in the current fiscal year.

Supervisor West said he favored that because it is a mechanical vehicle that can break down. I think it is a seven year commitment instead of twelve which he had rather make to begin with. And, it does not obligate us beyond this year rather than making a one-time purchase for seven years and the county is in or out of it at that time. So, I would recommend five buses over a seven year loan at 1.98%. Is that correct sir?

Mr. Courtney Rogers said yes that is correct, sir.

Supervisor West said that would be his suggestion.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else had anything.

Supervisor Phillips said he had one slight question. Everything pretty much seems the same. We can certainly see the Capital One offer is better, but there is a two percent prepayment penalty in the event that we get some type of windfall and chose to pay it off.

Mr. Courtney Rogers said that is correct.

Supervisor Phillips asked how would that impact us. I'm just sitting here looking at it quickly. Would that be of any concern at all?

Mr. Michael Johnson said well I don't think you would refinance this debt. I don't think interest rates are moving in the right direction over the next few years for you to actively refinance it. But, if you had the cash and wanted to pay it off early that two percent prepayment would come into play.

Supervisor Phillips said so if we chose to prepay that would be two percent of $675,000 if we choose the seven year loan.

Mr. Courtney Rogers said it will be on the amount outstanding.

Supervisor Phillips said so it's just on the amount outstanding at that time.

Mr. Courtney Rogers said correct.

Supervisor Porter said the event of that situation is: the interest rates will more than likely be higher and we could find a better use for that money.

Mr. Michael Johnson said I would think so.

Supervisor Porter said well if you are going to pay two percent on the debt and you can get four percent for your money you would be better off getting the four percent.

Supervisor Phillips said understood. Thank you. I would be happy to find that problem somewhere in the future.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions. You heard what Supervisor West said on the seven years. Is that what you want to go with or do you want to extend it out further.

Supervisor West said a direction is required not a motion.

Chairman Jones said yes.

Supervisor West said but the reason I say this is because it puts us on the hook for a shorter period of time at a cheaper rate and keeps our options open in the long run. So, I recommend five buses for seven years through Capital One.

Supervisor Phillips said and let's see how it goes.

Supervisor West said we will play it by ear.

Supervisor Porter said this is the question that I had. Is this the School Board's final decision or ours? We have appropriated $70,000.

Mr. Michael Johnson said for the current year. Obviously the School Board is looking for your input. They want to know how long you intend to appropriate the funds for so they know how many buses to order. They are sort of putting this back in your court and saying tell us how many buses to order.

Supervisor Phillips said so they are asking whether we are carrying this to term.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions. He said now is the time.

Supervisor Edwards said they asked for five buses correct.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct that was the initial request.

Chairman Jones said I'm sure they will take seven if we give them seven.

Supervisor Edwards said I was wondering how they came up with that number. Did they research that number or cut the number in half or what?

Supervisor Porter said we were looking at five this year, five next year, and five the next year.

Mr. Michael Johnson said well you have got to make that decision and you will make that decision on an annual basis.

Supervisor Porter said I know, but if we are really serious about replacing the bus fleet and if the bus life is fifteen years then you would roughly get into a bus replacement cycle or pattern of replacing your older buses on a schedule. Based on this information and the strategy of a bus replacement schedule I would go with the five buses.

Chairman Jones asked if that was the consensus of the Board.

Mr. Michael Johnson said we can look at a motion to accept the proposal from Capital One for seven years that will set into motion what we will have our bondsman prepare all the closing documents and have those ready for your consideration next meeting.

Chairman Jones asked if that was their consensus. He said he needed a motion.

Supervisor West made a motion based on what was just said.

Chairman Jones said the motion is five buses for seven years.

Supervisor Edwards said he thought what everybody needed to understand is that this is a one year commitment.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor Porter said it is seven years for five buses.

Mr. Richard Railey said but you are not committing yourself to get five more next year.

Supervisor Porter said no you are not. I was just throwing that out as a strategy to have a safe bus fleet for the future. That will depend on our financial situation obviously.

Supervisor Edwards said what would make you think they would have the money next year for their own five buses.

Supervisor Porter said I'm not saying they will.

Supervisor Edwards said I'm saying that is highly unlikely and I think the reality that this Board has to look at is that we are going to be replacing them every year for the whole fleet.

Supervisor West said we have that option and we will deal with that next year.

Supervisor Edwards said in reality when I look at it I know they need buses, but reality is that if you are going to give me a half of million dollars and not put it in my budget do you think I'm not going to ask for it next year.

Supervisor Porter said it is in their budget. It is in their debt services budget.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it is in the School Board budget. They are asking for your input basically. How many years do you want to look at and that will determine how many buses we order.

Supervisor Porter said we are going to commit to this payment schedule, and this is all we are committing to. In the background is this idea that we have a lot of old buses that we are going to have to replace in the future. And, in reality if we are in a financially able position we will try to do this on an annual basis, but we are not making a commitment to do that.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Updike said talking about commitments you look at April budget request I think it said this is a twelve year program. Let's be honest and not say we are only going to be doing this one year. This is permanently forever and the School Board for five buses is about a half of million dollars. The salary increases that are down the road of course is 2% is another $450,000. That is a million dollars that we are going to have to come up with next year with no increases for anything no extra teachers and no extra anything. I would like to know where we are going to have a million dollars to pay these bills. We fell short in not paying for things as you go. During budget season I fussed and fussed that we should pay for it. We have got to pay for it now or pay for it later. We are just kicking the can down the road. To me it is uncalled for to expect our children and grandchildren to pay the bills that we are generating. When paying the bills we have got to look at the future. And, of course we are taking the easy way out. This is the easy way out. Borrowing money and paying for it over a long period of time and let somebody else pay for it. If we have to increase taxes well so be it. If you use it, you pay for it. We have made a huge mistake not paying for what's in the budget. We have got our hands tied and of course we have got to do it now. I don't like this debt and not being straight forward and honest with the public. This is going to be a huge financial burden from now on out.

Supervisor Porter said he took exception with the comment of that this is not being honest and straightforward because this has been laid out there at every discussion. Nothing has been hidden and you are trying to make it sound like someone is trying to hide something and that is not the case. Yes, we have a problem with buses. We have huge expenses with buses. We will always have huge expenses with buses as long as we have a school system and hopefully we will have a school system forever. We are trying to find a way where we can get back on the road of having a safe bus fleet. Yes, next year if we have an extra half million dollars maybe we won't have to borrow money to buy five buses. Maybe we can pay five million for five buses, and maybe the

year after that we can pay five million dollars for five buses if we have the money. Well, we don't have the money to pay five million dollars today for five buses that we desperately need. This is the way we are going to get an asset that has a fifteen year life that is going to be used for fifteen years. This is not like spending some large money today and asking that it be paid for over fifteen years whereas we aren't going to get any benefit for fifteen years. We are going to get the benefit for fifteen years. We are paying for these over a seven year period and I don't see how I am putting that benefit or that cost on anybody's grandchildren.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said Supervisor Porter I think you meant five hundred thousand not five hundred million.

Supervisor Porter said yes five hundred thousand. You are right. It's a half of million. Thank you.

Supervisor Edwards said not to beat a dead horse, but I think you need to get back to the reality of are we going to be facing this every year, whatever that takes.

Supervisor Porter said no one has denied that.

Supervisor Edwards said I think the public needs to know that. We are sticking our necks out and just to be on board and perfectly straightforward with everybody.

Supervisor Porter said I take exception that we haven't been, okay. Every time we lay it out there we have got these buses that are twenty five years old and we are going to have to replace them. And, yes it is going to cost money and we are going to have to find the money somehow to replace them.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Phillips said right now we are paying to maintain old buses and that is why you buy a new car. When you need a new car you buy it. When you have buses that are breaking down and the frames are cracking because they run on these back country roads you have to replace them. I would say that I am in favor of it as presented for the seven years through the Capital One offer. And, we will hopefully see some improvement in our financial standing in fiscal year 2014.

Chairman Jones said so you are in favor of seven years for five buses.

Supervisor Phillips said correct.

Chairman Jones asked if we needed a motion to this effect.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he would like to have a motion.

Supervisor Porter made a motion to purchase five buses for seven years through Capital One.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would move to item number eleven – Discussion Regarding a Follow-up Retreat. Do any of you have any dates that you would like to discuss while Mr. Michael Johnson is talking?

Supervisor West said he would like to say that he and Supervisor Edwards were just drafted for jury duty as of the week of the 15th, so sometime during that week we have jury duty. So, you will have to do it sometime before that time if you could.

Supervisor Edwards said or after.

Supervisor West said or after.

Chairman Jones said that is one suggestion. Does anybody else have anything?

Supervisor Edwards asked how many dates are we talking about?

Supervisor West said one day.

Chairman Jones said yes one day.

Supervisor Edwards said Saturday, the 27th.

Supervisor Phillips said how about a Friday. Oh, that's right you are working.

Chairman Jones said alright give me some dates, anything but the week of the 15th.

Supervisor Phillips said what about a location. Is the Incubator open on Saturday?

Mr. Michael Johnson said it is up to you all.

Supervisor West said we can go to the Incubator. They said it would be fine. Is that correct?

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor Phillips asked is it available for that date?

Mr. Michael Johnson said it was last time I checked. I'm assuming it would be.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other suggestions. I need somebody to say something.

Supervisor Edwards said I said Saturday the 27th.

Chairman Jones asked if they agreed with that.

Supervisor Updike said that sounds good.

Supervisor West said he preferred not Saturday, but…

Chairman Jones said I understand.

Supervisor West said what about August 2nd. He asked Supervisor Edwards if he was working on Friday.

Supervisor West said I realize the inconvenience.

Supervisor Edwards said that is the day that you have an appointment.

Supervisor West said we can reschedule that.

Chairman Jones said give me some dates now. We have got one, if you don't agree with that give me another date.

Supervisor West asked if we could go earlier than the 27th. In other words if we are going to go ahead and do it, do it on Saturday.

Supervisor Edwards said the 20th.

Supervisor Phillips said that's fine.

Chairman Jones asked what we are going to do as far as the staff then. Are they going to have to work?

Supervisor West said well let's just have a retreat regarding this Board itself without staff and

work together and pull together and look behind and look forward and tunnelize our vision with what we are facing and where we are going. How much time would it take for you to get some June 30th figures together which would be the fiscal year?

Mr. Michael Johnson said they won't be ready in July. I can tell you that.

Supervisor West said well with that it doesn't have to be in July is what I am saying.

Chairman Jones said what about August then.

Mr. Michael Johnson asked Mrs. Lynette Lowe if she had a sense on year-end figures earliest availability.

Mrs. Lynette Lowe said we can have some preliminary numbers by the first part of August.

Chairman Jones said I say let's do it sometime in August.

Supervisor Edwards said let's do it in August then.

Supervisor West said August 3. Is that good?

Chairman Jones said he couldn't do August 3rd. I will be gone. That is out for me.

Supervisor Phillips said what about August 10th.

Supervisor West said well I'm off so I can do it most any time, okay.

Chairman Jones said well that is the only date that I won't be here.

Supervisor West said if he was farming he wouldn't be able to be off.

Chairman Jones said that is the only date of those two months that I won't be here, that Saturday, August 3rd.

Supervisor Edwards said it would be okay with him.

Supervisor West said August what?

Supervisor Edwards said he said the 3rd.

Supervisor Porter said no. He said he can't do it August 3rd.

Chairman Jones said I can do anything except that Saturday, August 3rd.

Supervisor Edwards said oh, okay.

Supervisor West said okay, let's do the 10th, the 10th, the 10th.

Supervisor Edwards said he would like for the public to know that they pay for their own meals.

Chairman Jones said not me. I'm going to bring a brown bag.

Supervisor Updike said well you are still paying for it.

Mr. Michael Johnson said so August 10th and no staff is what I understand. Is that correct?

Supervisor West said except you, sir.

Supervisor Phillips said do you mean as far as presentations.

Mr. Michael Johnson said I just wasn't clear on what you expected.

Supervisor Updike said if the staff would like to come I don't see why not.

Supervisor Edwards said he thought it should be up to Mr. Michael Johnson's discretion as to what he thought would make a good retreat.

Supervisor Updike said it is open to the public so it's not something that you can close the doors on, so anybody can come. So the staff is more than welcome.

Supervisor Phillips asked if the staff was necessary to give presentations.

Mr. Michael Johnson said well that depends on the agenda. What would you like on your agenda? I heard year end financials. We can certainly put that together. What else would you like to cover that we need to prepare for in advance?

Chairman Jones asked what they wanted out of this.

Supervisor West said a concentrated effort of cohesiveness out of this Board.

Supervisor Phillips said hopefully we will have a report on the Ag-Park land.

Chairman Jones said what do you all want to talk about.

Supervisor Edwards said improving communications.

Supervisor West said yes improving communications. You did say the forestry and agricultural districts are something that we need to look at.

Supervisor Edwards said right.

Supervisor West said and the advantage and a disadvantage for us.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else.

Mr. Michael Johnson asked if it was going to be a half of day or all day.

Supervisor Phillips said however long it takes.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else they wanted to put on the agenda.

Supervisor Phillips said since it is going to be in August that will give us some time to add to that agenda.

Supervisor West said yes since it is August 10th.

Chairman Jones said if you think of anything else just let us know.

Chairman Jones said we will go to number twelve now.

Mr. Michael Johnson said as you all are aware we did not receive any bids for the Ivor School Property. We advertised for seal bids. It was advertised extensively. It was published in the Tidewater News for three consecutive weeks and in the Sussex Surry Dispatch for two weeks. Notices were mailed to fifteen or twenty real estate companies that operate in the region. There was a sign was posted on the property. So, we made every effort to reach out to perspective buyers and that notwithstanding we did not receive any bids so at this point we need to have some discussion on what you all would like to do. I have identified three potential options, but there may be more. One is to list the property with a local realtor and see if they can find a potential buyer for you. Another is to negotiate a private sale with an interested party and I think Supervisor West had indicated there were at least a couple of parties that had expressed interest to him. The third option is that you could re-advertise it and sell it at public auction. But, you need to recognize that there is significant expense to advertising. We spent probably at least about

$2,500.00 advertising for the sealed bids. So, that is not a cheap process. I just want you to be aware of that.

Chairman Jones said you have heard Mr. Michael Johnson so do you have any suggestions on it.

Supervisor Updike said that was the best news that he had heard in recent weeks, maybe months. And, that is no bids. That is great. It is terrific. And, why do I say that, because it was listed as housing development where eight houses could be put on that property. Houses don't pay the bills. Eight houses on that property our taxes will be raised on the shortfall of our revenue at least a thousand dollars per household. It could be as much as $1,200.00 dollars. Houses don't pay the bills. For God's sake let's send this to the Planning Commission and ask them to zone it industrial or light industry and turn it over to Mrs. Amanda Jarratt to be sold as light industry property to pay the bills. I'm sure that this property someday, and it might not be tomorrow, might be next year, somebody will want to buy it so that our expenses won't be increased by putting roof tops. The last time I asked about it, I was told there were anywhere from 1,500 to 1,600 houses or building lots already on the books in the county. There are 150 lots right there in Newsoms and they are not getting $8,000 or $10,000 per lot and they have got water and sewage. So, why would you go and invest in Ivor is beyond my imagination. All right, so we have taken it off the market, let's put it in industrial, and hopefully industry is coming in the county hand over fist. This would be excellent property for Mrs. Amanda Jarratt to sell. It is eight acres. It is not going to cost the county a thing. It is eight acres. You are going to have farmers that are going to volunteer to advertise in the newspapers. Turn this property back into agricultural and put it out to rent and rent the property out for soybeans, corn or anything else you want. When that doesn't work, you can always plant it is trees so you don't have any maintenance to take care of. Then at the end of 20 years, if nothing has come in there, sell the timber. It is not costing the county one I odem by going this direction. You will be making money.

Supervisor West said he would like to, Mr. Bob Felts help me out here a little bit, tell me about New Branch Baptist Church, okay.

Mr. Bob Felts, of the audience, said he was prepared to speak when his time comes.

Supervisor West said okay and tell me about the houses that are already built on the way to it, across the road, by it, and on the other side of it.

Mr. Bob Felts said during citizen's comment I am ready.

Supervisor West said I don't think what you said, but I admire what you said, but I do think looking at it that it would not be a good wise use for what you just said. I think a couple of people have spoken about it. I don't know whether… They indicated to me, oh yeah, I want to buy it. Yes sir, let me know when it is. I'll give you the money right now. One of them told me that, building a new home, Mr. Bob Felts, down the road some little distance back off the road. Do you know who I am talking about? But, that doesn't make any difference. With that being said, I am just saying that we had interest in it, but no bids. I don't know if people don't like bidding against themselves when it comes to a closed bid or not. That may be a situation, okay. But, I don't think that is a good thing to do. I would like to listen to the citizen's input time and I'd like to sit on this a month is what I'd like to do Mr….

Chairman Jones said Michael Johnson.

Supervisor West said and then also negotiate a private sale with an interested party if indeed after this time I would like to go back to one of these and say put up or shut up, okay.

Chairman Jones said then they won't have anything to do with it. He asked if there was anybody who had ideas.

Supervisor Phillips made a motion that we table this until next month and allow Supervisor West to pursue those options and then we can also hear any public comments and we can revisit it in July.

Supervisor Edwards said he agrees with that and seconded the motion. He stated he would like to

see the zoning map and see what was zoned around it. He said what Supervisor Updike said wasn't too far-fetched if something else would be possible there. You know in Virginia for every dollar you get from a house you pay $1.42 back so eight houses there puts us in the hole. If it is not suitable for residential well so be it. If there is some chance that it is suitable for commercial we will take a look at it. Keep all the options open.

Supervisor Phillips said right.

Chairman Jones said right. He said we have a suggestion that we table it. Is that okay with everybody else?

Supervisor Updike said he would like to know, you said you were going after interested parties, what kind of price tag are you going to have it at?

Supervisor West said I'm not. I want to talk with him and say are you really interested in it. You said you were, but you didn't give me a bid. Now is the time to give me a bid and then he comes back before this Board, okay. And, he meets with this Board. I have nothing to do with it except to contact this person.

Supervisor Updike said we don't want you to go out.

Supervisor West said say what you think.

Supervisor Updike said I will. If you go out and make an agreement with the man and it is not profitable for the Board.

Supervisor West said I haven't done that in the past and I won't do it now.

Chairman Jones said so what are we going to do. Do you want to make a motion?

Supervisor Phillips said I believe I did.

Supervisor Edwards said I seconded his motion.

Chairman Jones called for the vote which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to number thirteen – Miscellaneous.

Mr. Michael Johnson included in your agenda you will see various notices as well as items of correspondence. We'll be glad to answer any questions you may have about those.

Chairman Jones asked if anybody has any questions/

Chairman Jones stated the next item was late arriving matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that there were no late arriving matters.

Chairman Jones stated next is the Citizens Comment Period.

Mr. Ash Cutchin of Jerusalem District addressed the Board. He stated that he had several comments. Concerning the Ivor school property and no bids, I agree with Supervisor Updike about not being suitable for eight homes for tax revenue in the county because single family homes costs us money. You have got to determine what the highest and best use of the property is. He mentioned industrial and I think for the most part the average industrial user would consider eight acres too small for any serious industrial use. I don't know what the soils are like up there, but if I remember correctly Enviva had to put several pilings down just to support their industrial structures and I have got a strong feeling that you have got the same problem up there in Ivor, not really very good soil. You have a consideration of the possibility of donating it to the town of Ivor and maybe letting them create some kind of public park facility or recreation facility, something like that. It wouldn't generate any money for it, but if you sell it or give it to a church they are not going to pay any taxes and so it wouldn't generate any money either if a church had it. That is all

I have to say about Ivor. Talking about the school buses it looks to me like we are right back in the situation of responsibility versus authority. It looks like to me that you are giving the school Board the authority to spend this money, yet you are going to have the responsibility for paying for it, you and the citizens. Getting to the purchasing of the school buses, I would like you to add a cavert to the agreement with Capital One that you will borrow the money with them if they will quit putting those stupid TV commercials with those Vikings and all those paid Hollywood actors. You know that are spending a lot more money on those commercials than they are going to get from us borrowing money from them. My last comment is about the uncollected and unpaid taxes. Mr. David Britt listed them as two separate items, personal property and real estate. The combined total is $1,390,000 for the personal property and real estate. How many school buses would that buy?

Supervisor Edwards said its $85,000 a bus.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said I just want you to keep that in mind. We still have a problem with people in this county who are benefitting from the county, and benefitting from those of us who pay our taxes, and pay our utility bills. The homeowners association is going to pay for the lights, but they are taking advantage of us by not paying their, what I consider fair share. We are $1.4 million in extra debt to uncollected taxes. Thank you.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Bob Felts of Ivor addressed the Board. Don't you all take anything that I say too personally; I'm not sitting where you all are sitting. I want to talk to you all tonight about one word. I sit here and listened to you and that word is accountability. You gentlemen are accountable. You are accountable to each other. You are accountable to this community. You are accountable to us as the tax payers. Somebody did a poor job over there in Ivor with the school system. My daughters went there. Mr. Ricks was the principal. That was a clean, nice up kept building. When the school kids came out of there and they closed the door; they should have had a sale the next week and put that school up for sale. You spent money boarding it up with wood. You spent money for ten years cutting the grass. You have let it grow up. It is an eye sore over there. You can't farm it. Half of it is an asphalt parking lot, Supervisor Updike. The other half back there in the back is too low. Ivor doesn't have any sewer. You have got residential people who are living right there; so it is a residential area. It is almost a blighted area. I don't know if any of you all have even been over there and looked at it besides Supervisor West. Supervisor West you campaigned about doing something with that spot, using it for senior citizens recreational. Mr. Blythe it is not in the Town of Ivor, so you can't give it to Ivor. It is out of the corporate limits of Ivor. You spent a lot of money; I think Mr. Michael Johnson said over $2,500 to run a lot of ads in the paper. I got a lot within sight of it, tax map 15A-3218. I bought it from the Smith Estate. I've tried for ten years to sell it as a building lot. It is appraised at $8,000 an acre. Finally, Mr. Rhodes is working on a deed right now. I accepted $1,000 dollars for that lot. That is what I got for that building lot. For ten years I have tried to sell it. I got that lot out of the settling of an estate. I ended up with $1,000.00 for a building lot, and that is all that I could get. The man bought it because it is next door to him and it is grown up. Accountability, you have let that building sit there; then you tore it down. How much money did you all spend tearing it down? Do any of you all realize? I think you all spent probably over $60,000 in tearing the school down. That is $60,000 just in tearing the old school down. Why didn't you just sell it or give it to somebody? You would have been $60,000 ahead if you had given it away instead of paying Mr. Mickey Gray to clean it up. I tell you, you have got to come back to the word accountability. It reflects on you as gentlemen and the seats that you all are filling. So, I just want to say as a tax payer, I think there is a problem with the way things are assessed. An assessment is around $8,000 an acre over there in that area. You have eight acres. You have got $64,000 sitting there. You have got less than 400 feet of frontage and I think you have got to have a minimum of 300 feet of frontage in a rural area to build a house so how can you put eight houses there when there are only 300 feet of frontage and no water and no septic there. You all need to get educated on what you are doing. You really need to get educated on what you are doing. Don't take it personally; I just think that as a taxpayer to see how this one issue was done reflects on your thinking and accountability as to the way the school property was handled. That is all I've got to say. Thank you.

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Bob Felts. He asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Mr. Bill Worsham of 12685 Appleton Road, Ivor addressed the Board. He stated that he was in Supervisor West's district. First off I think one thing that Supervisor Updike said kind of went past everybody and that was to use it as light industry. Light industry could be a pallet storage place. It could be a gravel place for a construction firm or something light that. We are not talking about a major factory or something like that. But, it is something to consider and that is all I'm going to say about that. What I am here to talk about though is back in April at the public hearing I answered a challenge from Chairman Jones. I presented twelve suggestions for the budget. I asked at that time that these suggestions be taken into consideration. I would like to strike that word consideration and ask you were they ever discussed. I took it serious. I went back and looked at my notes of the several meetings I have attended here and over the several meetings that I have attended at the School Board. I put this list together and I said this is exactly what we are waiting on somebody to give us an opportunity to offer something and I did. As of today, I haven't even heard anything as to whether that was discussed. I don't want to know whether it was considered; I want to know if it was discussed. I know some things that were on there you probably couldn't do because of state mandates. But, there were some things on there I think that are due to consideration, especially shared interest in services and facilities.

Chairman Jones said we are already working on that.

Mr. Bill Worsham said some other things that were there we could. I certainly did suggest that we put a moratorium on any more spending and borrowing.

Chairman Jones said that is something that we cannot do for a county. There are certain things that we have to do.

Mr. Bill Worsham said I understand…

Chairman Jones said if we put moratorium on spending then the upkeep of the county would go down. We wouldn't have anybody coming through.

Mr. Bill Worsham said I understand the mandates you are obligated to do. One of the other questions I have in the back of my mind is, does anybody know tonight how much money are we going to have to borrow in September to pay the bills through January. Does anyone know? Do you have any idea? That is what we did last year.

Mr. Michael Johnson said what we did last year was establish a line of credit and drew the money down as needed and that will be the same process again this year.

Mr. Bill Worsham said so you are going to have to do it again this year. Do you know how much?

Mr. Michael Johnson said $3 million would be the line of credit.

Mr. Bill Worsham said these are things that concern me. When you asked for some ideas, I took those ideas into consideration and hear you saying tonight that you did discuss them.

Chairman Jones said yes we did. He stated that the majority of what you had on that paper we could not do.

Mr. Bill Worsham said because of?

Chairman Jones said state mandates and stuff that we have already done.

Mr. Bill Worsham said okay. Anyway that is what I wanted to come talk to you all about tonight to see if that was discussed, not considered, but discussed. Thank you very much.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Mr. John Burchett of Sebrell addressed the Board. The first thing that came up after your closed meeting was you were going to hire two full time utility persons.

Mr. Michael Johnson said these people are replacements.

Mr. John Burchett said what he didn't understand, and he may not know the facts about what the closed session is supposed to cover, but I would have been interested in what Supervisor Updike had to say about hiring people. Why was that covered in the closed session? Why wasn't it covered in public session where we could hear? We won't even hire two school teachers that we need. We ought to at least be able to hear why we are hiring some other people. I know one of the guys you are replacing. The other ones I don't know.

Mr. Michael Johnson said all three are replacements. There are no new positions.

Chairman Jones said there are no new positions.

Mr. John Burchett said but the question is why was that covered in closed session. I would have been interested in hearing it, especially what Supervisor Updike had to say about it. To me that is not for closed session. Closed session to him was to cover possible development in the county that may be in danger by being disclosed in the public, but something like this should be out in the public.

Supervisor Edwards said does anybody want to answer this.

Mr. Michael Johnson said that personnel items are exempted under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Mr. John Burchett said right. I understand their names, but you listed the names of the people who quit.

Mr. Michael Johnson said right. Part of the discussion was discussing the people that would be hired.

Mr. John Burchett said right, but the need for them is not a personnel issue. The fact that you would say why do you need them. As far as why the other people quit I understand that you don't tell their business.

Mr. Michael Johnson said right.

Mr. John Burchett said but why you need to hire them is not infringing on somebody else's rights, in my opinion. What the gentlemen brought up about the funding gap, you all have got a lot to do at your retreat, if you talk about all the problems that we have got and how we are going to solve them. You are going to need more than one day. I suggested that we ask people to pay their taxes early. What are we going to do? Are we going to keep borrowing money every year or are we going to do something? Now this goes back to what Mr. Bob Felts said, accountability. You have the opportunity to do something. Do something Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike said I can't do it by myself.

Mr. John Burchett said stop this borrowing for nothing. If you would send out a letter asking who would be willing to pay their taxes in June, I bet half the county would. I would be willing to, whatever date it is, July 1st. Do something. I don't know how much it cost in interest for a line of credit, but whatever it cost is too much. There is no reason for it. We can start the process to do something because if we don't start it this is never going to stop because we are always going to come up short. I didn't have anything to say tonight when I got here, by the way. What are we doing to close the fund gap? On the Ivor property, and this is my opinion, Supervisor West I don't think you have anything to do, but the people who are approaching you if they don't want to put in a bid they are looking to get it for nothing. That is my opinion. You are not a realtor. To me, Mr. Michael Johnson, we ought to put it up and give it to a realtor. If we can sell it great, at minimum price or whatever it cost us, if we don't, I agree with Supervisor Updike, we keep it. Because I tell you one thing, where it is sitting at one day it is going to be worth a lot of money. With all the development that is coming and it is coming. I don't think Highway 58 is going to be the future. It is going to be Highway 460. If we can't get what it is going to cost us to clean that mess up then we need to hold it until we can get a decent price for it. Oh yeah, do we have an estimated date on the closing of the bridge, the Nottoway Bridge?

Mr. Michael Johnson said not yet.

Mr. John Burchett asked do you think it will be this year.

Mr. Michael Johnson said no it won't be this year.

Mr. John Burchett said good, it'll be after hunting season. Thank you.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Mrs. Virginia Cutchin of the Jerusalem District addressed the Board. I just wanted to comment on Mr. David Britt's report. I was disappointed to see and I think I understood it correctly that this year's average of taxes that have been collected are just about the same as last year's percentage. I thought the Treasurer or whoever was really working hard to get more taxes collected. The booting and all that other sort of stuff maybe aren't working, but I was just disappointed to see all those figures stayed about the same.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Mr. Gary Cross of the Berlin/Ivor District addressed the Board. He said he tried to find a little bit of leverity in all of his speeches. It brings him up a little bit and he hoped it brought a smile to your face. When you have to start borrowing money, Supervisor Updike, to buy vehicles I'm just a poor boy and I've had to do that all my life so I know the county is broke when you have got to borrow money to buy vehicles and that is what we are doing. It is a common occurrence for most of us. I've never paid for a vehicle yet and have never been able to pay cash for it. Tonight though on a little more serious note, and I hope you all have your eyes and ears open for just a few minutes. I have a few topics that I want to throw out at you. One of them it seems like you are already aware of. Mr. Bob Felts has alluded to the fact that you need to be more educated and we can all become educated. If I talk here long you will know everything I know so I won't talk that long. For years I have been thinking that this county, as well as the other counties throughout the state, need some kind of advisory committee on certain topics that comes before them. None of you are experts on any one thing and neither am I, but I feel like there are topics that have been brought before this Board for years and years that you all hashed back and forth month after month and get some consensus on what you think might be right. I've watched the height of dog fences be an issue. For years in collaboration with Mr. Michael Johnson I've told him I think we need some kind of advisory committee and Mr. Michael Johnson said hold off we are going to get us a planner, we are going to get me an assistant. And, we have been through two of them now. I failed as Farm Bureau President, I failed to push the issue any. Things were always coming up one right after another and you all can only take so much pressure. So, tonight first fold I would like to interject that we need some kind of advisory committee. Now as President of Farm Bureau I get to talk to people from all over the state and in my Soil and Water position I also get to talk to people from different localities throughout the state. Most of them have some kind of advisory committee to their Board on issues that come up, with the county like we see and are facing and what we see coming toward us. So in my efforts to have that one time, Supervisor West, you didn't mean any hurt by it, but you just kind of shot it right down by trying to throw an advisory board to solve a dispute on One Mile Road that I didn't think should be on an advisory committee anyway. You didn't mean anything by it, but it kind of shot down my efforts of what I really wanted.

Supervisor West said he remembers well.

Mr. Gary Cross said to keep it from sounding like farmers are running Southampton County, because I know we don't, but the perception from the public is that we do. So, I did not want to form a committee that called itself ag advisory committee. I would love to see something called a rural living advisory committee. I only see one of you, Supervisor Updike, and maybe Supervisor Phillips that can tell me tonight how many horses can live on one acre of land and live there healthy. We have a large equine industry coming to us and we see more and more of it all the time and I dare say but one of you on this Board can tell me how many acres it takes to support one livestock horse. This is just one issue that I think this Board is going to be facing in the near future. I would like to call it the rural living advisory committee and be compromised of

extension, home builders, farmers, our Sheriff's Department, animal control. There are going to be a lot of issues coming up. It does not have to be on a regular basis, but I really think that it is a committee that is needed to gather information to give you all well thought out and well documented evidence of an issue that you may be facing, whether it is how many chickens you can have in the back yard or a developed community. You see all kinds of things pop up, don't you Supervisor Edwards?

Supervisor Edwards said can I stop you for just one second. How about we add that to the retreat and you show up at the retreat with your ideas.

Mr. Gary Cross said I can do that as well. But, also tonight if you don't do anything with an advisory committee, and I hope you do, ag and forestry districts are something that are taking place and have taken place all over the state and all over the country. It is not a new thing. Ag and forestry districts have been around for a long time. It is totally voluntary. There is a lot of information to learn about this. It seems like you all have been collaborating amongst yourselves already and have at least heard it. So, I throw out to you tonight that Virginia Farm Bureau has experts in the field that we can bring down to answer questions about ag and forestry districts that will help us in putting together a comprehensive plan, that will identify those areas that need to be developed and strengthen the areas that need to remain where the bulk of our industry lies anyway, and that is in agriculture and forestry. I know I surpassed my two minutes Chairman Jones.

Chairman Jones said that is alright. I don't put a time limit on it.

Mr. Gary Cross stated that he just had those two things eating at him tonight and of course like always I have an opinion of everything that you all discuss, but I'm getting better at keeping them to myself okay, Mr. Michael Johnson. Ag and forestry districts and some type of rural living advisory committee would be an asset to this county. Farm Bureau here in Southampton County would be proud to be part of either one of them. That's all I have. Do you have any questions?

Chairman Jones thanked him.

Supervisor Phillips said thank you for your comments.

Chairman Jones said you know I've never asked anybody to sit down and not say anything. I've always given them time.

Mr. Gary Cross said I've seen the times that you would like to.

Chairman Jones but I didn't say it though.

Supervisor West said one comment on Supervisor Updike knowing how many horses. He doesn't keep them in a fence so he wouldn't have any idea.

Chairman Jones said it is good when we all can laugh. He asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak before he closed the meeting.

Mr. Bob Felts said he did thank them for serving. I hope you all didn't take anything he said personally because each one of you have given up your time for serving and taking the weight of the load of the citizens on decisions that have to be made. Thank all of you for serving.

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Bob Felts.

Supervisor Phillips said he would like to respond to a couple of the comments just briefly. When we first came on the Board talking about this loan where we had to borrow money to, and I call it a bridge load to bridge the gap in our financing, I don't think that was on the horizon initially, but this Board considered bi-annual tax collection which means we might cover that gap. When we went to the Treasurer, who has made his presentation here tonight, he said it would cost between him and Mrs. Amy Carr an extra $100,000 a year to make that second tax collection and we chose not to do that because we didn't want to add another $100,000 to the cost of running this county. Now, maybe we can reconsider it again, but I want you to know that these are things that are discussed and that are potentially becoming personality issues, but we considered these things. If

that gives you a little bit of insight on the thoughts of some of the Board, I look forward to your comments.

Mr. John Burchett said as long as it comes out in public, that's great.

Supervisor Phillips said maybe we will add this to our retreat agenda just to review that in the process and again the retreat is open to the public. Thank you, Chairman Jones.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone else had anything before they closed.

Supervisor Edwards said he really thought it was a good thing that these guys came and gave the Board their ideas. He said he would like to see more of their neighbors come to the meetings and give them their ideas. It gets pretty lonely up here and seeing you guys makes me feel a little bit better.

Chairman Jones said it is not easy, but anyway…

Supervisor West said through it all this year I'm going to guess, and help me out, 175 was the most people that showed up at any budget hearing at any one time. Is that maybe a neighborhood, correct? If we had talked about black powder we could have put 500 people over there. I'm going to show you where your emphasis is.

Mr. Ash Cutchin, of the audience, said dogs, don't forget dogs.

Chairman Jones said yes, don't forget dogs.

Mr. Richard Railey said we don't need to talk about black powder.

Supervisor West said be serious about what you talk about sometimes. Mr. John Burchett you come all the time. You are informed. I asked a lot of redundant questions tonight for public knowledge. I already knew the information that Mr. Michael Johnson had provided. I had it in front of me, but I asked it so that it could be redistributed to you because you don't know. You can't walk in here and pick up that agenda and walk in here and say everything is in here or it isn't. They only thing that we have to do is say we are going to talk about budget or we are going to talk about dogs and I guarantee you, Mr. John Burchett, that you and every cousin that you ever had will be he here okay because that is more important.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else to come before the Board. There being nothing further the meeting was adjourned.

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Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

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Michael W. Johnson, Clerk