

**5. MEETING MINUTES**

Attached for your consideration please find a copy of the Board of Supervisor's meeting minutes from the regular session of September 22, 2014.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

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

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 September 22, 2014 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)  
Carl J. Faison (Boykins-Branchville)  
Barry T. Porter (Franklin)  
S. Bruce Phillips (Capron)

SUPERVISORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator (Clerk)  
Lynette C. Lowe, Deputy County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer  
Beth Lewis, Community Development Deputy Director  
Richard E. Railey, Jr., County Attorney  
Amanda N. Smith, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS ABSENT

Julien W. Johnson, Jr. Public Utilities Director

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

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

Chairman Jones stated that the first item on the agenda is a closed session.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated it is necessary for this Board to now conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the provisions set out in the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the following purpose:

- 1) In accordance with Section 2.2-3711 (A) (5), Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; and
- 2) In accordance with Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3), Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for economic development purposes, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and
- 3) In accordance with Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3), Discussion or consideration of the disposition of real property for a public purpose (former Voter Registrar's Office) where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and
- 4) In accordance with Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1), Discussion regarding the performance of specific appointees to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

A motion is required to convene a closed meeting for the purposes described above.

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.

Chairman Jones called the meeting back to order and stated at this time we will have the certification.

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 adopt the certification resolution.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states at this time we have one item that we would like to take care of. At this time, Mr. Phillips will you give us the code number of that.

Supervisor Phillips states yes sir. The Virginia Code 15.2-2212 and it's the third paragraph. What this deals with is attendance by the members of the Planning Commission. What I would like to do is read this rule into the record and it will stand as a motion from the board. I would make this a motion that we would say from this day forward the attendance policy for the Planning Commission will be strictly enforced. If I may, I will read it into the record sir. Members may be removed for malfeasance in office. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, a member of a local planning commission may be removed from office by the local governing body without limitation in the event that the commission member is absent from any three consecutive meetings of the commission, or is absent from any four meetings of the commission within any 12-month period. In either such event, a successor shall be appointed by the governing body for the unexpired portion of the term of the member who has been removed.

Chairman Jones states any questions from any board member on this matter.

Supervisor Porter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states we also want to include the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). I need a motion for that also.

Supervisor Faison made a motion that the attendance policy for the Planning Commission be complied by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states can we do that Mr. Johnson?

Mr. Michael Johnson states I will refer you to Mr. Railey.

Mr. Richard Railey states the same code doesn't apply but it is a matter of administrative policy. You can make the same motion so that you can track the code. Code section does not apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Chairman Jones states it does apply?

Supervisor West states he says it does not but we can track that planning commission recommendation for the board of zoning appeals so it will be the same throughout.

Supervisor Phillips states one size fits all.

Supervisor West states I am sure that would be acceptable right?

Chairman Jones states is that okay with everybody?

Supervisor West states that is the intent.

Chairman Jones states this will also include the BZA. He called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously. We are now back in open session. At this time we will have the citizen comment period.

Ash Cutchin addressed the board. Good Evening my name is Ash Cutchin and I live on Darden Point Road and Dr. Edwards is my Supervisor. Tonight I would like to briefly discuss a word we have all come to be bombarded with lately. Mr. Warren Bill wrote about it in the Tidewater News and then Mr. Holt Lisary wrote a letter complimenting Mr. Beale's article. Then the publisher Mr. Clark wrote an opinion about it this weekend criticizing many of our citizens not by name for opposing some of it in the past. Now I am talking about that "D" word; D as in dog, D as in development. Mr. Burchett also wrote about it this week; a specific project of development and not so favorably I might add. He has opposed to developing a convenience store at the corner of Ridley Road and Meherrin Road on Route 35 across the road from the entrance to the Middle and High School. I stand here to say that I agree with John Burchett. I think it is a bad idea. Not very long ago that neighborhood was in the news a lot before the overpass was constructed because many people considered it unsafe. That is the grave level intersection was considered unsafe. The overpass of course greatly improved the safety. But, now some would like to see another grave level traffic problem there. How long before someone, a student most likely, an inexperienced driver most likely, is involved in an accident. How long before a student decides to hike over there for lunch or for a snack? Will there be a traffic signal and if so will it include pedestrian crosswalk signals? In regard to development in general no one can say I am opposed to most development. In fact I have voted favorably for every Enviva issue which has come before the Industrial Development Authority. I can't help but think in the back of my mind what they will do once the incentives and giveaways run out. Look at money mailer. I was opposed to the grand residential scheme on the Cutchin's Farm across from the New Methodist Church. I think I was in good company there because the Board of Supervisors did not approve it. I received an email a few days ago from a good friend in North Dakota; a hunting buddy; a retired editor of the magazine North Dakota Outdoors. In that he included an article from the September issue from another magazine, Dakota Country Magazine. That article was about development. Specifically a development associated with huge bark and oil deposits in Northwestern North Dakota. That has been much in the news in the past several years as an answer to our dependency on foreign oil and as a source of almost unlimited employment. Now, I have seen it. I have dodged the heavy trucks traveling along the unpaved gravel back roads. I have waited in very long lines at gas stations. I have heard my friends complain about the overwhelming affects this development has had on their culture and their formally quiet and peaceful rural way of life. The disruption is not only to their wildlife but to their children's lives and habits as well. Crime in that section of the country is up 20%. In fact, once quiet little Ralston, North Dakota has become the new methamphetamine capital of the country. The state's attorney general says methamphetamine is not coming in by the gram or by the ounce anymore but by the pound. Newcomers are simply not obeying the local laws, wildlife laws, traffic laws, or whatever claiming they are unaware of them. Now, don't misunderstand me I am not claiming that putting a convenience store at an intersection near a high school will create the same kinds of negative effects that the development of a multi-county oil field has had. But, I am claiming that all new development is not necessarily good and the people who oppose some of

these projects have valid reasons and those reasons should not be taken lightly. In my opinion, some development should simply remain on a drawing board. Thank you for giving the public an opportunity to speak. If any of you want a copy of that North Dakota magazine article I have a few.

Chairman Jones states anyone else?

John Burchett addressed the board. My name is John Burchett and I was going to say something about what that gentleman said but I don't find it necessary now to say anything about that part of the Planning Commission. I would like to see you put it on public record and voted on what you just voted on a few minutes ago. I don't want any names but what drove that? Do I have the right to know what drove that? Something drove it. Was there a problem with attendance?

Chairman Jones states there was a problem with attendance at one time. When you can't have a meeting because you don't have a quorum, we don't need to be appointing people like that.

Mr. John Burchett states I hadn't heard that there were problems with that. I was just wondering what drove that.

Chairman Jones states we are trying to fix it.

Mr. John Burchett states yes sir I understand. I went to the Planning Commission meeting a couple of weeks ago and Bruce and of course Mr. Edwards and Glenn were there. I am not sure about anybody else. I didn't see anybody else. It was a very moving ceremony they had before the meeting in honoring Kay Pope. I am going to tell you right now it brought tears to my eyes because never was there a finer woman that I have known. It was very moving and I am sure her family was deeply appreciated. I ask you one thing about the project at Ridley Road. The reason I am bringing it up now is because next month you will be bombarded with a bunch of consultants and our county planners. Right up there when the school let out and people going in for school just look at the problems you are going to see; the possibilities. As far as what David Williams wants to put there I don't have a problem with it if it was somewhere else. You look at the new school in Suffolk on Highway 58 they have a red light there to control traffic. They don't have any stores or shopping centers in the proximity to cause problems. It is just a poor plan. David knew what he was buying when he bought that property. He knew the school was there. I don't feel sorry for him. I appreciate how nice he has been to me. He has let me go get my dogs during hunting season off his property, but as far as feeling sorry for him because he bought some land he can't build what he wants to build on it, I have no sympathy for him because he knew what he was buying 8-10 years ago when he bought it. Also, I called Michael Drake; very nice guy. Michael and Dallas, you all have chosen some great leaders. As far as including Sebrell in the meeting places for the new Comprehensive Plan modifications, he has agreed to talk to Beth Lewis about including Sebrell. I know we are small and not a whole lot of people but we would appreciate being included in the process without having to drive to Sedley. Wherever it was I went last time it happened. I want to make one more comment about the planning commission real quick. I stood up here and it was over nine men looking at me. Mr. Drake was the ninth. It was eight other ones. Three of them agreed with me for different reasons and five didn't. You know, I failed to convince the other five. I don't have a dog in this fight as far as making a dime on it. But there are some things we need to say no to. I wish you would go up there and take a look at it and think about it real hard. I hate to see somebody get hurt. Alright, and there is one more thing and I promise this is it. The move by the state to pass additional ethic laws in lieu of our former governor pending incarceration. I don't think we need any more laws. I don't know if you all are going to take an official stance on this. We have enough laws now to put the man in jail for 50 years if it is decided by the judge. We can pass another stack of laws but it looks like to me we have plenty. As far as telling somebody what is right and what is wrong, I have said it before it is in here (he puts his hand over his heart). I think they do need to pass a law about being stupid though. Anyway, I appreciate your time.

Chairman Jones states thank you Mr. Burchett. Anyone else?

There was no response and public comment period was closed.

Chairman Jones states gentlemen does anyone have any problems with the minutes from the last meeting.

Supervisor Updike states in the minutes from the last meeting we were discussing the possibility of coming up with a request from the board to VDOT that Route 460 would run along the old Route 460 instead of taking in new agricultural land; also the businesses that would hurt making a new road. So I hope this board will make a recommendation to the committee that we support the improvement of the original Route 460 and do not want to see anymore agricultural land and businesses destroyed. I would like to put that in a motion to make a resolution...

Chairman Jones states let's discuss this first Mr. Updike.

Supervisor West states I think it would be a little premature even if you received some information today considering there are advertised meetings you will be able to continue to go to. VDOT to my knowledge has not prepared its final recommendation from their work from the Corps of Engineers and different ones. So, we taking a stand before VDOT takes a stand is not a good stand.

Supervisor Porter states Mr. Chairman I think this does not belong in the approval of the minutes item on the agenda. I motion that we approve the minutes as submitted.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states Mr. Updike if you now want to talk about Route 460 or later during late arriving matters or highway matters we can do that.

Supervisor Updike states anytime you all so chose.

Chairman Jones states alright we can do it during highway matters. Alright, highway matters Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Michael Johnson states we have with us tonight Mr. Phil Rinehart who is the project manager for the U.S. Route 460 Corridor Improvement Project and he will provide you with an update.

Mr. Phil Rinehart addressed the board. Good evening gentlemen and thank you so much for your time. Today we put out a news release that we have published the draft Environmental Impact Statements for the project. As you know it is about five corridors and a no build option. It is out there for all to see. It is on the web page and you can always get copies of it. I believe we have one copy at the VDOT residency here in this area, but there are copies available. Releasing the documents, by the way it is signed by the Federal Highway Administration of Corp Engineers and VDOT; that gives it approval for public review. Releasing the document starts our public involvement process as you all were just discussing a moment ago. This is a very critical part of the process; up until now we have studied things and now we want to present it to the public and we need public input as part of that process. That is part of the process as far as moving forward on the final alignment. The public hearings will be Monday October 27 at Windsor High School from 5p.m. – 8p.m., Wednesday October 29 at Wakefield Foundation and Thursday October 30 at JEJ Moore Middle School; all between 5p.m. – 8p.m. That is an important part of the process. We take public comments there. You can also give comments online and the public comment period will be open for a few weeks after that. Again all of that information is on the webpage. There is also information there on how to obtain individual copies. So you can get CDs for free or you can purchase a paper copy for \$200 a set. You can also put your comments in by email and they will be considered part of the record. Now, what we will do with that information as I said all of that gets formulated together, Federal Government, Federal Highway Administration, the Army Corps of Engineers, they will use that to make their determinations about which alignments they may or may not support. That will be part of our process there moving forward so this is not going to be an individual process. VDOT will be working along with our Federal partners as well as our local partners. That is my presentation, nice and short this time.

Chairman Jones states alright any questions?

Supervisor Porter states I went to the website today and tried to download the draft Environmental Impact review and I couldn't do it.

Mr. Phil Rinehart states were you able to click on the links and get to it?

Supervisor Porter states I was getting to it and I saw the folders but when I clicked on the folders I couldn't get it to download.

Supervisor West states I couldn't click on them that was my problem. I tried to do the same thing.

Mr. Phil Rinehart states that is the one thing I didn't do. Now I will tell you the first thing I will do when I get into the office tomorrow, I will click on it and if I have a problem I will call the IT people and get that going. That is pretty important. I appreciate that. I went through the webpage to make sure I could get in there and that was the one thing I didn't do trying to get to this meeting.

Supervisor West states from what you know is anything different than what has been presented all along?

Mr. Phil Rinehart states what you saw at the town hall meetings is what you are going to see at the hearings with details. The first place to start when you get into that document is to read the executive summary.

Supervisor Porter states that is what I tried to get first.

Mr. Phil Rinehart states that is a very good document.

Supervisor West states is the Army Corp of Engineers report ready?

Mr. Phil Rinehart states this document actually is a federal document. It is formed by the Corp of Engineers and the Federal Highway Administration.

Supervisor West states you are not sharing anything tonight?

Mr. Phil Rinehart states no sir, I would encourage you to draw your own conclusions; read the documents, go to the public hearings.

Supervisor Phillips states the study; will that include preferred alternatives?

Mr. Phil Rinehart states there will not be a preferred alternative at the public hearings. Preferred alternatives are selected after the public comments.

Supervisor Phillips states afterwards?

Mr. Phil Rinehart states yes sir. This is to solicit feedback as well as present findings. We do not want to exclude anything.

Chairman Jones states any other questions for Mr. Rinehart?

Mr. Phil Rinehart states thank you so much for your time.

Chairman Jones states thank you. Okay, item B.

Mr. Michael Johnson states item B Mr. Chairman just for your information the Commonwealth Transportation Board is scheduled to have a public hearing this Thursday night September 25 in Chesapeake at the Regional Building which is the same building the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and SPSA are located in. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss some revisions that are necessary to the six year plan. To reflect and revise revenue estimates as well as incorporation of the new statewide prioritization process. I did check with them and I included in your agenda packages a copy of all of the Southampton County projects that are currently in the six year plan. I have confirmed that none of those projects are affected by the reduced revenue projections or by the changes in the prioritization. What is affected will be some of your allocation for things like your unpaved road funds. There will be a hit statewide based on the updated revenue projects so you can expect less money for those coming up. Other than that, we are largely

unaffected.

Chairman Jones states anyone have any questions on that? If not, monthly concerns. He called on Supervisor West.

Supervisor West states I just want to make a comment and good evening Mr. Lomax.

Mr. Joseph Lomax addressed the board. Good evening sir. I know I wasn't on the agenda but I am here if you need me.

Supervisor West states it is always good to see you.

Chairman Jones states step up to the podium Mr. Lomax.

Supervisor West states are you going to cut the ditch banks and all again? Is that in the last final cutting coming up now? Where do you stand on these things?

Mr. Joseph Lomax states we have 75% of the secondary mowing cut on the second cut in the Franklin area, and Tim is working on his third in the Capron area. The County is divided in half between Capron and Franklin areas. The primary contract mower will be back in our residency Monday. So he normally starts west and works his way east. He usually hits Greensville and then Isle of Wight, and the edge of Sussex. If we have some hot spots with site distance issues we will take care of that with our mowers because that grass really shot up after that big storm about three weeks ago.

Supervisor West states yes big time.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states I called him and will get him here as soon as I can get him here. If he can't or he stumbles we have enough people we can focus on the primary and pull off the secondary too until we get it right, but hopefully he will be here to take care of that. I see we're supposed to have rain in the forecast next week. We are going to press on in case it doesn't. If it does we will work around the weather as usual. That is what we have there. We are still fighting Route 684 waiting on the construction project which I know will be done shortly. Also, the signal study we have on Route 671, we are waiting on the results of that. That has to be a roundabout study as well. That is just automatic on a route when we ask for a study with federal dollars possibly. Additionally, Michael asked me about a speed study on Shady Brook Trail. I should be getting that any day now. That is on the engineer's desk. He sent me an email this morning. It has been done but evidently he wants to review it before he gives me the results. Ben has been working dirt roads and James doing repairs in the Town of Boykins and Ivor. He said he has repaired pot holes all over and cross drain repairs on Route 649. We also plan to focus a little bit on the Ivor area. He has been meeting with the mayor and talking to her about it and I will follow-up with her on some of the issues on that list we met about a few months ago.

Supervisor West states is there any public statement you can make on the extension of Railroad Avenue or is that continuing? I know Mr. Kee suggested that they had to do some background work to establish who had what and when and when it was taken out of the system. Do you know any update on that?

Mr. Joseph Lomax states I should be able to provide her an update by Wednesday. Annette should be in Wednesday to give me some information on that. I will make sure you know as well.

Supervisor West states thank you.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states Tim says he is handling the same dirt roads doing some trimming, secondary road mowing, and he also plans to do some drainage work in Courtland Thursday and Friday. I am not sure which locations but he should have crews working on that. We do have an issue on Indian Woods Trail. I bring it up only because it has gone to the Central Office. The issue is the road over there has some issues on the railroad that are outside of you guys right-a-way. I am trying to get the Railroad to come over and take a look at it because the flooding is on that road. I have asked the District Administrator to elevate it. The gentleman in question out there has contacted Senator Lucas. VDOT has done their due diligence. We have cleaned the pipes twice in

August and September and they are outside of our right-a-way. The issue is on the other side. The drainage outside the track is not allowing the water to get there and what happens is silt is building up in the pipe after every big rain. So, we clean it today and a week later it is filled back up with silt. When it rains you can't get through the area. You get four feet of water across the road. I just didn't want you to get blindsided in case somebody starts calling and asking about it. We are supportive and trying to get the railroad to meet us out there to talk about possible solutions. That track is abandoned therefore it is not a real business item for them right now and that is just my position.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison states nothing at this time.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Edwards.

Supervisor Edwards states no.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips states yes. Mr. Lomax I talked to Jerry this afternoon and he had talked to the one that was going to be working in the Ivor area; your superintendent.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states yes, that is Ben Bryant.

Supervisor Phillips states Ben that's right. I knew his name I just couldn't think of it. Right there at Graz'n Acres there is a culvert and the end of the culvert is broken off. If someone is forced off the road for whatever reason or decides to pull off right there, it's no... there is a drop of several feet into a ditch right there.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states at Graz'n Acres?

Supervisor Phillips states on the end of Nottaway Elementary School where the horse pastures are; for a lack of a better way of telling you where it is. There were two red cones there. Jerry said the end of the culvert's broken off.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states so we need to replace it.

Supervisor Phillips states we need something there besides the red cones.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states no we need to fix it period. It is what it is.

Supervisor Phillips states I understand Ben is supposed to be looking at that. What I wanted to do is thank you for what you have done on Guy Place Road. I rode through there the other day. I took a real slow drive. The ditches are clean. The culverts on people's driveways have been washed out. What we now need to do before it rains is get several of the outfall ditches unplugged. They have four ditches that are considered outfalls and one of those has been cleared of debris and should be able to accept drainage. If we can get something done on that before we get one of these storms this fall that would be...

Mr. Joseph Lomax states the problem with the outfalls is they don't belong to VDOT.

Supervisor Phillips states I understand but...

Mr. Joseph Lomax states so what do you want... I am trying to figure out what your expectations are. I guess that is what I need to say.

Supervisor Phillips states do you have a restricted right-of-way for that ditch?

Mr. Joseph Lomax states no sir. It is private property. Most outfalls are private property. Every now and then we have one that has an easement but usually that is at a really big drainage area. We have probably in our residency thousands of miles of outfall ditches that accommodate water

for the entire county. The road is about 10%. The issue for me is what is your expectation for going into yours because I have another probably 200 to 300 people that would ask me to do theirs as well. So, I have to balance that is what I am trying to get at.

Supervisor Phillips states well I am just thinking back to our discussion about what happened on Guy Place Road last winter.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states right.

Supervisor Phillips states and anything further would be appreciated and thank you for what you have done.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states okay because actually that road is lower than the surrounding areas in most cases. So I am thinking, like I recommended this summer, we need to elevate that to a full project and not a rural rustic.

Supervisor Phillips states right. Okay. I was just under the impression... let me just say I was hoping there was some other alternative if anything that we can do to improve the drainage. You have already done everything I have asked.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states yes sir.

Supervisor Phillips states now we are at step two or phase two.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states what I am getting at is improve the drainage within our right-of-way. That is my responsibility; outside the right-of-way is not. I don't want to sugar coat it and say we will go out there and clean those outfall ditches because they are taking water from the entire water shed not just the road. So there would have to be some sort of shared burden here with the property owner; the ones that own that property as well.

Supervisor Phillips states if I can be of help I know some of those people.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states we can get together and talk about some things that could get done. I will set up a meeting with you on the backside if you would like. We would come out.

Supervisor Phillips states I would be happy to.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states we will take care of that.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Porter.

Supervisor Porter states at the bridge between Flaggy Run Road and Bethel Road on Story Station Road there is a real bad spot on the shoulder just about 100 feet north of that bridge towards Bethel Road.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states it's on Flaggy Run Road?

Supervisor Porter states no it is on Story Station Road.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states Story Station Road, got it.

Supervisor Porter states you know the bridge I am talking about?

Supervisor West states yes Barry there is a terrible one just before you get to Jamie Lee's on the right.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states is that Jamie Lee's property?

Supervisor Porter states that one too but that is not the one I am talking about.

Supervisor West states yeah but I hit it every time I come this way. You turn off of Story Station

Road onto Flaggy Run Road and before you get to Jamie's on the left, there is a culvert that runs across and it is sunk in and it is a nasty hit.

Supervisor Porter states but the one I am talking about is actually on Story Station Road.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states so we have one on Story Station Road and one on Flaggy Run Road.

Supervisor West states just before you get to Jamie Lee's house.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states okay, I know where Jamie's farm is. I am not sure which house but it doesn't matter I will find it.

Mr. Ash Cutchin states it is the closest house to the dump.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states okay that is what I needed. Thank you. I will take care of both of them.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike states we are still waiting to have the ditch cleaned out where a truck went in. It blocked up the entire ditch and it has been like that for a month. Water cannot go down. The only way you can go is between Sands Road and Statesville Road. The other thing also that has been previously mentioned is that curve on Statesville Road that is bad.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states you guys have to decide if you want that to be a project gentlemen. I can't widen the curb without redesigning it and elevating it to another level.

Supervisor Updike states it is something that needs to be done.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states I probably can find five or six curbs just like that so if you want to spend maintenance money and make it a project, I think we could do a small project but it is going to require a project. It is not just going out there with state forces and riding up on private property. There will have to be right-of-way inquired, utilities relocated and the work that needs to be done. It would need to be put together and a design made. It's not as simple as we just go out there. We need to talk about whether or not the board would like to do a small project at that curb, but whatever we do we are going to have to acquire some room to fit that curb. Whether we smooth everything out or will it be cut it short and going across the property and who owns that property and is that something they will allow. That is a process and we would need to start that process.

Supervisor Updike states well we need to start it.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states I haven't received any request for a project and I have asked about that before.

Supervisor Updike states well it's a freeway for trucks and trailers from North Carolina to Route 35. I mean we have a lot of tractor trailers on this road and something needs to be done about it. We have discussed it with some of you all officials in February on Rochelle Swamp Road.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states is that a second location? Are you talking about Statesville Road or Rochelle Swamp Road?

Supervisor Updike states Rochelle Swamp Road.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states alright. I know about that curve there. It is two curves right.

Supervisor Updike states right.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states that is what I thought.

Supervisor Updike states those are just a few of the projects that need to be looked into.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states alright.

Chairman Jones states you are not talking about doing a special project on that curve are you?

Mr. Joseph Lomax states the board would have to decide to do that.

Chairman Jones states that is what I'm... you have to do what you need to do with it and that is it.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states lower maintenance is using the funding in light of conditions in the existing. If you start doing betterments then you need to pull that from the construction fund. It is a different pot of money. I know it sounds funny but that is just the way it is. Can we make some improvements with maintenance money? Certainly within the right-a-way we can, but we have to stay with the property that is in the road.

Chairman Jones states I understand.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states and a lot of times your general characteristics of the area will eliminate that depending on what the land looks like. Sometimes I have sides and slopes that go up. I can't get up; I can't widen or either it is a fuel section and you can't get outside the total slope. So on those 30 foot descriptors you don't have that 30 feet and that 30 feet 15 from the center both ways doesn't give you a lot of room for a shoulder, a ditch because normally we go for a 50 foot right-a-way on a standard project on a secondary system. So you go from 30 to 50 when you upgrade it. We have many many miles of roads like that in all the counties that have not been touched with improvements.

Chairman Jones states alright does anybody have anything else? Thank you Mr. Lomax.

Mr. Joseph Lomax states yes sir.

Chairman Jones states we will move on to number 7, appointments.

Mr. Michael Johnson states item 7 is appointments Mr. Chairman. The first one relates to the Industrial Development Authority. As you all may recall from last month, in order to accept the appointment to the Planning Commission it was necessary for Bill Day to resign his position as an IDA Director to avoid a conflict of interest as defined by Section 15.2-4904 (c), Code of Virginia. Accordingly, Supervisor Phillips has been searching for a successor to Mr. Day on the IDA.

Supervisor Phillips states Mr. Chairman I am prepared tonight to nominate Earnest Claude, 18312 Southampton Parkway, Capron Virginia. He serves on a number of boards here in the county. I think he will be a good fit. I have spoken with him and he has agreed to accept that position and I would like to put him up for nomination tonight.

Chairman Jones states can I have a second to that motion.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states alright we will go to litter control.

Mr. Michael Johnson states item b is the litter control council. In your agenda package you see a letter of resignation from Ms. Kim Marks. Kim is the appointed representative from the Jerusalem District and Dr. Edwards will need to begin to search for a successor for Kim.

Supervisor Edwards states we will have somebody next month.

Mr. Michael Johnson states in addition to that Mr. Blair Bunn who is from Newsoms. The Newsoms appointee and Mr. Daniel Gray represent Ivor, their respective terms expired on July 1, 2014 and they actually need to be reappointed.

Supervisor West states I understand, thank you.

Supervisor Updike made a motion for Mr. Blair Bunn to be reappointed to the litter control council.

Supervisor Porter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states we will go to reports. Sherriff's Office, Animal Control, Litter Control, Building Permits, Cooperative Extension, Solid Waste Quantities. Mr. Britt do you have anything? Mr. David Britt addressed the board. Good evening. Just to give you an update with where we are with our delinquencies and where we are going. Since the middle of May our office has issued 889 tax liens. Out of those 889 tax liens we have recovered \$216,000 in delinquent taxes. As far as solid waste, 2013 we have an outstanding balance of \$187,000 where last year this time 2012 was \$154,000. Regarding 2012 we have decreased that balance to \$56,000. As far as personal property and real estate one year ago on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September we had \$564,000 outstanding which was 99.5% collection. This year we currently have \$505,000 outstanding which is 99.62% collection on our real estate. On personal property last year we had \$518,000 outstanding which was 97.79% collection. This year, currently we still have \$631,000 outstanding which is 97.48% collection. As far as the issue of prepayments you brought up last meeting. I have a meeting with Ms. Wells and her staff on Thursday morning at 10 a.m. to discuss what Isle of Wight is doing with the prepayments so I can get an idea as to what they are doing. Once I have a chance to talk to her then I will have a better understanding how much they are collecting in prepayments as far as what type of ratio with regards to budget as well as what kind of cost they are incurring.

Supervisor West states may I ask a question please.

Chairman Jones states go ahead.

Supervisor West states thank you for sending out the real estate assessments early. Can you give any numbers about how much have been received early dollar wise or percent wise?

Mr. David Britt states I would hate to throw a number out there without verifying it Mr. West. At the very beginning we did receive quite a bit of money. I would say that we have exceeded over \$200,000 but to give you a definite answer I would hate to do that.

Supervisor West states I would like to have it educated and knowledgeable yes, thank you.

Mr. David Britt states and speaking of that hopefully we can get the personal property bills out this week or the first of next week. Any further questions?

Chairman Jones states any other questions for Mr. Britt?

Supervisor Phillips states David if you could, once you have had that meeting and have some sense of how the process works, kind of canvas the surrounding counties and see how many are doing that. One other thing maybe explore the possibilities of having a sheet of coupons you could tear off to document your payment; in other words, if you could afford to make a payment early.

Mr. David Britt states in my discussion with Ms. Wells today they have something similar to a mortgage company payment book. How you use to write your check and mail your mortgage payment in as you tear out the payment slip.

Supervisor Phillips states something like a Christmas club or whatever.

Mr. David Britt states right.

Supervisor Phillips states okay.

Chairman Jones states thank you Mr. Britt. Mrs. Carr do you have anything?

Mrs. Amy Carr states no sir.

Chairman Jones states personnel Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Michael Johnson states just a couple of items to report Mr. Chairman. We had two employees that were separated during the month of August, Denise Mason and Ian McNet. Both were

employees of the sheriff's office. Those positions have been refilled by Rosa Evans and Harold McGrath; both effective September 8, 2014 at annual salaries of \$24,092 and \$32,285 respectively.

Chairman Jones states any questions on personnel? Same problem we train them and they go somewhere else. Let's go to number nine, financial matters. It is time to pay the bills.

Supervisor West made a motion to pay the bills and on time. It has already been reviewed and ready to go.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,565,742.38 to be paid by check numbers 137589 through 138040. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states let us go to number ten capital funding.

Mr. Michael Johnson states number ten is a capital funding request from the Ivor Volunteer Fire Department seeking their FY 2013 appropriation of \$14,000 to make modifications to their Fire Department building. Capital funding in specified amounts has been set aside annually for each fire department and rescue squad since FY 2000. These funds are held in escrow until a request to draw them down is approved by the Board of Supervisors. Escrowed funds continue to accrue for each department/squad if they are not drawn down on an annual basis. The attached spreadsheet illustrates the status of capital appropriations since FY 2000. As you will see, we are holding \$42,000 (FY 2013-2015) in escrow for the Ivor Volunteer Fire Department. To date, we've collectively appropriated \$1,850,500 for fire and rescue improvements since 2000, and are currently holding \$504,500 in escrow.

Chairman Jones states Mr. West are you ready for that?

Supervisor West states yes sir indeed I am. I am glad to see Mr. Garner here this evening and I am pleased to make a motion that we approve the capital funding request to the Ivor Fire Department in the amount of \$14,000.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states we go to number eleven.

Mr. Michael Johnson states number eleven Mr. Chairman is consideration of a utility services agreement with Hubbard Peanut Company. In June 2010, you may remember that we developed an agreement to accept Hubbard Peanut Company's non-domestic (industrial process) wastewater at the new Courtland Wastewater Treatment Plant. But because of concerns they had with certain parameters contained in that agreement, Hubs never signed it and has continued to dispose of their wastewater via a pump-and-haul agreement with a private contractor who disposes of it at a facility outside Southampton County. Since 2010, they've maintained a dialogue with us in search of a permanent home for their wastewater, and continued to express a desire to work something out that's mutually beneficial. Accordingly, over the past 24 months, both the County and Hubs independently retained the services of Retaw Engineering to visit our respective facilities and further evaluate the impacts that their wastewater stream might have on the Courtland plant if brought there. The conclusion of Retaw's analysis was that this situation is manageable with proper operational and process changes on both ends. Hubs generate an annual average of roughly 110,400 gallons of wastewater, with 70% of it coming during their busy season of September - December. Their waste stream is considered "high strength" because of high levels of BOD, TSS, TKN, Phosphorous and Zinc. The Courtland plant can actually benefit from the higher strength wastewater because it provides more food for the plant's "bugs," improves denitrification, and aids in the removal of phosphorous and nitrogen during the biological process. That said, there's a lingering concern with their zinc concentration and how it might affect our ability to meet our current permitted effluent limit of 67 micrograms/liter. To mitigate this concern, Retaw recommended that Hubs add specified amounts of lime to their wastewater to raise their pH and hardness while precipitating the zinc and phosphorous. While Retaw's analysis provides us with a high level of confidence that we can accept Hubs' wastewater and continue to meet our own permit limits, we've concluded that a trial run during Hubs busy season will be the proof in the pudding. Accordingly, we're recommending a 90-day agreement to accept their wastewater on a

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trial basis beginning on October 1. If it all works out as expected, at the end of the trial period, we'll plan to enter into a 5-year agreement. The calculated rate to cover our costs, including additional testing and minor modifications at the receiving basin is \$0.07 per gallon. You do have a copy of that proposed agreement in your agenda packages.

Chairman Jones states okay gentlemen what do you say on that.

Supervisor West states Hubs is an international business and they have chosen to house themselves in Southampton County and they have been an outstanding citizen in the Sedley community for a long time. I would surely like to try this and feel certain that the long run will be answered by the short run so I make a motion that we authorize this 90 day agreement.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Michael Johnson states I will say we do have Mr. David Benton from Hubs Peanuts here with us tonight. David did you have any comments you want to add?

Mr. David Benton indicated no.

Supervisor Edwards states I have one question? What if the calculated rate is not right at the end of the period? What if it is more than that?

Mr. Michael Johnson states are you talking about the .07 cent rate?

Supervisor Edwards states yes the .07 cent.

Mr. Michael Johnson states that rate will be right. There are a number of components built into that rate. We have our operational cost, our capital cost, our cost of testing, and there is a debt service cost. Then there is a surcharge in there for the high strength waste. That was all part of Retaw's analysis. We know that number is right.

Supervisor Edwards states okay.

Supervisor Updike states in the meantime I would like to hear from the engineer. I want a little bit more then what is on the sheet. We have hired him as a consultant and this is the first report.

Mr. Michael Johnson states I can get you a copy of the full report.

Supervisor Updike states we need it and you can't make a decision... we have a multi-million dollar facility there and we can't over contaminate it just because he is a consultant engineer. We can't continue or afford to make any mistakes like we did in Boykins. Consultants will make mistakes and we can't a mistake here. I will go along with it for a short period of time to do the study but I want some facts and figures on how it's going to affect our facilities and we have to go from there.

Mr. Michael Johnson states I can get you a copy of the full engineering report.

Supervisor Updike states yes I would like to hear from them.

Chairman Jones states alright let's go to number twelve the Proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Mr. Michael Johnson states Mr. Chairman we have with us tonight representatives from Dominion Resources to provide you with an informational briefing regarding its recent announcement to join with Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas and AGL Resources in a joint venture to build and own a \$4.5 billion - \$5 billion, 550-mile natural gas pipeline from West Virginia to North Carolina, with a spur traversing Southampton County in route to Chesapeake. With that, I will turn it over to our friends from Dominion Resources.

Mr. Max Bartholomew addressed the board. Good evening my name is Max Bartholomew and I am the regional manager for state and local affairs for Dominion Virginia Power. Chairman Jones and members of the board on behalf of Dominion Virginia Power I want to thank you for

extending us an invitation with Michael Johnson to give you a presentation, an overview of a real exciting project that was announced a couple of Tuesday's ago, September 2, by the governor of Virginia Terry McAuliffe and our chairman Thomas Farrell. We did introduce a pipeline project known as the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. We will provide you with a presentation here tonight. I am joined also by three of my colleagues on the project team. Chester "Chet" Wade is our Vice President of Corporate Communications; Junius Williams is our Manager Director of State and Local Affairs. Then we have Scott Lowery who is a Senior Lease and Right-A-Way agent in our transmission gas division. I would like to ask Chet to come forward and we will move forward with the presentation. Thank you.

Mr. Chet Wade addressed the board. Mr. Chairman and members of the board we very much appreciate the opportunity to be here tonight. I think you know Max pretty well. It seems like everybody in southern Virginia knows Max. I will try to talk a little louder. I have been talking a lot about this project and my voice has started to give out a little bit and I apologize for that. What I want to talk a little bit about tonight is not only the project but about Dominion Resources. Some things you may know already and some things you may not know. Why we decided to move forward with this project and Max will talk a little bit more about the project's specifics and will be very happy to answer questions when we are done. As Max said, this is called the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, my birthday by the way, it wasn't really done in my honor so they tell me, but until that time we called the project the Southeast Reliability Project. I think you have probably heard of other people talking about it and saw reports about it. I am going to talk a little bit about what changed and what didn't change on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. It was the same proposed route that we have been talking about since last spring. The size of the pipeline is the same. The physical size of the pipeline in the amount of natural gas it will be able to move; the same time line. Dominion would still be the company responsible for getting approvals, overseeing the construction of it, and operating the project once it is built. What was different on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September was we were joined by three other major energy companies in a joint venture to own this project. The other three are Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas, both of Charlotte North Carolina. Duke of course is an electric power utility much like Dominion Virginia Power and Piedmont Natural Gas is a gas utility. Our third partner is AGL Resources. It is headquartered in Atlanta and it is probably best known here in Virginia as the parent of Virginia Natural Gas. So we would all be co-owners with Dominion having the largest share of 45%, Duke 40%, Piedmont 10%, and AGL Resources 5%. Again, Dominion will be responsible for overseeing construction. We will have contractors do the work of course and be the operators of it. We also announced at that time the subsidiaries of all four of the owners would also be customers of this project. That is really the reason this project is coming about. We need to move forward obviously with a long line of regulatory approvals but when the project was announced there was a great deal of enthusiasm. The governor of course announced it here in Virginia, the governor in West Virginia, and in North Carolina also announced the project to their states all enthusiastically and bipartisanly if that is a word endorsed it as did many other business and community leaders here in the Commonwealth. Many of the large newspapers in the state also endorsed it. I want to talk a little bit about what it is and what it isn't because there seems to be a little bit of confusion out there among people. As Max and Mr. Johnson mentioned it is about a 550 mile natural gas pipeline beginning up in West Virginia moving kind of diagonal across Virginia from Highland County down to North Carolina line. There will be a spur moving east toward Chesapeake and then it will pretty much follow the Interstate 95 corridor south down to a place called Lumberton. Those of you as I have traveled up and down Interstate 95 you always see Lumberton on your way to wherever. So you may remember that the next time you are down Interstate 95. Most of the pipe in Virginia will be a 42 inch large diameter pipe. The spur will be about 20 inches in diameter and will become 36 inches when it crosses into North Carolina. One thing it isn't for is to export natural gas. We get this a lot. This project is being built for the use in both Virginia and North Carolina. There is a very real and significant demand for more natural gas supplies here in our Commonwealth and in North Carolina. People think because there is a spur that heads toward the coast somehow that means that it is for export but it is not. We don't know how often or how vividly we can say that but it is not the purpose of this project. It is virtually all underground. We have seen people put out pictures showing you something above ground and we don't know where they come from because that is not our project. There will be a compressor station. It is in Buckingham County. The public officials in Buckingham already know that and they are quite comfortable with that. Eventually everything else with this project will be underground. It does require a great deal of regulatory approval. We are talking about a two year process if it follows the track of what other similar projects have gone through. It is not a rubber stamp. I can tell you having been through these kinds

of projects previously that our responsibility and the amount of documentation that we provide to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission can approach 20,000 pages. 21,000 pages for a project we worked on recently which stacks up to 7 foot 2 inches if you want to put them all together. Along with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and they can put many conditions on a project once they approve it if they do. State and local government have a very active role as do the citizens in overseeing the approval of this project. We are now surveying the proposed route for this project. We started with a 400 foot wide survey corridor. Doesn't mean we are going to need 400 feet but it is a general direction we move in as we start to understand the details of the land. It is my understanding here in Southampton County about 95% of the landowners who would be on the project's right-of-way path have approved access for us to survey and we are out actively surveying it. Somewhere in the neighborhood of three quarters to maybe 80% of the entire route people have approved us accessing the survey route and about 70% of it actually has been surveyed. When we talk about surveying it is more than someone going out telling us how long it is and how high it is. It really is about a four phase process where people come in first and actually do the physical surveying as the gentlemen in the old time picture are there. But, people come in behind them and look at historical resources, culture resources, environmental resources to get a much more complete picture so we often tell people even if you don't support the project we would encourage you to at least allow us to look at your land and understand it better because there are times when there are very valid reasons why the route needs to be changed. We are looking for the best route. That is part of the surveying process and will be part of the regulatory approval process. We do want to find one that has the least impact on people, the environment, on culture, and historic resources. If you are familiar with this project and its previous consideration when it was named Southeast Reliability Project, we were talking to the people at the George Washington National Forest and after a long detail discussion with them in fact did change that route significantly to find an area that was more liking to the people at the National Forest. We have made other changes in routing and will talk to individual landowners about issues whether they tell us that we are coming through the middle of their farm and can we move it to the east or the west border of their farm. We have been able to accommodate that in many instances. They give us information about very specific details about their property and that gives us insight on how we can adjust our routing. The most important thing I want to talk to you about tonight though is we do want to work with the landowners, with local governments, with the community and all of the community leaders, and all of the other stakeholders whenever possible. Dominion has been in business for more than a century. That is how we do business. We always like to tell people we are in the community; we are part of the community. It doesn't mean we can meet every request. We wish that we could but we cannot. Just as you gentlemen governing your community cannot do that. What we can commit to you is what we call the three C's. First is communication, second is consideration, and the third is conduct. In communications we mean that we are going to tell you and all of the other stakeholders as much as we can as soon as we can. We certainly thank you and all of the other stakeholders for your patience over the recent months when we first announced this project. There are still many more details to go but we felt that it was the chicken or the egg kind of situation. We could have waited until we had all of the details and not tell anybody anything or we could have told everybody what we knew at the time knowing it wasn't quite what everybody needed to hear. We chose in this case the chicken. We decided to tell everybody what we knew right away. Unfortunately we were limited in what we could say early on because we had not yet signed our partnership agreement. We had not signed contracts for the capacity of the pipeline. I can tell you tonight we are still not in the position to answer everybody's question. We just don't have that information. If we did we would be happy to but it is a long and detailed process as I said. We will continue to communicate throughout the process speaking directly to the affected landowners, to local government, to the news media and others. We have an open house, a series of open houses that started last week. On Thursday we will be in Franklin where landowners and the public at large are quite welcome to come in and get more information about the project. They will be able to look at maps, put their finger down on the map and say I live here can you tell me more about this; about the timeline, about the potential impacts about the project. This is just one of the numerous opportunities where the public will have to come in and be involved in the process. We are not even in the formal regulatory process yet and we expect to file something called a pre-filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission sometime this fall. I would certainly encourage people to find out all they can about the project and participate in the process. We have a pre-robust website. It is at dom.com our main website. You just search for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and you will find all of the information there that we have available. Once we do file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission they will open up their information and it will be made public and you can dive deep into all of the documentation on

their website so I encourage people to do that as well. The second C I mentioned is consideration. By that, I mean we will need to be considerate of the people of each community that we are working in, of the environment; the historical resources, the cultural resources and everything else there. We try to do that with our initial route but that was based on somewhat limited information so obviously we are making adjustments. No route can meet the very real the very significant need for clean energy without having some effect but we are trying to find the one that has the absolute least impact. That is what the surveyors are doing now and that is what the focal demand from us is throughout the process. We would expect many other people will be looking over our shoulders throughout the entire process which take about four years from the time we made our announcement to the time it begins operation. That is what we would expect out of the process. The third thing is our conduct. That is for both the people of Dominion and any contracts or others that we would have involved in the project. We should hold ourselves to the highest standard of conduct wherever we are. That means following the letter and the spirit of the law. That means being good guests in the communities where we are. It means building this pipeline to the highest standards of safety and quality and it means leaving the work location in the best possible condition for its purpose. So that is what I would expect from us and nothing less; communication, consideration, and conduct. I am going to talk a little bit about dominion. I think you know us somewhat well. Of course we are best known here in the Commonwealth as Dominion Virginia Power. You certainly know us here for the power station. We serve all together about 2.4 million customers here in Virginia and a little over 100,000 in North Carolina. The part of the business you may not be as familiar with until now is the natural gas side of the business. It is primarily a business unit called Dominion Transmission. We have been in the natural gas business for about as long as we have been in the electric business and perhaps more than a century. We are one of the nation's oldest interstate natural gas pipeline companies. We operate about 8,000 miles of natural gas pipelines in six states. We happened to be one of the world's largest stores in natural gas. We also serve about 1.4 million natural gas utility customers in Ohio and in West Virginia. All of the nice and wonderful statistics that's been talked about Dominion I chose these five words; safety, ethics, excellence, and one dominion. These are our company's core values. I can tell you anybody in our company who has been there long at all can recite those core values to you in that order. Those are the guiding principles for everything we do. Safety is the number one and it is there because it is the most important core value to us. It means that everyday every man and woman who comes to work with us should go home at least as in good of condition as he or she came in that day. We want every other stakeholder that we touch to be in the same condition. Ethics mean doing the right thing and if we find out that we haven't done the right thing reporting it ourselves, taking the consequences, and fixing it so we don't do it again. Excellence mean good is good but it is not good enough. We want to be the best at what we do. Finally one dominion is a combination of both team work which is important to reach our mission and for each of us to understand where we stand and what we do and how to fix the big picture in what Dominion does affects the big picture around us. I tell people I like to joke about the fact that if you want to get fired from our company quickly, you pick one of those four core values and you violate it on purpose, and I can tell you that it is not really a joke. If you do want to get fired from Dominion; if you want to get fired the fastest then purposely violate the safety core value. But you can pick one and you will be out the door fairly quickly because that is very important to us. I think it is much more important for you to see those core values than pictures of power stations and transmission lines because in the end I think that is what really matters to people. So, what do other people think about us. Every year fortune magazine does a survey and they survey all of the major industries in the country. One of them of course is electric utilities and they ask people in the industry what do you think of these people. How good are they at managing their people and their assets? How good are they in terms of being financial sound and quality of management? Last year by a hair we missed being number one in our industry. We finished second to a company called NextEra. They are the parent company of Florida Power and Light. We were ahead of Southern Company which is based in Atlantic, Public Service Electric and Gas in New Jersey, Xcel Energy in Minneapolis, and the remaining companies on the list. We have been on this list for as long as I can remember with Dominion. It is a list of sixteen pure utilities so it's not like they rate just the top five. Basically our peers believe we do business well. Perhaps more important is how are we seen as a corporate citizen. I want to talk about being in your community. Every year there was a magazine called Corporate Responsibility. They look at the 1000 largest public held companies in the country. It's something called the Russell 1000. Then they take the top 100 of those in terms of issues such as their environmental record, climate change, how they treat their employees, human rights, corporate governance, philanthropy, financial and they put out the top 100. Dominion has been on that list for five straight years. I don't know of another company in our industry that has been on

that list for five straight years. Last year we came in 71<sup>st</sup>. Reasons that we were on that list for example is that our safety record is in the best quartile and approaching the best quartile for our industry. In the last ten years Dominion employees have volunteered well over one million hours of community service. That is just the hours we have been able to keep track of. I would guess it would be more like two to three million. Each year our company honors about a dozen of volunteers a year. I have been with Dominion for fourteen years and I keep waiting for us to run out of people to honor. I am always amazed at the people they find and the work they do. Over the last five years Dominion has contributed about \$100 million to various charitable endeavors. From an environmental standpoint let me just show you what this means. This chart shows the emissions from our power stations here serving Virginia for Dominion Virginia Power. You can see through a combination of improved operations through investments of about \$2 billion in emissions controls and some other factors we have been able to reduce and almost eliminate emissions in sulfur dioxide which is of course the component behind acid rain. Nitrogen oxides, we are talking about smog, and finally HG which stands for mercury which of course is a toxin. All of those things are in the process of being severely reduced if almost not eliminated because of the efforts that we have taken in our company. The thing that is not on this chart that people become more and more concern about today is carbon admissions. I can tell you since 2009 we have seen our carbon intensity, that is the amount of carbon we admit for every megawatt or kilowatt hour of electricity, has gone down by almost a quarter. In fact, 50% of electricity that Dominion produces comes from some form of carbon free generation. We are in fact one of the lowest carbon intensity companies; one of the lowest carbon admitters for a company our size in the country right now. Now, one of the reasons we have been able to make those numbers happen is we have started to migrate towards natural gas and renewable energy towards a greater portion of our generation mix. We have closed or converted eleven coal plants. We are in the process of doing so right now. Across our fleet over the last six or seven years I think you are familiar with what has gone on here in Southampton. We are in the process of building two more new natural gas powered generation stations; one in Warren County and one in Brunswick County to go along with the one we built recently in Buckingham County. We also are investing significantly in other forms of renewable generation. We own half of two wind farms. I think you may be familiar with our initiatives and the off shore wind project off the Chesapeake Bay. Our off shore wind project there is about as advanced as anyone in the United States right now. We certainly have also gotten very aggressive this year in terms of solar power. Both here in Virginia and in California, we are particular interested in California as a state that is going to give us the lessons we need to make sure that we do it right here in Virginia as we start to progress in that area. So, why is this project needed? Why is the Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project needed? First thing really is clean air. The nation is moving from coal to natural gas as its primary generation source. There are ample supplies. We have been very fortunate. It is low in price and its cleaner than coal. It produces about half the carbon dioxide emissions of coal when it is burned and it produces many other low emissions. You are probably familiar with something called 111D. It is a new proposed regulation from the Environmental Protection Agency which will accelerate that transition from coal to natural gas. They have given each state in the country a target to reduce its carbon intensity for its existing generation fleet and Virginia drew one of the largest most aggressive reduction targets of any state in the union. 38% reduction is required by Virginia from 2012 levels by 2030. The only way for us to reach that kind of goal and the only way for North Carolina to reach that goal is to be able to use more natural gas to generate electricity along with more renewables. So that increases the need for pipelines to move the gas from where it is produced to where it is needed here in Virginia and North Carolina. Much like electricity, it travels a long way to go to where it is needed. Second, I think you all remember the Polar Vortex of last winter. In fact there were probably two or three of them and that weather put a great strain on the natural gas network. It made a physical strain. It was a challenge to get gas to where it was needed. Fortunately here in Virginia everyone did get the gas they needed. But because of their limited availability, natural gas that was selling for \$5.00 a cubic foot at the well head where it was produced. At times it was selling in Virginia and North Carolina for \$105.00 a thousand cubic feet; just a matter of capacity constraint. There was natural gas available but you just couldn't get it here. Finally, it literally fuels the economy. I can remember a time when there was a lot of industry and it all started to go away when I was a young boy. So, I have been fortunate to live long enough to see that industry come back to America. The reason that industry is coming back to America, one of the big reasons is because we have affordable energy thanks to the production of Shell Gas, of Type Sands, and all of the other types of solutions for natural gas. We now have an ample supply of natural gas that allows us to bring industry back but you need to move that gas to where it is needed. You need to move it to where industry needs or wants to be. Those are the three drivers behind this project. It's really about cleaner air, making

sure there are reliable energy sources, and making sure there is energy available for industries and other businesses. Before I turn it over to Max, I want to show just one last slide. This map comes from the 2010 Virginia Energy Plan. It is a map of the Virginia Natural Gas transmission lines that exist today and you are familiar with that one that runs across Southern Virginia. You are already home to one natural gas pipeline. There are two things that are interesting about this map. One, I tell people especially in communities that don't have natural gas pipelines that there are about two and half times as many miles of natural gas pipelines in Virginia than there are miles of interstate highways. Many people are surprised by that because most of the time they have never recognized they have seen a natural gas pipeline. As I said earlier, our pipeline will be buried. People will never know that it is there. I can pretty much guarantee that you have been by a natural gas pipeline in the past and never realized it. The other thing that is important about this map is the arrows on the map. They all show with one exception, all of those arrows are the flow of natural gas coming from the west and the south. That is where Virginia's natural gas has come from historically. It all goes back to WWII quite frankly. A project called big inch. It was designed to bring natural gas up from the Gulf of Mexico. Since that time, that is where our supply has come from. That is one of the reasons why last winter we had a hard time getting natural gas here in Virginia. To the north, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio have become the largest natural gas producing basin in our country. It is called the Marcellus and Utica and you can see it is really only one access to that up in Northern Virginia. It really connects more to the interstate pipeline from the west and the south than it does to the access from the Marcellus Utica. Our project will be designed to make sure that we can bring that natural gas in at an affordable supply into Virginia, into Virginia businesses, into Virginia utilities and bring supply as well to North Carolina. You can barely see in southwest Virginia, Virginia's only natural gas producing region, it's in the pale yellow area; we have to import virtually all of our natural gas. It was only a couple of months ago Governor McAuliffe mentioned that Virginia is at an economic crossroad. State revenues are declining. I think you are well aware of that. They talk about the money that is going to come available for the counties to be passed down. He was very enthused about the project because he sees the economic bonanza this project can bring. First in construction jobs when it is built with local government tax revenues and we are in the process of getting those estimates together and will make those available to everyone when they are available. In terms of the economic development that can follow behind it. With that I would like to turn it over to Max and he can walk you through a little more details about the project's specifics.

Mr. Max Bartholomew states well here we are and I am just going to reiterate a few of the facts that Chet has already provided everybody. It is a pipeline estimated about 550 miles. It is actually going through three states so there are five counties in West Virginia, thirteen jurisdictions in Virginia and Southampton being one of them; two cities in Virginia and eleven counties. Then there are eight counties in North Carolina. It is a very substantial size diameter of the pipe coming out of West Virginia into Virginia 42 inches. As it gets into North Carolina there is a reduction in the pipe size down to 36 inches and the lateral which is referred to as the adjure lateral going east right from Greensville County is actually a 20 inch lateral. If you get to the actual capacity of this project it will generate 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day. That is tremendous output. Chet also referenced compressor stations. There will be one in West Virginia. There is also one that has been designated for Buckingham County; real close to those two power stations that Chet referenced. Then one near with close proximity to the Virginia, North Carolina line right there in Greensville County at the state line. The route has not been totally selected. Again, Chet referred to, we still have surveys in progress. We will determine at some point the best routes using the survey data; also using the input from landowners and accessing all of the environmental, historical, and culture impacts. Let's talk a little bit about potential benefits reference to property tax revenue, State Corporation Commission of Virginia will determine what that is. There are 28 miles of line in Southampton County so there will be a property tax formula to determine what that is. There will be near-term employment opportunities through the studies. It has been indicated about 17,000 jobs will be created with respect to the construction phase and the start-up phase to this project. Then as far as local businesses during construction operation there should be a natural movement of people and goods into Southampton County and throughout the state of Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. A lot of economic development output. I saw Amanda here earlier tonight. I know she is at another meeting but she is real excited about this project and looks forward to bringing some major industrial customers into Southampton County. Let's talk about the regulatory process. It is a very open process. This is what we have determined as the expected timeline. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is going to be the lead agency here. We will move forward with FERC as far as all of the aspects of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Surveying

actually started in May and will go through the end of this year. Then our pre-filing will be very soon here in the fall of 2014. We will do our official application with FERC in the summer of 2015 and then the certification from FERC with the approval of the project in 2016. Then you see a very ambitious aggressive schedule of construction. Two years of construction between 2017 and 2018 and hopefully in service around the fourth quarter of 2018. Again, public participation is a very transparent process here. Again, reference the survey notification letters, there are actually 107 parcels in Southampton County. Local officials were informed back in May and June and we met with Mr. Johnson. Dominion Power is already a corporate citizen in Southampton County. I think you are all familiar and you all approved the Conditional Use Permit for Southampton Fire Station. We have been very valuable to the community with educational elements such as Virginia Nottoway Indian Circle and Square Foundation, Riverdale Elementary School's "Renewable Future" and then we have our Sedley Recreation Association there with some grants over the years. Paul D. Camp has been the recipient of two very competitive grants for higher education. A \$30,000 grant last year and \$25,000 grant this year. Again, 28 miles in the county, 107 parcels. We are up to about 90 + % as far as our survey permissions. So, right-of-way; there is a lot of discussion about right-of-ways and once we have gotten to that point where we think we have selected the best route for all of the 550 miles, again using the survey and the input from landowners, we will move forward with negotiating easements. There will be compensation for those easements. If there is a question that surfaces and I know of at least one that I was presented with tonight, so we will work through the easement process with the landowners and move forward with that. At some point, we will have our route completed. At some point also, the question that has been presented about eminent domain. Once we have FERC approval, we are within the provisions of the eminent domain. We don't want to exercise that. It might come to that in some cases but our goal is to move forward and not have to use the eminent domain and work with our landowners. I will cease from my part of the program right now. Hopefully Chet is close by and we can address any questions you might have. Thank you.



## Atlantic Coast Pipeline

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**September  
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## Dominion's Core Values

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**Safety**  
**Ethics**  
**Excellence**  
**One Dominion**

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## Most Admired Company

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### Rank Company

1. NextEra
2. **Dominion**
3. Southern Company
4. PSEG
5. Xcel Energy

Dominion ranked first in: (1) People management, (2) use of corporate assets, (3) quality of management, (4) financial soundness and (5) long-term investment.

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## Valued Corporate Citizen

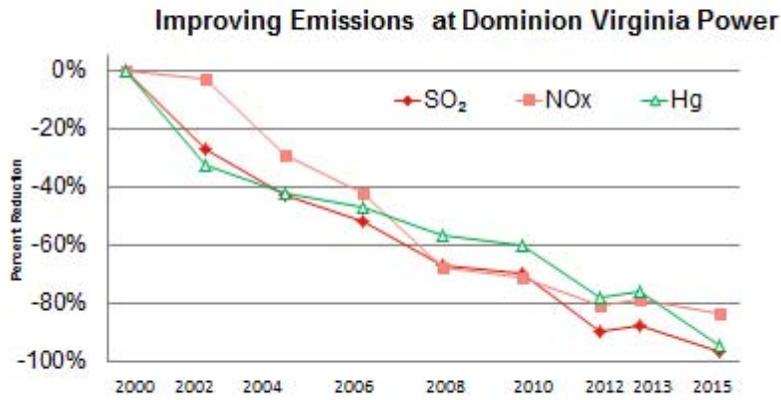
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### CR's 100 Best Corporate Citizens 2014

- Ranked No. 71 among Russell 1000 companies
- Five straight years in top 100
- Criteria: environment, climate change, employee relations, human rights, corporate governance, philanthropy, financial
  - No. 1 ranking in corporate governance

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## Cleaner Air in Virginia



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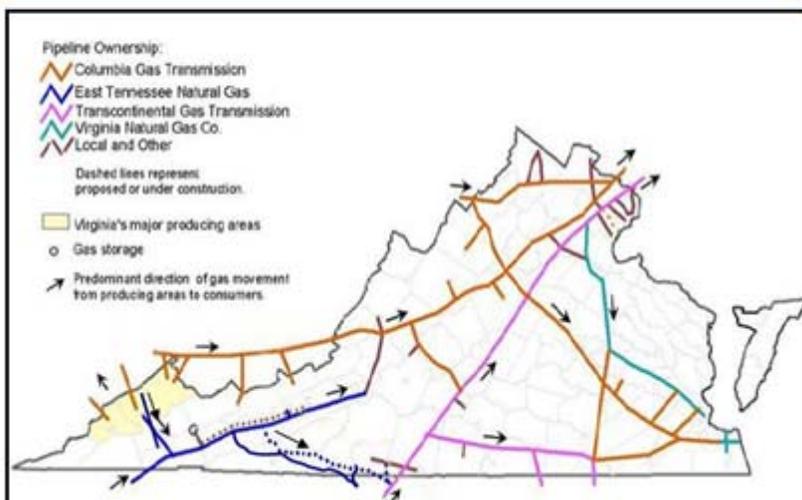
## Project need

The pipeline would provide:

- improved supply of natural gas for utilities looking to meet new EPA clean air regulations and use natural gas to generate electricity rather than other fuels
- local distribution companies searching for new, less expensive supplies of natural gas for its residential and commercial customers
- and industries looking to build or expand their operations.

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## Natural Gas Pipelines in Virginia



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## Project details

**Length:** Approximately 550 miles

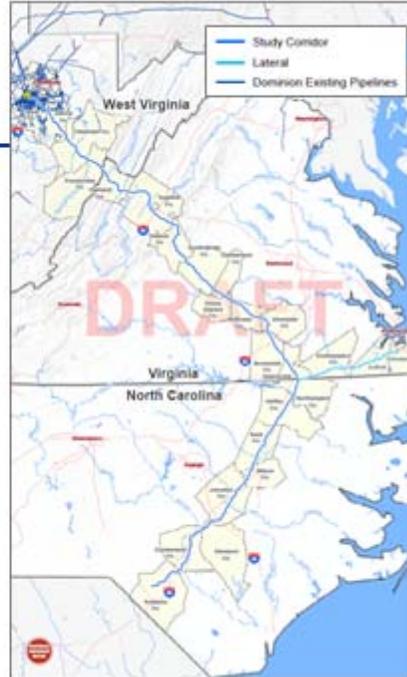
**Pipe:** 42-inch diameter in West Virginia and Virginia; 20-inch lateral to Hampton Roads; 36-inch diameter in North Carolina

**Capacity:** 1.5 billion cubic feet/day

**Three compressor station locations:**

1. West Virginia (near beginning of route)
2. Central Virginia
3. Near Virginia/North Carolina state line

**Route:** The final pipeline route has not been selected. Dominion is conducting surveys and will determine the best route based on landowner input and an assessment of environmental, historic and cultural impacts.



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## Potential benefits

- Property tax revenues
- Near-term employment opportunities
- Economic activity for local businesses during construction and operation
- Economic development activity potential



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## Regulatory process and expected timeline

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is the lead agency. As Dominion moves forward with the Atlantic Coast Pipeline:

Activity	Timing
Survey/route planning	May-Dec. 2014
FERC Pre-Filing Request	Fall 2014
FERC Application	Summer 2015
FERC Certificate	Summer 2016
Construction	2017-2018
In-service	Late 2018

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## Public participation

Pre-filing activity	Timing
Survey notification letters to landowners within the 400-foot study area	Mid-May 2014
Local officials informed about surveying letters	May-June 2014
Meetings with Boards of Commissioners/Supervisors and municipal governments	Aug.-Sept. 2014
Open houses	2014-2016
Construction	2017-2018
In-service	Late 2018

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## Dominion in Southampton County

- Community Involvement
  - Virginia Nottoway Indian Circle and Square Foundation, Inc.
  - Riverdale Elementary School's "Renewable Future"
  - Sedley Recreation Association's "Cover the Playground Ground" and "Field of Dreams"
- Pipeline within county
  - 28 miles
  - 107 parcels
  - 78 percent have given permission to survey



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## Right of way



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## Questions



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Chairman Jones states alright we have a lot of information to take in. Any questions from any board members? He called on Supervisor Porter.

Supervisor Porter states I want to thank both of you for coming tonight and giving us this information. I love natural gas. It is in my blood. I have a couple of questions that concern me. One is hopefully not all of the gas will just pass through the county because we do have a need for it. I read somewhere that you have 92% subscribed already. You have a large pipe, which you say capacity is 1.5 billion cubic feet per day. Is this at maximum compression or can you add compression to increase capacity.

Mr. Chet Wade states those are some terrific questions and I am glad, like me I grew up in the natural gas business. I worked for a company in the natural gas business before joining Dominion Power. First on the ability to get gas here in Southampton, you would first need what they call a tap and that is something that we are working out in our agreement. In fact, Max is working out those agreements with what we would provide the counties and there is a process for that. It is easier to do it during construction than it is after the pipe is in the ground; although, it can be done later. There is some expense to that. There is an investment in that. If it is something that you would want as a county to consider, we do have 92% of the capacity, what we call primary

capacity subscribed. There are several ways capacity is available for economic development. One is there is the other 8% and we would go to something called an open season very soon where people who would want the gas will put up their hand and once there is a vote they would sign what is called a binding proceeding agreement and go through a legal process. So, there is some primary capacity. Second is what they call secondary capacity. These utilities all sign up for probably more than they can use in the short term. So, they will release that capacity to what we call a secondary market making it available for economic development. It is very common for entities to over subscribe. They have more capacity than they want and they release that so that others can use it. The third thing is this project can be expanded. The number was close to 2 billion cubic feet per day. You do that by adding more compressor stations. I don't know exactly where they would be but that would be a project phase that also could be done once this project is complete. There are several opportunities. When you hear 92% you think you are shut out. That is really not the case, so there are opportunities for economic development based on this. In some areas that are served by the gas utilities they can serve. That is part of what they are doing, serving the industry. So each county is a little different, each city is a little different but there are opportunities to add economic development.

Supervisor Porter states I anticipated your response.

Mr. Chet Wade states oh good. Was I right?

Supervisor Porter states so so. I do have quite a bit of experience in pipelines. That is why I was asking the question. I know that in the paper there were some negative comments about the project and some of it was from lack of information and lack of understanding. When you publish that 92% is already used then there is nothing for us other than to pass through. But I think we need to get the word out that there is more coming down the line and that there are opportunities for local use of natural gas. Having been in areas where it is abundant it is a bit disappointment to be in an area where you don't have access to it.

Mr. Chet Wade states well I can understand that because I grew up having natural gas service my home as well as today and we are very accustomed to it. I can certainly appreciate your concern and I will ask Max to get the county that document.

Supervisor West states I would like to say to you thank you as well for the presentation and I think Mr. Johnson you confirmed this with me that Dominion Power is our largest taxpayer in Southampton County. Thank you again.

Mr. Chet Wade states it is always a delight to do that and we will once we get the estimate on the taxes... once again this is money the pipeline will pay not the landowner. The landowner maintains the ownership of the land and can use the land for many uses. The pictures in fact Max showed one of them was in Pennsylvania where we ran a pipeline project and we were asked to reseed the right-a-way with a kind that elk like to graze on because in that state they wanted to bring back the elk population. So, that is why there is a picture of an elk. It is not made up, it is real. In other places, it is farmed regularly. Farm equipment can go over the right-a-way. In fact when we are in an agricultural area we actually put an extra foot of soil on top to make sure that the farm equipment can pass over it safely. People use it for grazing, for recreation; they can build right up to the edge of the right-a-way.

Supervisor West states that leads to the question I want to ask. Virginia Beach ran a pipeline from Lake Gaston to Water Sources in Isle of Wight County. There are some complications with the restrictions of usage even though the pipeline could cut right through your property.

Mr. Chet Wade states there are limitations. You can't build a house on it for example or another kind of structure. You can't put a garage or a barn. You can put fences across it for example if you have cattle that are grazing or horses. You can put those kinds of fences across it. We just need to be able to get access to it. We don't use chemicals. We keep it cut with a bush hog so we can do a couple of things. One we like to inspect it. We inspect it a number of ways. We walk it, we fly over it, and we also inspect it from the inside with a thing called smart pick. It is a tool with sensors that can help tell us if it has been dented or if there is any corrosion or any other issues in there. So we do need to have access to it and that is why unfortunately we can't allow people to build right on it. Now, right up to the edge I can tell you I have been in places where they have

built hotels literally on both sides of the pipeline. I stood there and looked and said okay.

Supervisor West states also today's world is crazy sometimes. What about sabotage, terrorist actions and things of that nature. How do you monitor these things because I can see a gas leak being a major catastrophe?

Mr. Chet Wade states safety is actually and truly is our number one concern. We go to great lengths to protect each other and protect all of the people that we deal with. I am not a terrorist but if I was a terrorist I would pick other targets. We can't obviously stand and march up and down the 8,000 miles we have today but when we get down to if I was going to pick on something while it visually may be interesting, if I really wanted to do damage this is not what I would pick. There are many other things and obviously I won't go through the list of things that they would pick at. So, while security is important to us we have automatic valves, we monitor the system 24/7. We can tell by changes in pressure if there is something missed. We can shut down sections of pipe so that you limit how much damage can be done. As a terrorist concern we would never take anything like that lightly. We have many people in our company dedicated to security of our system both gas and electric. That would not be my choice.

Supervisor West states we have seen blowups and explosions in various locations in the country and natural gas has a history of fires and explosions and things do go wrong. With that being said, the people that are going to live next to this are going to want protection. I want to consider that landowner, that homeowner when that property is transferred.

Mr. Chet Wade states absolutely. We work among other things to move that line away from homes. We don't like to be near homes. I am trying to remember with the 20 inch line I know when we work on the bigger line we need 125 feet of construction space. Ultimately that drops down to 75 feet easement once we are in the ground. But, we like to be much beyond that because it is not comfortable for us nor the landowner to be working that close to someone's home. That is why we like to walk the property, talk to them, understand better if there is a way to move the line a little bit this way or a little bit that way. The best thing we can do for them is to build and operate a very safe pipeline. There are accidents and I would never make light of that. There was one a number of years ago in Virginia. It is absolutely essential to us for our own safety and more importantly public safety because we know they are there 24/7.

Supervisor West states well I am behind you. Thank you.

Mr. Chet Wade states thank you very much.

Chairman Jones states alright anyone else? He called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips states one of the concerns that I have heard was the surveyors on the property were known to have left gates open. What is available to the landowner for them to be able to get in touch with your company and say I have a concern about these people and maybe we need to check on what they are doing?

Mr. Chet Wade states there is a toll free number or you could email. I think in a case where it is urgent obviously I would rather people phone us. There is a toll free number if you go to our website. I can't tell you off the top of my head but if you go to our website and go to the Atlantic Coast Pipeline site you will see right on the homepage a 1-800 number, a toll free number, don't know that it's 1-800, but I would encourage people to call because if those people are not doing what I said which is being considerate and that means closing the gate. People have livestock that needs to be protected or children or pets so they need to close the gate. They need to be able to latch the gate behind them. That is part of being considerate. If there is any other concern, I talked to the people in charge of surveying land people and in fact I was in one meeting, we got some complaints, she walked out of the parking lot and that person doesn't work for us anymore. So, we don't want to be that way. When this project's done, we are still going to be here. Not only for that pipeline, but we are going to be out here when the lights are on and the lights are off and in between. We are part of the community and we need to make sure the people that work for us, even if they are not dominion employees but contractors, do the right thing. I would encourage you to tell anyone who has had that problem to call it in, write us a note.

Supervisor Phillips states okay thank you.

Supervisor Porter states can you provide that number to landowners. It would be nice if you gave them the number.

Mr. Chet Wade states I believe we do but I can't vouch for what's in the contact information.

Supervisor Phillips states it is in the letter. I think it's in the correspondence that we have had on that.

Supervisor Porter states can you make sure that happens.

Mr. Chet Wade states they should have that number along with access to the website and we do want them to be able to contact us.

Mr. Michael Johnson states if there is anybody here tonight the number is 1-888-895-8716.

Chairman Jones states any other questions. If not, thank you gentlemen.

Mr. Chet Wade states thank you very much. We appreciate it.

Chairman Jones states we are glad that you came and explained it to us. Let us go to number thirteen.

Mr. Michael Johnson states thirteen, Mr. Chairman, is consideration in award of the Southampton Commerce & Logistics Center Wastewater Force Main. We received competitive bids on the final piece of infrastructure to serve the Turner Tract on Tuesday, September 16 – the sewer force main that will run along Rose Valley and New Market Road(s) to the Interceptor Pump Station on U.S. Route 58 near Shady Brook Trail. Three (3) responsive bids were received, with the lowest bid submitted by Mid-Eastern Builders, Incorporated. The base bid is for installation of a 6" force main for the entire length (16,858'), but we also asked each contractor to provide alternate bids for an 8" and 10" force main. As you are aware, we are currently working on the Franklin-Southampton shared utility study. One of the alternatives proposed at this time is to manifold the City's Armory Drive Pump Station into the Southampton Commerce & Logistics Center Wastewater Force Main (this project), which will serve the County's Turner Tract Pump Station. The proposed manifold connection would be at the intersection of General Thomas Highway and Rose Valley Road. In order for this proposed connection to work, the force main from this point down to the discharge point at the Courtland Interceptor Pump Station will need to be larger than 6" diameter. At this point we don't know whether that is 8" or 10" which is the reason we asked for those alternate bids. We anticipate the engineering analysis to determine the appropriate size force main will be complete within the next 30 days. There are two courses of action you can consider tonight. Number one, you could go ahead and authorize us to issue the notice of award to MEB General Contractors, Inc. for the project, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,483,862, which is sufficient to fund Alternative "B" (10" pipe), if the shared utility study indicates that's the optimum size. Should the study indicate that a smaller size pipe is sufficient, we'll adjust the award down accordingly. The project budget included \$1.5 million for construction of the force main so the large pipe is within your project budget. Alternately, if you'd prefer to see the engineering analysis yourselves before awarding the project, you may defer action until next month's meeting. That is up to you all.

Chairman Jones states alright gentlemen which way do you want to go?

Supervisor Faison states I have a question. Will there be any advantage in us doing 10" over the 8"?

Mr. Michael Johnson states there is actually harm in going too large. You don't want to oversize the pipe because that creates issues with the interaction with the pump station. So, you want to get this right. You don't want to go too large or too small. If I had to guess right now I would guess you are going to end up at the 8".

Chairman Jones states any other questions.

Supervisor West states I am liking what he said though and that is wait until we get the engineer's report and make the decision next month since it will not be too late. Is that correct?

Mr. Michael Johnson states that is correct.

Supervisor West states and then we will have more knowledge and be able to make a more informed determination.

Chairman Jones states you don't have to go out and get bids anymore.

Mr. Michael Johnson states no. The bids will be good.

Chairman Jones states alright, okay.

Supervisor Faison made a motion to defer action until next month's meeting to allow time to see the engineering analysis report.

Supervisor Updike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states miscellaneous.

Mr. Michael Johnson states miscellaneous, Mr. Chairman, you see correspondence from the Virginia Association of Counties regarding voting credentials for the 2014 Annual Business Meeting to be held on November 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Bath County, Virginia. It is necessary for the Board to authorize a delegate and alternate delegate to cast its votes. Chairman Jones and Supervisor Porter have made tentative plans to attend.

Supervisor West made a motion to appoint Chairman Jones as the voting delegate and Supervisor Porter as the alternate delegate.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones states anything regarding notices?

Mr. Michael Johnson states they are just routine notices. I will be glad to answer any questions if you have any.

Chairman Jones states do we have any late arriving matters?

Supervisor West states I want to mention a couple of things if I may. I have been contacted by several people in the last two or three days. It concerns the discharge of firearms and specifically these canons. Are any of you familiar with these really loud canons that people are shooting off in areas around Southampton County? I mean they rattle your windows and your teeth too. Specifically over in Broadwater Road just as you approach the Isle of Wight Line and then a gentleman that owns the property brings a number of people up there and they fire over here into the woods and immediately across the river is an adult home that people, residents, are moving around and there are some general potentials for safety issues there. I have had three people express interest to me at the back of the Town of Ivor, in Ivor itself; it is a discharge of firearms as late as 10:00 at night on a regular basis long term. Sandy, have you heard of anything like this?

Ms. Sandy Vick states no I haven't.

Supervisor West states okay. I just want to see if this is something we need to talk about, refer to the Planning Commission. There is an issue with pieces of property and people firing guns late at night and the sound of the guns. I know there is a noise ordinance.

Supervisor Phillips states it can be a public nuisance.

Supervisor West states okay. What would be the right direction? Go to the sheriff department and talk to them?

Mr. Michael Johnson states let me share with you, I am aware of the issue on Broadwater Road. We have actually had our zoning people go out and investigate that. Your zoning ordinance requires a conditional use permit for shooting ranges and things like that. The landowner has not developed any type of shooting range. What is apparently occurring on that property is recreational shooting that the landowners and friends are doing. There is no commercial activity. There have been no improvements constructed. So, there is no violation of the zoning ordinance. Now we have contacted the property owner and advised them that concerns had been raised. So the property owner is aware but that is about as much as we can do at this point.

Supervisor West states I will get more information but this is an issue that has been brought to me by three citizens yesterday, Sunday, as well as this morning. I wanted to know Mr. Garner have you heard anything like this and Sandy you have not? Are you familiar with these canons anybody? These extremely loud boom things.

Ms. Joan Harrell states I think what he is referring to is this stuff they order off of the internet. It's not like a bomb or anything like that but they start out with some small ones, put them out in the middle of the field and shoot them. They are really loud. When they shot that thing it made a huge hole and the neighbors a mile up the road felt it at their house.

Supervisor West states that is what I am talking about and they are shooting at these things.

Ms. Joan Harrell states and you order it off the internet.

Supervisor Phillips states it is...

Supervisor West states don't make me feel good okay.

Supervisor Phillips states it is two chemicals that you mix. It comes separate and you mix it together.

Supervisor Edwards states it's not ammonia nitrate is it?

Supervisor Phillips states no it's not ammonia nitrate.

Supervisor West states no and it doesn't make any difference. Any time it makes a pit where it is sitting and it blows up and people a mile away windows are rattling I have an issue with that okay.

Supervisor Edwards states can we come up with some sort of explosion ordinance?

Supervisor Phillips states do we have one?

Supervisor Edwards states do we have one at all? I mean you can't put off a hand grenade or throw a stick of dynamite out in the street.

Ms. Joan Harrell states I heard there were some issues near Richmond and people kept saying what it was. I remember them investigating it and there is no law or anything.

Supervisor West states no one has notice and when it happens and people are playing around on Sunday afternoon and you live up the road from it that is disturbing; particularly when you have children out in the yard.

Ms. Joan Harrell states I can't imagine if it is done near assistance living places.

Supervisor West states when people live in areas outside of Southampton County and they travel up here for the weekend and they spend their days up here, they are not too concerned about that.

Supervisor Edwards states really I think just report it to the sheriff's department and let them look at it and see if there is some sort of ordinance that makes it illegal.

Supervisor West states what you said and I am glad you are aware of it and I have spoken to Mr.

Johnson. That being said, thank you for that information. I don't think it is reasonable. Are any of you familiar with what I am talking about?

Mr. Richard Railey states you have to remember one thing. The general assembly is prohibited and now rarely you will find what you can do regarding firearms.

Supervisor Phillips states this is not a firearm.

Supervisor Edwards states well you take a firearm and shoot into it.

Chairman Jones states I think what we need to do is when we do hear this call the sheriff's department immediately. Maybe they can find out what they are doing and we can come up with some kind of answer.

Supervisor Phillips states it is legal. You can buy it at any gun show.

Supervisor West states yeah you can do a lot of things at gun shows.

Supervisor Phillips states yes you can buy all kinds of stuff.

Supervisor West states the second thing I want to mention Mr. Johnson and maybe this is a more private item but I spoke to a former emergency personnel and his capacity of employment with Isle of Wight County safety emergency services. He would like to make a presentation to us in saving Southampton County some money in handling of our emergency savings; cost savings, grants available; guaranteed grants that would exceed any money that would be spent for EMT services or anything like this. This is something that I think would be valuable to us as a county.

Mr. Michael Johnson states I would be glad to talk to him.

Supervisor West states okay and then do we recognize citizens that turn 100 years old and could we do something? There is a gentleman that has been in Berlin-Ivor district coming up on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mr. Michael Johnson states the chairman has the power to issue proclamations on behalf of the board.

Chairman Jones states we have done proclamations and will be glad to do one. All you have to do is let us know his name. Anything else?

Supervisor Phillips states I would like to give each one of our members this. It is an article that ran in the Virginia Farm Bureau Magazine. The title of the article is land use assessment taxation. What it is and what it isn't. Here is a copy for each of you.

Chairman Jones states anything else to come before us?

Supervisor Updike states well I would like to mention, and you said you would put it in highway matters, and that is agriculture is our number one industry in this county. The Farm Bureau is working with Southampton County and Isle of Wight County to reserve agriculture. I think it is part of this board's responsibility to go on record and demand that we keep agriculture front and center as much as possible. I think we need to make a resolution...

Supervisor Edwards states that is already one of the things in the comprehensive plan.

Supervisor Updike states let me finish. VDOT on this Route 460 we do not want businesses being destroyed along Route 460 and agriculture being destroyed throughout that area. Route 460 doing anything except the improvement of the current Route 460 would be detrimental to the county financially and from every walk of life. I want to see the board...don't wait until they decide what they are going to do. Let's get out front and say we will not support any other option except the improvement of the current Route 460.

Supervisor West states a lot of what you have to say I agree with but I think we were told tonight

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by Mr. Rinehart there is information available. Maybe Mr. Johnson will be able to decipher the specific information. I tried to get into the information Barry and I didn't get there.

Supervisor West states let us summarize it where the average farm boy can understand it okay. I understand that will give you some direction. I don't know what the Corps of Engineers are saying but he didn't evade but he didn't answer either.

Supervisor Updike states also as far as reserving the wetlands so it is a win/win proposition to suggest doing everything possible as to keep this on the current Route 460. Let's put it into action.

Chairman Jones states let's wait until we find out what we got.

Supervisor Updike states don't wait until after they make a decision. After they make a decision it's too late.

Supervisor Edwards states I think it's too late before we even make a comment.

Chairman Jones states we don't have enough power to do anything.

Supervisor Edwards states I think they are going to do what they want to do no matter what we say. I will be glad to say that publicly which I just did. You can go to all the conferences and all of the meetings that you want to.

Chairman Jones states it would just be something on paper stating where we stand.

Supervisor West states Mr. Johnson do you agree with what Mr. Updike is saying; that it is time to talk?

Mr. Michael Johnson states I haven't read the report.

Supervisor Porter states I think it is premature to do anything because what happens is you can't make a decision before you get the information. It's like you are being stubborn if you say I am just standing behind a position and I don't know what I am standing behind but I am standing behind it. We talk about we want this, this, and this. Well, when I hear it is going to cost 3 billion more dollars to put it on the original Route 460, you want to pay the taxes for the \$3 billion? That is an issue we need to find out. I always use to work with a cost/benefit analysis, and then we talk about destroying businesses. We don't know if that is the case. We don't know who is going to take the new road. The new road is basically being built for truckers that don't stop at these businesses anyway. The old Route 460 is from my understanding not going to go away. Actually, they are going to make some improvements to it and still you are not going to see anything but these big old trucks that fly through anyway because none of our people are going to pay \$9 tolls to go 50 miles. So, I don't know the information. I want to know what is the true story. I have heard lots of rumors. If the cost/benefits say let's keep Route 460 than I am all for it. If it is going to cost me 3 billion extra dollars to build on current Route 460 I am not going to support it because I am not willing to pay the taxes. The original proposal was a \$9 toll on truckers or \$17 I guess on the trucks will never pay for the road. It will be the taxpayer.

Supervisor West states well when you read in the paper about the EzPass and the things that are going on with that, it's a disaster that VDOT...

Supervisor Porter states that is irrelevant.

Supervisor West states it's relevant to me.

Supervisor Porter states that is irrelevant. That is not VDOT anyway. EZPass is a contractor and VDOT... I don't know if you read about what Albert Lane told these people but he is giving them two months to get their house in order or they are going to stop giving them the people that don't have EZPasses...

Supervisor West states and I am going to say yeah right.

Supervisor Porter states he will. But anyway, the honest thing is you shouldn't shoot yourself in the foot before you have the right information. Once you have the information, if you want to shoot yourself in the foot go ahead and do it. I don't like shooting myself in the foot.

Supervisor West states well let's get this information. Mr. Johnson is already looking at it.

Supervisor Edwards states once you get the information it is usually too late. It is usually too late once you get the information. We see that time and time again.

Supervisor Porter states you are willing to take a blind vote to spend an extra \$3 billion. I am not.

Supervisor West states well I don't like for it to go through 2000 acres of farm and destroy them that are central owned by one family and I don't like what it is going to do to the swamps at Blackwater coming out of Isle of Wight County. Of course I have more fear for it and concern for the fact that I live close to it. That being said, I still have great fear for those that live where it will be in the range of hearing every moment of the day 24 hours a day and these big brakes on these big trucks come bailing through at 2:00 in the morning that is real fun.

Supervisor Porter states if you are dealing with an eight lane road along regular Route 460 what is the difference.

Supervisor West states they already live there. They knew what it was going to be like in the beginning. They chose to live there.

Supervisor Porter states they will be able to hear that miles and miles away. If you have ever been around an eight lane highway you will know that the noise travels just as far.

Chairman Jones states alright gentlemen do you want to do anything on what Mr. Updike stated tonight?

Supervisor Edwards states what was your recommendation again?

Supervisor Updike states I wanted to make a recommendation as to let it be known that we support the construction along the current Route 460. We do not want to see any bypass or additional roads going through farmland.

Supervisor West states I agree with that, I am going to second that.

Supervisor Edwards states I am going to second that with you. I mean that is the only thing that we can do. They are not making new farmland. We are losing 3,000 acres of farmland a day in this country; 3,000 acres. You add it up over a year okay. I envision one of these times they will start tearing down malls and things, tear all the concrete up and start building farms back there. Once we start getting hungry and running out of food.

Supervisor Porter states I agree we don't want to see farmland destroyed. I agree with that and I agree that we can make a resolution recommending that they minimize the impact on farmland. I don't think we would benefit anything by coming out and flatly at this point opposing any alternative until we have all of the information. But, if we want to make a resolution to them that in their decision process that they minimize the impact on farmland and local businesses then I am all for it.

Supervisor Updike states we have a motion on the floor.

Supervisor West states we are in a discussion. He then called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison states I am concerned like everybody else. I don't want to make a decision that is premature because I feel that we will have time to say what we want to say. I would go along and let them present...

Supervisor Edwards states well we are not making a decision we are making a concept. Please don't destroy the town, businesses, and the farmland.

Supervisor Faison states I agree with what was just said that we state that we don't want it to impact farmland and local businesses. But to say this is the only thing that we will accept, I think that would be premature.

Supervisor West states well I don't think we are going to stop the show.

Chairman Jones states no we are not going to stop the show I don't care what we do.

Supervisor Faison states we are talking about what we are going to say and I would want to say we want this done so that it doesn't impact the farmland more than absolutely necessary.

Supervisor Porter states absolute minimum impact on farmland and local businesses.

Supervisor Updike states you need to have wetlands in there too.

Supervisor Porter states the Corps of Engineers have already done that. That is why they stopped the process.

Chairman Jones states okay let's do something here.

Supervisor Phillips states Mr. Chairman, I would be in favor of waiting one month, 30 days, let's look and see what we can find out from the Environmental Impact Study and bring this back. Table this motion for thirty days until we can...

Supervisor Edwards states I disagree with that. I think we have a perfectly good motion. All we are saying is look we want to try to preserve the farmland and don't disturb the businesses. There is nothing wrong with that. That is the right thing to say. I don't care what they are coming out with a month from now. They don't care either. All they are going to do is come out with something.

Supervisor Porter states all we are doing is going on record saying we want to minimize the impact on the county.

Supervisor Edwards states right. Now what they come out with later, we can make a statement on that but I think we should make the statement, look we live in rural Southampton County, the farmland matters and we want to preserve the farmland and the rural nature of the county as much as possible and make your plans according to that.

Supervisor Phillips states Mr. Chairman I am certainly in favor of that.

Chairman Jones states alright. Is that consensus with everyone? Do we need a motion for this?

Supervisor West states we have a motion and a second on the floor but it's not the same thing as what Barry said.

Chairman Jones states we are going to write a letter requesting that we minimize...

Supervisor Porter states we are taking the position that whatever alternative they choose it must minimize the impact on farmland and local businesses within Southampton County.

Chairman Jones states that alright Mr. Updike?

Supervisor Edwards states that sounds good. Let's go for that tonight.

Supervisor Updike states alright.

Chairman Jones called for a vote which passed unanimously. Is there anything else to come before us?

Supervisor West made a motion to adjourn.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

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Michael W. Johnson, Clerk

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