

**4. MEETING MINUTES**

Attached for your consideration please find a copy of the Board of Supervisor's meeting minutes for the:

1. Budget Workshop of April 10, 2013;
2. Special Meeting of April 16, 2013;
3. Budget Workshop of April 17, 2013; and
4. Regular Session of April 22, 2013

**MOTION REQUIRED:**

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

At a budget workshop 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 April 10, 2013 at 6:30 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, Finance Director  
Beth Lewis, Director of Community Development  
Richard E. Railey, Jr., County Attorney  
Cynthia J. Edwards, Administrative Secretary

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 welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that this was the initial budget meeting just to let everyone know where we are in the county at this time. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Michael Johnson.

Mr. Michael Johnson said before we get started on the initial draft budget, I think I had e-mailed each of you a copy of a resolution that the chairman had asked me to prepare for your consideration tonight. It speaks to the times of the regular meeting, particularly after the last meeting several of you all expressed concerns that the meeting seemed to be going on pretty long. So Chairman Jones asked me to prepare a resolution which would effectively set the meeting start time back to 6:00 PM beginning with the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and it would further provide that any items that would be on the agenda for closed session for that particular night would be considered first on the meeting agenda. I have forwarded you all a copy of that resolution and I would like to put it out there for your consideration tonight.

Chairman Jones asked if the board members had a chance to look at the resolution; and he said he had talked with most of them about it. He asked if they had any questions about that.

Supervisor Phillips asked if there would be a specific start time or if they would just roll right from our closed session into our meeting or would we have our meeting at 7:00 PM as usual. He stated he thought they needed to discuss that.

Chairman Jones said the meeting would start immediately after we finished closed session.

Supervisor West asked if the meeting had to be at a defined time to start or if we are finishing fifteen minutes does it start at 6:45 PM.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the meeting agenda will state that the meeting starts at 6:00 PM because you have to call your meeting to order, make a motion to go into closed session which you would do at 6:00 PM. Now if it is the policy of this board that if you finish your closed session prior to

7:00 PM, as policy, you could simply recess your meeting and reconvene at 7:00 PM if that is what you want to do.

Supervisor Phillips said the reason he is asking the question is that what would we do if the citizens want to come to the meeting. We would need to have them, whether we finish in an hour or an hour and fifteen minutes, but if we say we will recess until 7:00 PM that way if there is any business that has been conducted or motions that need to be voted on during the open session, the public would be here and be aware of it and they would have an opportunity to comment on it whereas in the past we have been going into closed session at the end of the meeting and most people go home.

Supervisor West said he thought it would be logical since we will be meeting in closed session behind closed doors to allow people to continue to come in and sit down and if we finish early then we would return to the public port and at that time start the meeting so you would have to be here from 6:00 on.

Supervisor Updike said he didn't object to having a closed session meeting first, but he does not expect the people to have to come in sit and have to sit for 15 minutes, 30 minutes, or 45 minutes just waiting for us. I think the time should be still set at 7:00 PM. This is when open session will begin and the citizens will know to be here at 7:00 PM instead of sitting here an hour waiting to see what we are going to do. He said he thinks it is irresponsible to ask the citizens to come in and sit here for a half an hour to an hour later to see what we are going to do. He said he didn't mind coming early and having the closed door session, but he wants a set time for 7:00 for open session. I want it to state at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Edwards said he thought he agrees with that also. He didn't think people should have to sit out here fifteen, twenty, or thirty minutes. Sometimes our sessions don't take very long, but sometime they will. I agree I think we ought to set 7:00 PM as our open session meeting time.

Supervisor Porter said technically I think we have to say reconvene at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Phillips said we would have to adjourn and then reconvene in open session.

Supervisor Porter said we normally take a break and I think the legal manner would be to reconvene open session at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Faison said he thought that was best too. There is no problem with us being in open session, going into closed session, and then coming back into open session to resume at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Jones said that is basically just like we have been doing it.

Supervisor Edwards said what say ye Mr. Richard Railey.

Mr. Richard Railey said I think the way Mr. Michael Johnson stated at first was probably the best way. I don't like the term convene and re-convene because then you run into problems with public meetings and all. But what you can have is a clear understanding way of tradition. If the closed meeting is concluded prior to 7:00 PM you will take a break or recess or whatever you want to call it and wait until 7:00 PM just as matter of custom and tradition or policy. There will be times when closed session goes over 7:00 PM, but in no event will somebody who says they will come at 7:00 and closed session is over in 30 minutes miss 30 minutes. I think that is the fairest way to do it. My terminology which is just a matter of policy is that we will just recess until 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Porter said he thought we needed to formalize that because looking at the way some boards I've seen in the area operate, they could very easily abuse that tradition and we could assume they were doing something that we didn't want the public to know that we were doing and I don't want us to be in that position at all.

Mr. Richard Railey said then just amend the resolution stating that is just a matter of policy.

Supervisor Porter asked will the resolution be indicating that we will be in recess until at least 7:00 PM or how do we do that.

Mr. Richard Railey said just that if the closed session is concluded prior to 7:00 PM it will be recessed before you go back into open session.

Chairman Jones stated we will have our closed session first from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM and have our regular meeting whether we are finished or not.

Mr. Richard Railey said well obviously the regular meeting has to start at 6:00 PM because you have to have a motion and you have to open before you can go into closed session.

Chairman Jones said so we will start our regular meeting at 6:00 PM and then go into closed session and then come back into open session at 7:00 PM. Is that what you are saying you want to do?

Supervisor Phillips said yes.

Mr. Richard Railey said that is what I'm saying and I think that is what Mr. Michael Johnson was saying.

Supervisor Faison said so if the closed session goes beyond 7:00 PM we still recess at 7:00 PM and then resume closed session at the end, is that what we are saying?

Chairman Jones said we will have to; we will have to finish it when we can.

Supervisor Phillips said he didn't think that would happen often.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he wouldn't anticipate that.

Supervisor Faison said we still need to know in case it does happen.

Chairman Jones said I think what we need to do is start regular session at 6:00 PM, and then we will go into closed session and then come back into open session at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Edwards said open session starts at 7:00 PM regardless.

Chairman Jones said yes it starts at 7:00 PM regardless of where we are. Is that alright with everybody?

Mr. Richard Railey said that is fine.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to pass the resolution.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he had prepared a brief presentation to give you all a broad and general overview of what is included in the draft budget. I want to emphasize that this is an initial draft budget. It is not yet a proposed budget. It is important for people to understand that distinction. We have to start somewhere and this is simply a first draft and until you all have had an opportunity to go through it, gut it, and reach a consensus on the key points that you all think are important and decide what your draft budget is then it will be advertised for public comment. This is simply an initial draft budget today. He gave the following presentation:

# Fiscal Year 2014 Initial Draft Budget

Wednesday, April 10, 2013  
6:30 p.m.



## Budget Calendar

February 8, 2013	Budget request forms issued
February 27, 2013	Budget request forms returned
March 25, 2013	Advance public comment received
April 10, 2013	County Administrator's draft budget presented
April 17, 2013	Budget work session – department presentations
April 24, 2013	Budget work session
April 29, 2013	Budget work session (draft budget finalized)
May 20, 2013	Public hearing on proposed budget
May 22, 2013	Budget work session (if necessary)
May 28, 2013	Board adopts FY 2014 budget
May 28, 2013	Board adopts CY 2013 tax rates and fees

## Transparency

- Entire initial draft budget (over 100 pages) available online on the county website [www.southamptoncounty.org](http://www.southamptoncounty.org)
- Includes an executive summary, organizational charts, detailed line items for both revenues and expenditures, personnel schedules and salaries, summary of outstanding debt, debt amortization schedule and much more!

## Tonight's Objective

- Broad overview at the 50,000 ft level
- Answer preliminary questions
- Copies for Board members to review and evaluate prior to next week's workshop

## Context and Setting

- Message from Board Retreat – “Hold the Line”
- Call for estimates – *“Based upon its initial review of anticipated revenue streams, the Board has indicated that funding recipients should expect level funding at best, and in some cases, funding may very well be reduced below your FY 2013 appropriation. If there are opportunities for you to further reduce expenses in your FY 2014 budget request, I encourage you to do so.”*

## Total Budget – All Funds

Millions



FY 2013	\$52,511,208
FY 2014	<u>\$52,426,053</u>

Decrease	\$ 85,155
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**Budgetary Decrease  
(0.16%)**

## Key Points

- Level local funding for school operations - \$670,601 less than requested by the School Board
- Unlikely that the school board will be able to match the Governor's funding for teacher raises, equating to a loss of \$196,745 in state revenue set aside for that specific purpose
- No funding for requested faculty positions – Elementary Librarian, High School Spanish Teacher, High School Math Teacher, Administrative Assistant at Riverdale or Middle School Teaching Assistant

## Key Points

- No raises for county employees beyond the mandated 1% increase, which is offset by the employees' additional 1% contribution to the VRS;
- Includes an increase in the real estate tax rate from \$0.75 to \$0.77 to mitigate other decreasing revenue sources;
- Other taxes and fees remain unchanged;
- The Building Fund includes \$70,000 to be used to finance the purchase of 7 new school buses (a 12-year commitment)

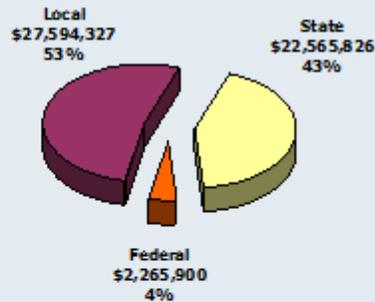
## Key Points

- The Building Fund includes \$65,000 to be used to finance security improvements at the Southampton County Courthouse (a 10-year commitment);
- The General Fund includes \$220,000 to purchase and install security equipment in the Southampton County Courthouse;
- The Building Fund includes \$75,000 to resolve structural roof problems in the Kitchen/Dining Room at the Southampton Jail Farm.

## Initial Draft FY 2014 Budget

### Revenue Sources

State	\$22,565,826
Federal	2,265,900
Local	<u>27,594,327</u>
TOTAL	\$52,426,053



## Initial Draft FY 2014 Budget

REVENUE SOURCE	FY 2013	PROJECTED 2014	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENT CHANGE
General property taxes	\$ 18,554,714	\$ 19,142,757	\$ 588,043	3.17
Other local taxes	1,683,155	1,851,457	168,302	10.00
Permits, fees, licenses	116,530	114,230	(2,300)	(1.97)
Fines & forfeitures	597,250	607,250	10,000	1.67
Interest	4,000	2,000	(2,000)	(50.00)
<b>Charges for services</b>	<b>1,790,546</b>	<b>1,690,352</b>	<b>(100,194)</b>	<b>(5.60)</b>
Miscellaneous revenue	824,693	850,370	25,677	3.11
Transfer - General Fund Reserve	452,262	452,262	-	0.00
<b>Other County Sources</b>	<b>642,713</b>	<b>536,904</b>	<b>(105,809)</b>	<b>(16.46)</b>
Enterprise Fund	1,148,888	1,146,815	(2,073)	(0.18)
Building Fund	1,402,985	1,199,930	(203,055)	(14.47)
Revenue from the Commonwealth	22,573,429	22,565,826	(7,603)	(0.03)
Revenue from Federal Sources	<u>2,220,043</u>	<u>2,265,900</u>	<u>(44,143)</u>	<u>(16.70)</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 52,511,208</b>	<b>\$ 52,426,053</b>	<b>\$ (85,155)</b>	<b>(0.16)</b>

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that the two highlighted categories have caused him the greatest concern and the reason that he suggested the \$0.02 increase in the tax rate.

Supervisor West asked what does that really do. What are you really saying? There is something that I didn't grasp. Where does that money come from to begin with? Is that state funded?

Mr. Michael Johnson said no. That is money that is actually earned by inmates and used for their keeping. He said am I right with that Mrs. Lynette Lowe?

Mrs. Lynette Lowe said yes sir.

Supervisor West said they work for that. They worked for outside sources right?

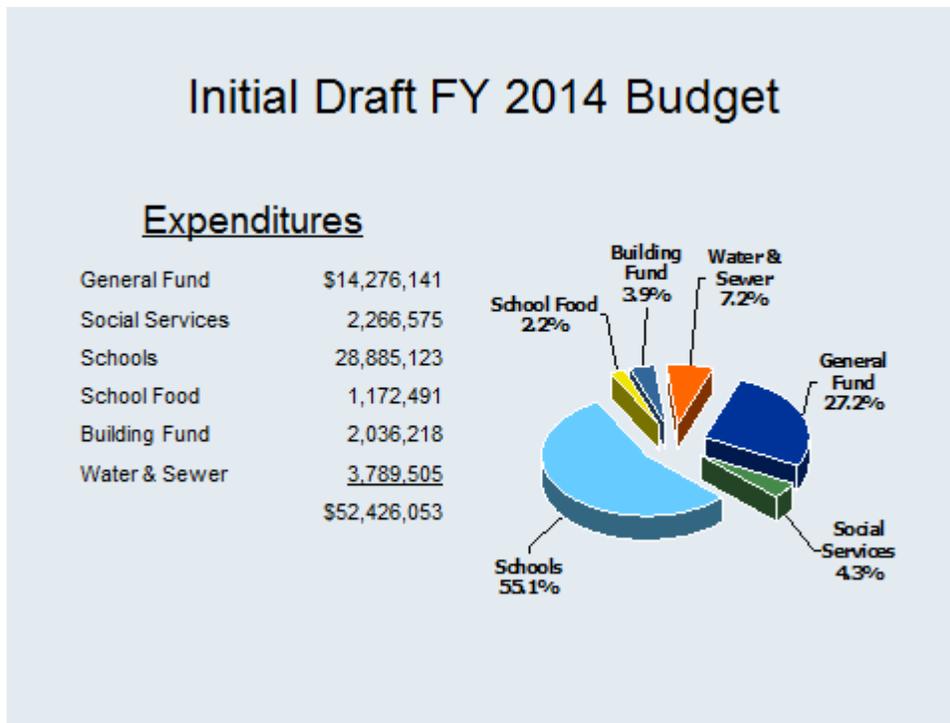
Mr. Michael Johnson said there is a daily charge.

Supervisor West said what is the reason that we are getting that? Is there less work to do?

Mr. Michael Johnson said the fund balances dwindled.

Mrs. Lynette Lowe said the cash account has decreased.

Supervisor West said okay, thank you.



### Initial Draft FY 2014 Budget

EXPENDITURE SOURCE	FY 2013	PROJECTED 2014	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENT CHANGE
General & Financial Administration	\$ 2,109,948	\$ 2,129,829	\$ 19,881	0.94
Judicial Administration	1,696,581	1,817,584	121,003	7.13
Public Safety	6,369,725	6,487,912	118,187	1.86
Public Works	2,429,635	2,435,942	6,307	0.26
Health & Welfare	663,715	736,954	73,239	11.03
Parks, Recreation & Culture	269,568	272,372	2,804	1.04
Community Development	380,187	379,574	(613)	(0.16)
Non-Departmental	19,158	15,974	(3,184)	(16.62)
<b>School Fund</b>	<b>29,483,960</b>	<b>28,885,123</b>	<b>(598,837)</b>	<b>(2.03)</b>
School Food	1,137,620	1,172,491	34,871	3.07
Public Assistance Fund	2,383,914	2,266,575	(117,339)	(4.92)
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>1,836,203</b>	<b>2,036,218</b>	<b>200,015</b>	<b>10.89</b>
Enterprise Fund	3,730,994	3,789,505	58,511	1.57
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 52,511,208</b>	<b>\$ 52,426,053</b>	<b>\$ (85,155)</b>	<b>(0.16)</b>

Mr. Michael Johnson said that finishes his presentation and he would be glad to answer any questions.

Chairman Jones asked if anybody had any questions for Mr. Michael Johnson.

Supervisor Updike said he would like to ask the Board to set up some goals to fix three or four things. Number one is that we have to live within our means. In other words if you don't have but so much money then we have to live within our means that we have and that means no new taxes which is the bottom line. The second thing, which really should be the first thing on our agenda, is no new borrowing. Our debt is going up every year; every year we are kicking the can down the road by borrowing more money and this winds up as a fixed debt or fixed expenditure for eternity and kicking it down the road for our children and grandchild and they will not be able to continue these huge debt payments for 20 or 30 years. It is just un-accomplishable. Third, you know we have got to start putting money back in the reserve fund. Look at all the new things that can pop up and we don't have the money to cover them. Let's cover one more thing while I'm at it and that is the \$0.02 cents tax increase resulting from the trash fee. I think this is where the operating budget for the county should step up and say we will bail you out. Starting today there will be no new vehicles, no new investments at all. Let this year's budget stand on its' own. We lost revenue

from trash fees and we have got to make it up in this year's budget so that is two or three comments to start off with.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else.

Supervisor Edwards said he is particular bothered by the real estate increase of \$0.02 when it fact it seems like you are fining people who are paying their trash fee and the 38 percent who didn't say you are passing the \$0.02 increase on to the people who paid their tax. I understand we are a little bit in the hole and that the \$0.02 is about \$285,000. I don't know if we can find that somewhere else, but I am definitely against passing that on as a punishment so to speak because the rest of the people didn't pay the solid waste fee.

Supervisor Faison said well the solid waste management fee was an idea we had last year to generate some income for the county, but the way that fee was designed that fee was most difficult for the poorest people in the county because they paid the same thing as the most wealthy people in the county. I think that is why because I have talked to people in the county and nobody has told me that they refuse to pay it, but he has had people tell him that they can't pay it, I can barely make ends meet now. I have no problem with that \$0.02 increase. I think that is the fairest thing because what that does is spread that over where people who have the ability to pay are affected just like those who are poor. Putting a flat fee of \$200.00 on everybody say like for a person making \$15,000 a year that is a real burden, but putting the \$0.02 tax on spreads it out so I have no problem with the \$0.02 tax. We are in a very difficult situation and I don't think we can protect anybody in terms of how we distribute the collection of these funds.

Supervisor Updike said the \$0.02 that doesn't mean we are doing away with the trash fund; the trash fee is ongoing. This is in addition to the trash fee, so in addition to the \$200.00 trash fee next year they are going to get the additional \$0.02 on their cars or personal property tax so they are getting hit again- everybody is getting hit again. I think we need to request the departments to look hard at their operating budget and see how much money we can save to go towards this year's budget. Look how many vehicles were purchased this year. Look at how many more we might purchase. Look at things like that.

Mr. Michael Johnson said we haven't purchased any.

Chairman Jones said this is the new budget.

Supervisor Updike said that is what I'm taking about; it's the operating budget.

Supervisor West said I think this is a little premature tonight until we hear each department make its presentation. \$0.02 is not the end of the world. I'm not advocating it okay. I'm not advocating the \$0.02 increase. I am simply saying that it is premature tonight to make a decision. I want to hear from each department because that is next week. You see the delima we are in and it comes directly from the pockets of the taxpayers in the county. There is no other way. We are hoping that the businesses, and Mr. Michael Johnson explained it well, that the new potential businesses to start up on the dates projected and the new receipts will come in. They just are not happening at the right time to prevent this from happening, but we feel certain they will come in soon and it may be a God send next year. I hope and then we can be freer to fund some of those things that we haven't been able to fund in a long time. I too see the need for salary increases. I do see the need for new buses. I do see the need for the Sheriff to purchase two vehicles as needed. I'm not willing to put a stifle on anybody, but we are being premature tonight to step this bound until we have heard from everybody. That is why we are saying to come on and talk to us and give us your opinion, but we have already made up our mind, but we are being premature tonight to overstep this bound.

Supervisor Edwards said let me ask you Mr. Ronnie West, you are against the \$0.02 tax increase.

Supervisor West said he was not an advocate of it.

Supervisor Edwards said okay well what I think we are trying to do tonight is set a course saying we aren't happy with that. We want to find some other way to do this. I can't see passing this on to the people who followed the law and paid the fee. And Mr. Glenn Updike is right and then next

year we get 62% of it and then we up the tax rate \$0.02 more to make up the difference. It is a losing situation. I think we have to say this didn't work out the way we wanted, but we can't keep passing these mistakes on to the taxpayers.

Several people started talking at once and Chairman Jones stated they were getting out of hand now. We are just talking right now. Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said to recap just a little bit this Board has made every effort on this fee to give the citizens an opportunity if they qualified for some relief and in talking with Mr. Michael Johnson I believe it was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$38,000.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it was \$35,000 or \$36,000, somewhere along in there.

Supervisor Phillips said so that is \$35,000 in relief to the lower income people that has been granted and that time has been extended to make sure that everyone that could qualify had that opportunity. I think now that this Board should send a clear message, and I don't see anyone from the Newspaper, but I think we should make some type of press release that notifies people that there is going to be a late fee, there is interest being accrued to that fee right now that if their vehicle has to be booted to collect that fee they will pay a fee to that agency so it could go as high as \$500.00. I think that would be something that we need to move quickly on and like Mr. Michael Johnson said our Treasurer will be moving on that in the next thirty days. I would like to see that expedited as much as possible. We need to bring this 38% down as quick as low as possible. I'm not giving up on that 38%. I want to see us collect this so we don't have to get down in the grass and weeds. So let's see what we can do to raise the collection of that 38% whether it is through the newspaper or the collection agencies.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Porter.

Supervisor Porter said he agrees with Supervisor Phillips on the majority of his comments. He said he thinks it is too early to say that we are not going to collect 38% of that fee. Not all of the 38% of the people can't afford it. A lot of people are being defiant. Some have even told me that they are not going to pay it. Well, if they take a stance they might see a \$200.00 fee turn into \$500.00 because they don't believe that we have a resolute that we can enforce that fee. But what they don't understand is that it doesn't depend on the board it is in the statute that the Treasurer has the obligation to collect that fee. He has to collect it. He has tools at his use to collect it and one of the tools is booting the cars if people don't pay it so the people who are being defiant about paying the \$200.00 fee now have a \$220.00 because they have a penalty plus interest and once it goes it is turned over to a collection agency they are going to have some administrative fees to pay. If it gets to the point where their car is booted they are going to have to pay to get the boot taken off along with a towing charge. So very quickly as Supervisor Phillips pointed out that fee could turn into a \$500.00 fee. We have to be resolute because people have to obey the law. Everyone has to pay their fair share and that is what we agreed last year was a fair share. So I'm not willing to say that we aren't going to collect that money. On top of that I don't think what Mr. Michael Johnson was saying is that 38% aren't going to pay the fee. I think what he said was that we are still going to collect about \$1.2 million dollars of the fee and 62% is about \$800,000 so there is another \$400,000 that he has built in this budget that we are going to collect of the fee next year. Maybe I'm wrong, but that is the way I read the numbers so far. But we have to see the message that you are going to pay what you owe the county whether it is a tax, a real estate tax, a personal property tax, a machine tax, or whether it is a fee for a service that the county provides for the general welfare for everyone. And that is what we do we provide that service for the general welfare for everyone and we need to make sure everyone pays that fee so we can continue to provide that service without having to pay an unreasonable burden on the people who do obey the law.

Supervisor Edwards said what he is hearing from everybody and the way he sees it increasing the taxes is an easy way out of this and we as a board have to stop that. We sometimes have to take a difficult way out of the problem and that may be finding this money, but not spending it. Hopefully we are going to get some of that money. But proposing a \$0.02 increase is okay to think about, but in reality it is our job not to keep kicking this can down the road so to speak. The easy way out of this is to raise taxes \$0.02 on real estate; that is the easy way. We need to figure out how to do this without doing that and that is where we need to put our focus. We will get a

little of it and maybe it will only equal to a one percent raise which will be \$144,000 or whatever, but we need to figure out how to chop that out of what we have got right now and quit taking the easy way out by passing the tax burden and the things that we can't figure out on to the taxpayer. If we are smart enough we can do that.

Supervisor Updike said that is if we have the will to do it.

Supervisor West said most of that you can agree with to some degree because the burden is going back originally on the tax payer. I agree the \$0.02 cent bothers me. It is not acceptable to make those tax paying citizens who paid on time have to pick up the slack for the ones for whatever reason have said defiantly I'm not going to or have just ignored it or whatever. I don't like that. I don't accept that. I'm not accepting a \$0.02 increase either. That being said I still think I want to go through the process and let everyone speak first. I think right now the general public knows we are not going to take the \$0.02 increase and go from \$0.75 to \$0.77. I think that is the general consensus of the board. We want to hear other ways out and I agree with Supervisor Edwards the best way maybe not to spend that money to begin with. It makes all the sense in the world to me and tow the line, tow the line.

Supervisor Faison said he agrees that we need to hear from everybody, but at this point I don't think we should take anything off the table. We have got to look at this whole picture and analyze it. I certainly don't like the idea of increasing taxes, but at this point I don't want to take anything off the table. I don't think we can get through this by cutting everything. I think the departments cooperated with us last year and I believe that they will again this year to make them as lean as they can make them, but we have to function. We want a county that can function and does function and it is going to cost. We can't think we are going to have a functioning county and not pay for it; we are going to have to. So, I don't want to take anything off the table at this point.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike said he made some comments at the beginning and he will still stick to them. I just got two questions and this isn't addressing the \$0.02. This is addressing where we can look. I would like for each department to furnish us a list of operating capital budget for next year. I want to see where are they budgeting the operating expenses.

Supervisor Porter said you got it.

Supervisor Updike said no I don't have. I don't have a copy of the budget as to where they spent for what.

Supervisor Porter said it's here; it's in the detail. You have a 100 page budget and in here you have got the details.

Supervisor Updike said alright. Also, tonight we mentioned the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, nothing has changed has it there is going to be an open public hearing isn't it, at the high school? I think that is what I remembered from the board meeting last time. Has that changed?

Mr. Michael Johnson said nothing has really changed, but there was no clear direction given last month. It is up to you all. We went back and listened to the tape; there was some discussion and then you jumped to the next subject and you never really resolved it.

Supervisor Updike said I was almost confident that there was an agreement of the board to hold it at the high school for a public input session on the 29<sup>th</sup>. I might have been half sleep or my brain may not have been in gear of something.

Mr. Michael Johnson said I suggested that, but there was no action.

Chairman Jones said so are you saying you want to hear from the public on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Edwards said very definitely.

Supervisor Phillips said yes.

Chairman Jones asked if we could get it in by then Mr. Michael Johnson.

Mr. Michael Johnson said we don't have to do anything at that point because you haven't reached the draft budget yet. We need to reach consensus on that night to advertise so that you can publish it in the newspaper as required by statute.

Chairman Jones said we are going to have another work session next week.

Supervisor West said next week we will hear from the department head request.

Chairman Jones said yes we are going to hear from all of those.

Supervisor West said then from there we will start directing it for the public hearing at the high school.

Supervisor Updike said he would like tonight to put it in concrete that on the 29<sup>th</sup> that we would hear some input at the high school.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said you heard what Mr. Michael Johnson said that is the same night that we need to prepare to vote on a draft budget so now do we need to move the meeting back some so we can hear public comment and have time to act on it.

Chairman Jones said right.

Supervisor Edwards said that has been the criticism in the past that we have not had enough time to act on it.

Chairman Jones said I wouldn't want to have to do that and then make a decision that night.

Supervisor Phillips said that is not enough time to digest comments and then to work through the process if there are going to be some changes so if that is the case you would need to move the meeting back from the 29<sup>th</sup> which is the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments on what Mr. Michael Johnson had presented to them tonight.

Supervisor Edwards said Mr. Chairman if we can decide and put in concrete here tonight what direction we want to go in as that is Mr. Michael Johnson wants us to do so he can make some plans.

Chairman Jones said alright.

Supervisor Updike said why don't we hold the public session on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Jones said I don't think we need to hold it on the 29<sup>th</sup> when we have got to make a decision that night.

Supervisor Updike said we can make the decision afterwards – the next week following or whatever.

Supervisor West said it has to be published in the paper enough time before the public hearing in May.

Supervisor Phillips said we can't do that.

Chairman Jones said we can't do that so we have to set up another time listen to the people and make a decision.

Supervisor Phillips said the only other reasonable time would be the 24<sup>th</sup> wouldn't it.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes.

Supervisor Phillips said in other words we would have to have our public comment at the high school on the 24<sup>th</sup> and then have the next which is the work session to finalize the draft on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Edwards said we need to have the public comment on the 24<sup>th</sup> then.

Chairman Jones said have the public comment on the 24<sup>th</sup> and then we will have a week to do what we need to do.

Supervisor Edwards said it will be at the high school.

Chairman Jones said yes it will be at the high school.

Supervisor Phillips said that way we have five days so that will give us some time.

Supervisor Porter said this is not a public hearing; this is a public comment.

Chairman Jones said yes it is for public comment.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other public comments. We have got it all lined up; we can listen to the people and then look at it.

Supervisor Edwards asked Mr. Michael Johnson if he minded sending everyone a revised schedule on that.

Mr. Michael Johnson said well it is on the schedule. We will just change the location to the high school. It is the same night that we have the workshop scheduled.

Chairman Jones said so it is the same night that we have the workshop scheduled.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else.

Supervisor Porter said he didn't look at tonight as to we would be making any kind of decision. I think it is just a gathering of information. I am trying to remain open. I know that there is no appetite on the board or the county for a tax increase whatsoever and I think we have to look at and examine everything and every detail in the budget and try to find other ways to do things, but at this point I'm just gathering information and listening.

Chairman Jones said alright. He asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor West said he was pretty much in agreement. He said he wasn't prepared to reach a decision tonight.

Chairman Jones said all we needed to do tonight was receive information.

Supervisor West said right and that was the purpose.

Chairman Jones said that was the purpose of the meeting – to receive the budget. We can look at it and then go over it and once we see what is there we can continue and see what we can cut. Tonight we can't cut anything because we don't know what to cut.

Supervisor West said correct.

Chairman Jones said we have heard from the are.....

Supervisor Phillips said departments.

Chairman Jones said departments.

Supervisor Edwards said we know what direction we want to go in.

Chairman Jones said let's do it in the right order. Is there anything else?

Supervisor West asked if he might bring up another item of business tonight just as a request or for the record. Is that acceptable?

Chairman Jones said go ahead.

Supervisor West said he spoke with Mr. Phil Reinhardt concerning Highway 460 and he asked that a letter be directed by you from this board requesting a public meeting in Southampton County and that he would set it up based upon the requested letter to Mr. Phil Reinhardt so that the citizens of Southampton County would be able to talk about the eleven mile corridor that would be opened up.

Mr. Michael Johnson asked if he had a location that they prefer to have it at.

Supervisor West said it would be at Ivor Municipal Town Office, please. And do you need a consensus from the board.

Mr. Michael Johnson asked if he wanted to make that in the form of a motion.

Supervisor West said I will. He said if you understand what I have said it is just a formality for VDOT and Mr. Phil Reinhardt who is the resident engineer who will be in charge of the process and the request is to have a public forum in Ivor at the municipal meeting at the town meeting hall. They will get with the mayor and set up a time. I make that as a motion.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Supervisor West said they had met on both sides of us in Isle of Wight, Surry, and Prince George, and places around, but never directly in Southampton County. Thank you, sir.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anything else.

Supervisor Phillips said he didn't know if any public comment would be appropriate tonight.

Chairman Jones said no sir, not tonight. He stated that people would have plenty of time on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Jones stated the meeting was adjourned.

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Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

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Michael W. Johnson, Clerk

At a special meeting of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors held in the Courthouse of Southampton County, 22350 Main Street, Courtland, Virginia on April 10, 2013 at 6:30 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, Finance Director  
Richard E. Railey, Jr., County Attorney  
Cynthia J. Edwards, Administrative Secretary

OTHERS ABSENT

Julien W. Johnson, Jr. Public Utilities Director  
Beth Lewis, Director of Community Development

Chairman Jones called the special meeting to order. He stated that Mr. Jeff Stodghill was here with us this evening and he turned the meeting over to him.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill thanked the board for coming and agreeing to have a work session. He apologized for hitting them so cold at their last board meeting with something so large and high amounts. With the topic being security issues he didn't feel comfortable talking with 100+ people in the back of the room. He thought it would be better if they could walk and see some of the things he wanted to talk about. He stated that he didn't come tonight to sell us anything. He said he had 20 years of experience. He said he had worked with a number of counties north of us such as Amelia and Pennsylvania County who were without the kind of dollars and desire to do a Cadillac plan. He stated that he needed approval from the board to make sure we aren't over doing something. He said he would talk straight from the options list on how to solve the problems. He said he has no intentions in having us do more or less. He has a responsibility to bring a series of recommendations that meet today's standards and practices. He stated that we could talk open about options. This will solve or address the problem and then they can decide what they want to do to address them. He said he spent 18 months in Accomack County until they decided what to do. In Northampton County they spent ¾ of the cost of what you would find in Gloucester and Middlesex. The issue of security for the courthouse does not have to be all done at one time. He said he would like for us all to go out and starting at the entrance of the building take a tour. You could start with the heavy traffic under the colonnade to maximize the security of those coming in the front door. After we do the tour we can come back and start talking about the things on your mind and what you want to do. How much you do is optional and so is the generator.

Those attending the meeting went out to the parking lot of the courthouse and started the tour with Mr. Jeff Stodghill pointing out the options of the security improvements. He said to pretend that you are here for a case as a witness in a child custody case, maybe called as a witness, or a judge, the clerk, or as an attorney. The clerk has to see that angry person who is upset about what the judge has just decided. People could ask to come in through Mr. Rick Francis door on the side. He pointed out the Commonwealth Attorney's office which is right on the front of the building with a window there which could be threatening for him. So we have a complicated set of goals to address. It would be best for the public to have a separate way to get in that doesn't conflict with

the judge, the attorneys and the inmates coming in. It would be best to provide separate entrances. We don't always get the ideal situation when trying to figure out how to bring some degree of safety to a building that is over 100 years old and then you have situations like in Texas with the district attorney's family. There are a lot of imperfections. They need to screen for people trying to bring in weapons so the building can be secure. They need to slow down the way things unfold and have the public come in under surveillance. The way the building is set up someone could get in the nooks and crannies, pop up the ceiling tiles, etc. He stated that the front colonnade is setup to give them a good start. He stated they needed to limb up the trees to prevent someone from hiding there who might shoot a gun and break a window. We need to make the windows have bullet proof glass for protection. The windows actually open so someone could pass a weapon through the window. The windows need to be screwed shut. Metal detectors would help people to feel more secure and they would slow down the time of people getting into the building. Right now the way things are set up if he wanted to get through the door he could do it. It would be very easy to push his way right through the front door and then once you get in you could easily get to the Commonwealth Attorney's office, the courtroom. You could have a set of doors that have one way going in and one way out. Then to the right of the front doors you could have a closed off section with a desk to the right set up as a processing area and a security guard under roof. The security guard would take all phones, keys, and other items and slide them through the metal detector to make sure there was no weapon, no metal gun, etc. This gives the security person more confidence that there is no bomb in there after they have screened that person. A single entrance guarantees that a crowd can't get through very fast. People can be dealt with a lot easier by screening info exchange. Then once the person goes through the x-ray machine we can feel assured that there is no weapon. This would be a one way system with a wall of glass down the middle so when people leave once they go through the door they can't just get back in the line to come back into the building you have to go out of the building. So if you have 50 people in line no one can just work their way back in. They would have to enter on the entrance side by going through the line and being processed again. In every size courthouse built in the last 20 years they have put in x-ray machines because they really want to know what is in folk's brief cases. The enclosure doors do have some control over heating and cooling, but you may find it to be less comfortable in the winter and summer months. There would be some cost in dealing with bringing it up to code. This would have to be handicapped accessible. If you are going to enclose this area you would have to take up the pavement and steps to be level with the entrance of the current building. This would be a little pricey for this, but there is no way around it.

Commonwealth Attorney Eric Cook stated that when the air outside is cold the temperature in the lobby drops down to 50 degrees and they have to use space heaters. Then in the summer it is hot inside.

Supervisor Faison asked why they would have a glass partition instead of a solid wall.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said that for security reasons they would want to be able to see what is happening. He stated that there could be two sets of doors there to try to keep the heat from going out of the doors. There are two places on Eastern Shore which have two sets of doors without the door lock on the inner set of doors.

Chairman Jones asked wouldn't there be cost added to that if there were two sets of doors.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated there would be an additional cost for two sets of doors. The other alternative would be installing a larger heating and cooling unit here.

Mr. Rick Francis asked how high the clear center piece would be. He stated that if it didn't go to the ceiling that the air could go over it.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that it would be just like the Williamsburg and Newport News air ports you get a panel of glass on the left and your security is on the right. You don't want to interfere with people coming in.

One of the attendees asked if the divider was bullet proof.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said no.

One of the attendees asked if it went into the vestibule because of the second door.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said the question is would the glass be resistant.

Sheriff Stutts stated if you have seventy people going to the right hand door you want to keep them going straight and not mixing with the people going out.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill confirmed that yes the divider was to steer the people to keep moving in the same direction without mixing.

Sheriff Stutts said ultimately this would force a witness to go into the parking lot when they left the building.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that they could put in a line item for bullet proof glass. If they really wanted to get in they could probably figure out how. The security folks need to be able to access what is going on. There would be a video at dispatch center and the folks there would know right off what was going on even if it was a fist fight.

Supervisor Updike stated that he wanted to see all the options and the budget on each section so they would know what to eliminate and what not to eliminate. We have got to look at the economics and the costs of aspects.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that to enclose this area in front of the building the cost would be around \$170,000 and if they enclose the area they could reduce the cost by about \$30,000.

Supervisor Edwards asked if that included the x-ray machine.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that was on a different line item.

Supervisor Edwards asked if that was handicap accessible.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that is was not wide enough for a wheelchair.

Chairman Jones asked about the cameras.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated they would be focused on the entrance ways.

Chairman Jones asked if they would be able to recognize the people.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said yes they will be able to see you.

Chairman Jones asked about the cost of the cameras.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said he could give a ball park figure right now, but he won't know the lowest price until we go through the bidding process. He said they wanted to be flexible in giving feedback on what they wanted to see broken down.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated trying to get folks in the lobby of district court when there were a lot of people in there they didn't have elbow room in the entrance way there. People would be waiting in this area while others were coming in to go to court, pay fines, some coming in for jury selection and people were trying to figure out where to go. In today's world we don't want folks coming in and going down hallways turning here and there and don't know where they have gone. Once they get in that stairwell you don't know where they have gone. We need to have cameras so we can have the people in dispatch push a panic button and get the security guards some help if they need it. The cameras now of days do portray a much better image and they are relatively cheap.

Supervisor West asked what was the potential of the cameras catching the images. We don't want anything to happen and not have record of it.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that he was on the School Board in Newport News and they even had

cameras in the schools because of the concerns there and they are cheaper than having officers.

A guy from the audience said that is a priority if someone in the county goes on a shooting spree.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that the camera could be programmed to have to respond when an alarm goes off. Then it just takes bodies to get back in control. May need to have panic buttons in Mr. Rick Francis and Mr. Eric Cook's offices because of the way the building is built.

Mr. Rick Francis stated that on court day there would be about twenty of them. They would have about 45 jurors in the hopes of possibly getting 38. In the Steiner case they called 89 jurors in hopes of getting 14 from that group. Then you add witnesses and the court personnel. Ten on Tuesday and Thursday it is the same as general district court and the number of people at least doubles when you have court going on all day.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated by moving the metal detector out into the other area it would expand the area to hold more people. We could build in 20 to 30 seats in this area. JD&R court consumes a lot of room because of the age of the children those cases are held in private. They usually hold these cases in small conference rooms because of the age of the children they have to be held in private. These cases have the most emotion and are held around small tables and it is very difficult to get under control. The overflow of people from these conference rooms are waiting in this area – the lobby. This gives you some flexibility and makes things flow more efficiently; so the enhanced lobby would be an advantage. In JD&R Court is where people lose their cool because of different expectations. Courts take kids away from families, and there are divorces and people reach their emotional limit.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that everybody looked at the prospective number for the generator and thought they needed to do something. A 10 KW generator can run the computer camera and a 20 KW generator can do all the necessary things. We may not be able to run the air condition with the small generator power. You may be better off running the larger generator because you don't want to be tearing up conduit and drywall to make changes to the building to be able to run your security system for an extended time frame. If you don't bring in a generator then have battery backup such as Best Buy. That would provide twenty to sixty minutes of backup time to run the camera and lights to know who is coming and going. The door locking system with no power stays locked so you would need a key to unlock the door. These are reasons that the generator is so important. You always want to know who is coming and going.

Supervisor Edwards asked if 100 KW was enough to run everything.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said the lesser KW generators are just not practical. The main thing is how much do you want to pay for the cost to run the engine. It may take 120 to 150 KW or something like that would be powered for the options. It would be most practical to work with what we have.

Mr. Rick Francis said the problem that Judge Eason, who will probably one day be the Chief Judge, had a problem on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Judge said that it causes significant problems when you can't have court and you have to get witnesses back for a contingency. He will say they had a serious problem back on January of 2008 when they lost power.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that when Accomack Courthouse shuts down and waiting it is not typical to postpone trying a case so they figured the best way to end up at the end of the day is to be able to do everything at the most reasonable cost

Supervisor Edwards said well we don't want to have a courthouse full when the air condition is out. They won't be able to hold court under these type conditions.

Supervisor Phillips asked how many times they lose power or how often they are without power.

Mr. Rick Francis said as far as he knows only one time since January 31, 2008. During hurricane Isabel they were without power one day and during hurricane Floyd they were without power for three days.

Sheriff Stutts asked if there were any lights on during those times.

Mr. Rick Francis said if the T1 line goes out we can only talk to ourselves. The internet action keeps them running.

Mr. Richard Railey said in 1974 during the hurricane nobody was able to even get here.

Mr. Eric Cook said he can only remember one time they were without power and Judge Williams tried the cases by window light.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that they would need a generator to run the security system at least. The engineering would require this, but nothing big.

Supervisor Faison asked whether a new generator would interface with our old system.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said the old system isn't perfect, but it works. The problem that we need to be aware of is that the panels are all in the basement and the basement floods. The best objective is to get those panels up out of the basement. We don't have to tackle that now, but this would be a problem in a flooding situation.

Mr. Michael Johnson said a sump pump is working to address that and to try to keep them from under water.

Supervisor Edwards asked if the generator would be outside.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said yes it would be outside and it would be an LP generator.

Mr. Rick Francis asked about moving the boxes from the Sheriff's to run line to get to them up and beef their security up.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that every time they are asked to take a project on they are almost always looking at upgrading with a generator and I know you all don't want to talk about upgrades.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Porter.

Supervisor Porter asked how much was in the security fund.

Mr. Michael Johnson said in excess of \$600,000.

Supervisor Porter asked if that could pay for the generator.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it could.

Supervisor Porter said without lights we can't see people in the hall.

Mr. Michael Johnson said not to put the spot light on Sheriff Stutts, but the security fund could be used for the courthouse security equipment if it is requested by the Sheriff for security.

Sheriff Stutts said he would be glad to discuss that with them.

Supervisor Phillips said he thought they needed to know what covers the cost of upgrades necessary to get people in the building first, then replacing the windows.

Chairman Jones said we have it.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said that was in the handout from March, but it may not have enough detail based on a recent project. The cost range is on the high end because in the past when they budgeted on the low end and had to come back for more money it is more painful. They try to give the possible high end figure and hope it is somewhat less.

Supervisor Porter said as mentioned before we need flexibility in awarding the contract because the cost may be lower.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that there would be alternatives. He needs the approval to go ahead and get bids as that will add flexibility.

Supervisor Edwards stated that we need external security as far as the entrance first, security in the courthouse second, and then the generator third.

Supervisor Updike said the generator doesn't have to be this year. He is opposed to any big spending. The courthouse could maybe be number one, the parking lot number 2, and the generator number three. We can spread this out as the funds become available. We are beyond our limits on borrowing. This is a security issue so why isn't the City of Franklin offices asked to be included in the cost of security of the judges, and other areas. Why should Southampton County carry the load?

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that Franklin does pay on our courthouse needs.

Supervisor Updike said they should be asked or told. He wanted to know if they had.

Mr. Michael Johnson said they had not been told yet.

Supervisor Edwards asked what percentage comes from Franklin.

Mr. Michael Johnson said it is based on square footage of services shares with the circuit court, commonwealth attorney's office, and the clerk of court. They don't share in general court or JDR court.

Supervisor Edwards asked what share of the cost of this project would the City of Franklin help us with.

Mr. Michael Johnson said you don't have to ask. You make the decision and they pay their share. This is the way the courthouse improvements were done in 1996.

Chairman Jones said we can let them know we can't do it all, but we are trying.

Supervisor Porter said what happens if we don't have funds in the security fund.

Sheriff Stutts said it is not just about buying a generator. There is fuel and maintenance to run it that has got to be considered. He wanted to know where the funds were coming from to do those things.

Supervisor Phillips said they had to be maintained.

Supervisor Edwards asked if it was known what the cost for fuel and maintenance would be.

Supervisor Porter said we don't have the funds unless we use the security funds. He said maybe we need to work with the Sheriff to answer his questions.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that after they get the design and specifications they can decide within 90 days. His recommendation is for a generator would cost about \$240,000 and if they went with less KW's it would cost about \$175,000. His thought was they should have a security system that would backup and run longer than 60 minutes.

Chairman Jones said you bring the menu to us and we will decide what we want to eat.

Mr. Rick Francis stated that we needed to look at drawing on larger plats. He stated that when the Judge comes through the door entrance by Commonwealth Attorney Eric Cook's office they are still rubbing shoulders with the criminals. Judge Eason is asking for consideration of three or four spots where the judges can park and come directly up to their offices, but the entry way would cause loss of some work space.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said he understood. He said he could tell you that out of all his resources there

would not be an easy solution without doing a lot of things. He said there could be a door put behind the courthouse where they could have a separate entrance. You will see that is the same way all across Virginia. There is very little room. If they put a parking lot on the hill behind the courthouse they would have to build a road in and the trees would die and they were afraid that section would slump into the river.

Supervisor Edwards asked about an elevator.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said he wanted to be able to stand before you now and after this was done in five years. He said they are beyond the scope of what they were talking about. He said he guessed reading from his list that the security improvements they weren't looking for an elevator or parking lot. He was looking at making the building work more securely in the future. He said it looked like everybody was getting a parking space, but they can't see exactly who is coming and going.

Supervisor Updike said we are bombarded with taxes and debt. We are nothing short of bankruptcy at work and in a lot of homes, etc. We can't guarantee safety. People are going to just have to live and trust and accept things as they are. The parking lot is an over kill. Then there is the generator financing. We are looking at the parking lot in maybe ten to fifteen years from now. It is impossible to make everything secure.

Mr. Rick Francis stated his concern for Mrs. Belinda Jones who is usually working late, sometimes past dark. He thought they needed to increase the lighting in the parking lot maybe with a timer which would allow the security light to run for ten minutes or so people working late would be able to get to their vehicle. He stated that the key lock on the front entrance is \$300.00. He is looking too at the cost of the key for that lock if one gets lost.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

Supervisor Phillips said he would like to get back there and see if there is no fire escape on the back.

Mr. Rich Francis stated that he will check on that.

Mr. Jay O'Berry stated that a keyless entrance was bad if they didn't have a generator for back up.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said we will have backup after this system is installed.

Mr. Rick Francis asked if we had ever had a keyless entry.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated we have had, but we went back to keys.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill stated that the emergency door on the back of the building here will be addressed.

Supervisor Phillips asked if there was an alarm.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said they will know if somebody tries to get in. That is not being done on every door, but on the doors that enter the building. He thanked the board for taking time to come and hear about the security solutions.

Chairman Jones said that we needed to make sure that we have what we need in place.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said he would come back with a recommendation of alternatives after the bids come in, if they decide moving ahead with this is what they want to do.

Chairman Jones stated the meeting was adjourned.

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Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

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Michael W. Johnson, Clerk



At a budget workshop 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 April 17, 2013 at 6:30 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)  
Beth Lewis, Director of Community Development  
Lynette C. Lowe, Finance Director  
Richard E. Railey, Jr., County Attorney  
Cynthia J. Edwards, Administrative Secretary

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 tonight we will hear the presentations by county departments and community agencies. He stated he was not going to put a time limit on the presentations as such, but we have other departments and agencies that need to speak so please think about that when you come up to the podium. He stated further that if something has already been said don't say it again. He stated that the schools would be first.

Dr. Alvera Parrish, Superintendent of Southampton County Schools addressed the Board. She greeted the Board with a Good Evening to Chairman Jones, Members of the Board of Supervisors. She said they certainly thank them for this opportunity to make this budget presentation for Southampton County Public Schools tonight. We have been very appreciative of this relationship that has been developed with this Board and our School Board who have worked diligently to put this budget together. This budget is reflective of input from all of the departments and all of the representation and leaders in our school system. As you can see on our first frame our focus as we enter into this process is for everybody to remember that education is more than a luxury; it is a responsibility that society owes to itself as recited by Robin Cooke. The next slide is a photo of our school board and we put this slide on here because these are the members of our local school board that represent Southampton County Public Schools. The members on this board are very much committed to opening the doors of excellence. They are constantly making positive decisions to make sure that they are intricately a part of the decisions that are made to ensure quality instructional program for our students and that our students are engaged in providing the opportunities to help them become contributing members to society. Our mission statement is here and I won't read it to you, but basically our focus is that we want to make sure that through our combined efforts of staff, students, families, and the community is to ensure a quality education and a safe environment that will prepare students to be successful learners and productive citizens in an ever changing society. As we look at that mission statement we ask you to be reminded as we go through this presentation as you are making decisions as to what we are trying to do. We are always trying to provide services that will help our students to either go to college or to the world of work as they exit the K-12 program at Southampton County Public Schools. At this point, this range just shows you a reflection of the total enrollment of students

that we are talking about tonight that we want to talk about providing these services for. At Southampton High School we have 774 students, Southampton Middle School 639, Nottoway 300, Meherrin 289, Riverdale 653, and 191 students in Capron Elementary with our total enrollment being 2,846 students. I won't spend a long time on this ring, but I do want to bring out that as we prepare for the future of our students that we have to look at the budget as to what is required of the public school system going forward. In the past we only had to look at one type of diploma, being a standard diploma with 20 credits, there was no graduation rate that was required in the past. The accreditation rate was different then and the SOL Test then was basically paper, pencil, and multiple choice. Now we have a variety of diploma types. Our main two diploma types are standard and advanced studies diplomas where students are earning 26 credits for graduation and our graduation rate requirement is 85% for the cohort. Our accreditation rating is fully accredited and that is what we esteem to try to achieve there and our SOL testing now are all on line including writing. I share that with you because that does have a fiscal impact on the services that we must provide for our student to continue to be competitive. As we look toward the future we want to be mandated to continuously provide a foundation for students through early literacy, increased course requirements, early grades, legislative mandates, online courses, as well as the state and federal reporting. This frame basically sums up from 2009-10 to 2011-12 as just a glimpse of what our students have acquired and how they are faring as compared to other schools across the Commonwealth. As you can see as far as advanced study diplomas we have a 44% rate of students that receive an advanced studies diploma. 46% have received a standard diploma, and 8% have received a modified diploma, and two GED's. You can look at the second section and see that we had 63 honor graduates, 24 governor's seals, 11 board of education seals and 9 advanced math and technology seals, and you can see the other achievements that our students have accomplished along the way. Our career and technical education program has provided the opportunities where we have 151 of our students that are program completers. Why is that important? Because if we are going to prepare our students for the world of work here is where they get that foundation – here in our school system. As you can see our students are very competitive with the scholarship and award offers receiving 2.6 million dollars in scholarships and awards as well as they have raised \$23,313 dollars through community service funds to help others. So this is reflective of our students focusing on becoming good citizens and contributors to society. This is just a visual of what I just shared with you. You can see where the students of Southampton County Public Schools are performing. Again in our high school just another visual of some of the information that I have shared with you. We have a 98% senior graduation rate, 45% colleges and universities attended, and five branches of the military. That is what is happening with your students who graduate from Southampton County Public Schools. So where did our students go. As we look at the large part of this pie you can see that 68% of our students have gone on to 2 year or 4 year college opportunities, we have 16% that have pursued employment, 8% went to the military, and 8% to other educational plans. We are tracking the data to make sure that our students are going forward. Why is this important? We are looking at what can our students can bring back to the county. You want to have students who can pay their taxes, students who can make a living, students that can get a job, and students that can contribute back to the tax base here even after graduation. As we look at the CTE courses offered at Southampton High School, again I won't read this list to you because you have seen this before and I have shared it with you before, but you can see as you look at the CTE course offerings that we have a listing of those courses that we offer in business, trade and industrial education, agriculture education, as well as technology education. This is a fine representation of the opportunities that we have been able to afford our students as they prepare for the world of work. Again as we look at industry credentials and prepare our students for the world of work we look at the total credentials in 2012 being 123 and we are projecting 137 in 2013. We have 151 careers and technical education career programs completers and that is extremely high and commendable. This is a listing of the dual enrollment courses that we have been able to offer our students through Paul D. Camp Community College and the partnership that we have with them. There are 22% of the students at Southampton High School are able to be afforded the opportunity to enroll in dual enrollment courses. What does that mean? For our families that means that they can have a child or student who wants to go to college that can start as a first semester sophomore or second semester sophomore because they had this opportunity to earn college credit while they are in high school and that can save a family a lot of money in their personal budget. As we look at the advance placement courses that are offered at our high school we have 90 AP enrollment, and that is 11% of our students at Southampton High School and this June I am very pleased to say that we are going to have two students who are going to walk across the stage who have earned their high school diploma and their associates degree in 2013 and that is highly, highly commendable and

that speaks a lot to the quality of education that is offered in the school system. No student can be successful unless we reach out and develop partnerships with our community. School and community relationships are essential for the student's success and the schools success. This is just a listing of just some of those community partners that we interact with on a day to day basis to help our students to be afforded many opportunities through grants, through experiences, and through other opportunities that they are able to engage in through these community partners. So where are we now as we are opening the doors to excellence? We are very pleased to say that we have three new elementary schools that we are very, very proud of. We are proud of all of our schools. We are thankful and pleased with what we have been able to do with Nottoway Elementary, Meherrin Elementary, and with Riverdale Elementary being somewhat new. As we look as to what we are expected to do going forward we are continuously faced with more and more challenges from the state as well as the federal level – more rigorous assets, school accreditation system with consequences, increase in graduation requirements, increase in accountability in no child left behind, as well as rigorous license requirements for instructional personnel. That is a reality right now that we are faced with as we continue to try to make sure that our students are taught and instructed at a level to help them be prepared and to be competitive. This is just a picture of what a classroom looks like today. Many of you have been in these classrooms. Some of you may have been a substitute in the classroom, some of you may have read to students in a classroom, and some of you have walked through the buildings, and you can see the kind of interactive involvement and differentiation of instruction that our students are involved in. This is a Smart board that this student is working on. This is technology that is required in order for us to be able to provide our students that exposure and opportunity. Here is just an opportunity just to share with you that in addition to teaching students the curriculum and content we also have to teach students how to be collaborative, how to be cooperative, social skills and working together and getting along together and that is important too as we teach the whole child. In addition you see that our teachers have to teach and instruct on a multi-disciplinary approach in using various motilities and learning styles in order to reach every students need and to make sure students are able to learn at the level where they are. Again another classroom that reflects the use of technology as they work toward mastering other required objectives and skills. As we look at the elementary school, and this is just to give you a flash look at the student achievement I just wanted to put one slide here of 5<sup>th</sup> grade, one elementary and one secondary, but I wanted you to take a look of where we were in 1998-99 school year and where we were in 2011-12 and look at the comparison here in terms of the growth and where the school system has come. I think a picture is worth a thousand words and that shows you without a doubt that we are definitely moving our students in the right direction. This is amidst some of those programs that go into making those results look like they look tonight. The implementation of these programs is what helps to keep our students on the cutting edge and to be competitive in this Commonwealth. As we have looked out at our secondary student achievement this is a reflection of a comparison of 1998-99 and where we were in 2011-12 at Southampton Middle School. You can look at the reading results from 54 to 87 and math 24 to 73 and science from 53 to 82, history, 23 to 85 percent pass rate – again moving the pendulum in the right direction. The high school tells the same story here. Look at the high rates. This is not seen across the state on a regular basis on an average of what students have been able to accomplish in our high school. Although we are a rural school division you have teachers, staff, and administrators that are dedicated to the success of these students. When you think about the school programs, and again this is another picture and this is something that I have already talked about, we are offering dual enrollment classes, the associate degree program, and even the distant learning courses and again all of this takes time and funding to support these programs which enables us to be able to continue them for our students. Even our professional development which is a requirement for our teachers requires our teachers to have to learn new things in new ways and new ways to present information to the students to be aligned to the way the students will be assessed and in order to provide that division wide teacher in service and also outside of our division to get that training we have to have professional development. One of our number one concerns for all of our schools is school safety. Ever since 911 that has been a real, real priority and even since then as we look at the most recent situation in Boston we recognize that school safety is essential and it is very important that we have our school resource officer to work together with us in ensuring that the campuses of all schools are safe at all times. This slide simply reflects that we have maintained fully accredited status for all of our schools for the past nine years. This is the first year that Riverdale has been identified with an accredited warning; however, they are moving in the right direction and we believe that they will be fully accredited this year. This is just a quick snapshot of some of the awards that our students have received. Capron Elementary School received the Title 1 distinguished school, first state

accreditation, May AYP, Board of Education VIP, excellence award. Meherrin Elementary had some of the same awards including the National Blue Ribbon School. Nottoway Elementary School had some of the same awards including reading first school. Riverdale in its first year received full accreditation. Southampton Middle School is fully accredited and the high school is fully accredited for eleven straight years and 55 years of SACS accreditation and I think that is something for you to be proud of as citizens of Southampton County. As we look closely now at the numbers and what all that I have said up to this point how does that reflect this first slide deals with the revenue sources as we look at our current FY 2013 budget with 55% of our budget made up of state funding, 38% of local funding, and 7% of federal funding. As we look at our revenue overview the state funds for the operating budget have declined significantly since FY 2009. The budgeted state revenue for FY 2009 was \$19.4 million dollars and budgeted state revenue for FY 2013 was \$15.7 million dollars for a loss of \$3.7 million dollars so the state funding in FY 2009 was 23.85% higher than it is now. Local revenue however has remained level funded for the last two fiscal years and we are appreciative; however we continue to be faced with unfunded mandates. Those requirements that have been sent down by the state and federal government requiring the school division to do without providing all the related funding so with the shrinking budget from the federal and state government for schools we still have to continue to provide those services for our students. Some examples of the unfunded mandates are listed here and I have spoken on these previously on the previous slide – the increased course requirements, the mandate on time graduation requirements, the requirements to pass the new SOL assessments, as well as additional reporting for the state as well as federal levels. This is just a picture of what I share with you. Here is FY 2009 where the funding was from the state \$19.4 and you can see that decline to \$15.7 in FY 2013. Now the debt service – this is a category in the local operating budget which funds are appropriated to pay school construction loans, principal interest on loans and building renovation of schools. As we look at our local revenue that is including the debt service we are level funded here at \$11,076, 473 in FY 2013; however if we look at that local revenue less the debt service we are looking at FY 2013 at \$8,778,678 which are the dollars that we actually have for operating. So in reflection on FY 2013 we have to look at the budget cuts and this year we have continued to struggle and I mean really struggle. With the loss of 45 positions from last year that were cut from the current FY 2013 operating budget. The positions that were cut had an adverse effect on the quality of educational services provided to our students these positions were right at the level in the classroom that impacted students as well as the overall school division – 19 classroom teachers, 7 instructional positions, and 19 classified positions. These are just a list of some of these support positions. There are the classified positions that were lost last year. The LPN program was cut last year and eliminated during FY 2013. As we look at the FY 2013-14 budget considerations we consider the federal job funds that are depleted. Mr. Michael Johnson shared this with you at your last budget meeting that the federal job funds have been depleted and we used those funds to keep teachers working. A one percent required salary increase due to changes in the VRS system. A 2% salary increase imposed by the state, the health insurance costs, critical personnel needs, special education, and regional tuition, and the instructional operating budget are the constituents considerations for the FY 2013-14 budget. As we look at the federal jobs funds as we have already said those monies had to be obligated by September 30, 2012. The \$451,457 is a balance that was used in FY 2013 to keep teachers working. Also we considered the retirement contributions Senate Bill 497 approved by the general assembly last spring requires the employees to pay the employee requirement contribution to the Virginia Retirement System and the locality is to offset the contribution with a comparable salary increase so the School Boards were granted the option to adopt or phase in the procedure as long as the 5% contribution was reached by July 20, 2016. Southampton County School Board approved the resolution to adopt the 5% phase in so as we look at the 1% VRS phase in salary increase the cost to fund the require a 1% salary increase with a 1% reduction in the employees share was \$22,729 dollars now the school division is still required to pay social security, retirement, life insurance, health insurance credit, and worker's compensation on the salary increase – the 2% salary increase. Now as we are all aware of the February 23, 2013 where the General Assembly adopted amendments to the 2013-14 bi-annual budget and that included a 2% salary increase for all SOQ funded instructional and support positions. In the General Assembly's adopted budget \$196,745 dollar in state funds has been designated for Southampton County Schools. In order to receive these funds a local match of \$49,922 is required. Again the local match of \$49,922 is required; however we are receiving the \$196,745 in state funds so as we look at the 2% salary increase for all of our employees a 2% salary increase for all employees is what is requested at this time and the cost to finance the increase with benefits is \$359,981. \$196,745 dollars of that is coming from state funds. Again the local match \$49,922. The additional cost is

\$113,314. Now for an update on the health insurance cost we are very, very pleased, we had included in this budget a 5% percent increase for health insurance however; when we received out health insurance renewal rates for FY 2014 it reflects that we had a 3.69 decrease and that was really, really great and due to the decrease in rates we were able to reduce the health insurance budget by \$206,134. Critical personnel needs in FY 2014 will directly impact students. We have been very prudent in building this budget. We haven't asked for any fluff. We haven't been exuberant in putting anything in here that isn't absolutely needed. Mr. Michael Johnson shared with you at the last budget meeting these particular personnel – critical personnel in fact that are needed for the high functioning of our school system. An elementary librarian is needed. We are right now currently sharing the librarian between Capron and Nottoway and those students are not receiving adequate services at those two schools as our other two schools are. I talked to you about the increase in course requirements for graduation and for students to receive advance placement diplomas. In order for them to be college ready they have to have the number of foreign languages and the higher level of math courses that are being required. This is why I am requesting a high school Spanish teacher so that all of our students will be able to get into the courses. How do we decide who gets to take the course and who doesn't? How do we decide who gets more ready for college than someone else so here is why we are requesting a high school Spanish teacher and the high school math teacher. As far as the Administrative Assistant at Riverdale you have seen the numbers at Riverdale and we have one principal and one assistant principal there. We are asking not even for another Assistant Principal, but for an Administrative Assistant at Riverdale that can assist with the administration of the school as well as lower the administrative pupil ratio. In addition to that we are required to implement a new teacher evaluation process that requires an additional amount of monitoring, an additional amount of checks and balances, an additional amount of reporting on teacher qualifications and teacher performance for the state department as well as the federal and having an Administrative Assistant will enable us to be able to function and complete those requirements. The middle school teacher assistant is an individual who can help us with students who are struggling and need to stay connected to school and be able to not be out of school, but be in school and receive the additional small group assistance that they need to be successful. We talked about the increase in the special education regional tuition, the draft budget has been increased by an additional \$105,535, but I do want to note that the state does reimburse the locality based on the composite index which is at 68.29% for Southampton. Our instructional budget has increased and you are going to see in a very few minutes that because it is imperative that we continue the implementation of our current instructional program so that we have students graduate as I said earlier and be prepared for college or the world of work. So what have we done to help ourselves? One of the things that we have done is to increase the non-resident tuition from \$700 per year for non-resident students to \$1,000 per year and in addition we will be receiving the state ADM that is being provided which is an additional \$5,000 per student. So in essence we will be receiving \$6,000 for those non-resident students that will be attending Southampton public schools. We have incorporated and engaged in a process to do efficiency reviews to look to be able to see what other efficiencies we may be able to generate. We are working with Mr. Michael Johnson, and three other different energy groups that have conducted walk through and prepared some preliminary reviews. Now when we look at this chart this is our proposed local operating budget categorical expenditure summary. This is the expenditure summary so what you have in this column are the categories. Here would be the 2012-13 budget and here is the request for the 2013-14 and this is increase or decrease column so in the instructional category we do have an increase and this is the largest increase and that is where it should be at \$473,729 in instruction for FY 2013-14, In administration and health we have a decrease of \$152,091. In transportation we have \$4,632 decrease. In maintenance we have a \$41,403 increase. In food service and hospitalization we had a \$2,869 decrease. The site improvement has basically remained level funded. The debt service has at \$105,804 decrease. Technology has a \$60,512 increase. The grand total for the FY 2013-14 is \$27,631,752. The total increase is \$310,248. Now here is the break down for you so you can see specifically beyond the categories what the specific breakdowns are. The 1% VRS increase is \$22,729. The 2% salary increase is \$359,981. The hospitalization budget a decrease of \$206,134. The critical personnel is \$224,449. The special education regional tuition is \$105,535. The instructional budget is \$91,321. The psychologist position that we deleted from the budget was \$59,613. The debt service has a decrease of \$105,804. The early retirement is \$49,910. The personnel savings for retirees \$72,306 and that is how we got the total of \$310,248. So as we look at the proposed local, state, and federal budget expenditure summary you see the same categories listed here, but we want to show you how it pans out with local and state as well as federal expenditure summary. The local operating budget for FY 2013-14 is \$27,631,752. Textbooks which are funded by the

state are \$166,354. Technology which is fully funded by state dollars is \$232,000. The Virginia Preschool initiative is \$233,552. The early intervention, fully funded by the state is \$44,774. Federal programs are \$1,444,037 which brings us a total of \$29,752,469. Food services although it is independently operated, we must fully fund it in our budget which is \$1,172,491 and that brings us to the grand total of \$30,924,960. That was expenditures. Now we are going to talk about revenue. As we look at the revenue we look at the local operating budget estimated revenue for FY 2013-14. As we look at the projected state revenue based on our ADM of \$2,748.80 we are looking at \$15,886,182. The local tuition in adult basic education is at \$104,300. The current local funding is at \$11,076,473 dollars. The total additional revenue required from the locality is \$554,797 so the total required revenue for FY 2013-14 is \$27,631,752, but the total funding requested from the locality is \$11,641,270. So as we look at our total revenue sources this again reflects the state, local, and federal dollars, we have \$16,562,862 in state funding. In federal is \$1,488,337, the local funding again is \$11,641,270. The non-resident tuition is at \$60,000. School food services are at \$1,172,491 giving us a total of \$30,924,960 and that is the projected funding sources for FY 2013-14. This is just another recap of the instructional programs that we have been able to afford our students; and that is what makes our students able to make these accomplishments that we shared early on in the presentation. This is what helps our students to be able to compete across the Commonwealth and we would like to continue to maintain those offerings for our students. Outside of that we have already shared with this Board the state of the vehicles for student transportation. We have been talking through our liaison meetings and I'm sure that Mr. Michael Johnson and other representatives that served on the Board as liaisons have shared with the Board the number of buses by age. We have 46 of our buses that are over 15 years old. We have 10 that are 11 to 15 years old, 17 that are 6 to 10 years old, and 11 that are 1 to 5 years old. This is the column that concerns us the most because the metal fatigue, the safety issues of buses after they have aged, the steering, and all other kinds of mechanical and control issues that come about over time that we are concerned about our buses. We are requesting a minimum of five new buses along with the continual bus renewal process to maintain a bus replacement schedule and this request is proposed outside of the FY 2013-14 operating budget. Again I say to you gentlemen that Southampton County public schools are a worthy investment. I hope I made that clear tonight and I say to you again that so goes the school system so goes the county. These children are our future and if we invest in them it is a worthy investment. She thanked Chairman Jones.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions. He thanked Dr. Alvera Parrish.

Chairman Jones stated that next we have Smart Beginnings.

Mr. Randy Betz addressed the Board. He stated that he was on the Board of Directors for Smart Beginnings of Western Tidewater. He thanked the Board for their continuous support of this program. He stated that he came at it from the workforce angle. Having a prepared work force is so critical to attracting companies and economic development in our area. We are making some really good accomplishments even with our children. The revenue that you get from your investment is important. I would like to recap just a few things that we have seen as far as progress over the last few years. The Kindergarten class pass rates in Southampton County have improved by 3% over the past year. That is a key ingredient for effective reading. We provided free workshops for parents and child care providers in Southampton County. Over 50 providers have attended these sessions and 150 children have been affected by these trainings. We assisted in providing training to preschool teachers in Southampton County to increase motor skills in children. We have enrolled approximately 12 families in the Medicaid program. We collaborate with local agencies such as the Department of Social Services, Head Start, Western Tidewater Health Department, the Blackwater Library, Southampton Public Schools, United Way, Western Tidewater Community Services Board, and local food banks to help the children in Southampton County in many ways. We assist in screening children for social and emotional behavioral concerns from ages 0 to 4. As you probably are aware that is a really critical part of their development. What happens to them early in life stays with them for the rest of their lives. We increased identification for eligibility of families in at risk programs in services such as early intervention, early head start, and head start. We have insured access to health care and nutrition through increased and continued participation in the Women, Infant, and Children Program. We have gathered individual data concerning children's preschool experience for more informative decision making on ideas that will help assist home and preschool centers to know in which areas to provide training. We promote the importance of quality childcare for children in preparing

them for school through our free monthly workshops for parents and childcare providers from both centers and homes. With him this evening is another board member, Mr. Jim Council, and also their Executive Director, Mrs. Ellen Couch. He turned the floor over to Mr. Jim Council.

Mr. Jim Council thanked the Board for the opportunity to come make this presentation tonight. As you know about eight years ago he is one of the ones who helped start Smart Beginnings and a way to address children. He said he couldn't help but think when he saw that white board demonstration that the public schools put up there it immediately reflected him back to his second year where they had sandbox tables with villages in it and blackboards with chalk and we would write words that rhyme on it each morning and that is a far cry from what they have access to today. What I wanted to share with you is just two things. The collaboration that Smart Beginnings provides for the whole early childhood development is really amazing. We are the largest and most effective collaborator in the whole state with Smart Beginnings Programs. As you heard mentioned we collaborate with all the health agencies and the school agencies in order to bring the resources under the same tent so that we can provide a leverage of resources that these other agencies have all on behalf of children getting an early start on their education so that when they come to your public school system they are better prepared and ready to succeed on a better level which was the reason for our beginning to start with. You are generous in funding us and we really appreciate it and Mr. Randy Betz told you about some of the things that you have gotten for your money and I would like to emphasize some of the things that you will save because you have invested in us. With every dollar that you all get we estimated that you get about a \$7.00 return per dollar. So you will get back about \$175,000 worth of benefits for the investment that you make to us. Every thousand dollars that is spent on nutritional support during pregnancy and the WIC Program about \$10,000 is saved on reducing low birth rate and high medical bills. Every \$9,000 that gets spent on the nurse family partnership saves about \$30,000 in families as they become better parents and have less child negligence. Of every \$10,000 that gets spent that is not your money that is the communities' money that gets spent on children being prepared to go to kindergarten. We save about \$250,000 instead of having a high school drop-out and his loss of earnings and his lack of contribution to society, as well as the increase in public assistance. In ten years 40% of Virginia's workforce will be ready for retirement and I'm really concerned about that because I want to be sure enough people are paying in social security because I am there. But they are really solid building blocks and you all have really helped us in this collaborative partnership. It starts off with Franklin and Southampton and Isle of Wight joined in equally. You have continued to be faithful supporters; we thank you for that. We hope that we are giving you a tremendous return on the investment. We think that because you are having children with a three percent increase in reading level going into the public schools it is beginning to show. When Mr. Lee came down from Baltimore, Maryland to help us get started he said it took the City of Baltimore eight years before they could actually see the results of the investment. We have been doing this particular part for about six months and we have already started to see the trend up. We are really excited about it and we appreciate your support and pledge to you our continued effort to see that the collaboration really brings a lot of resources to the table. He asked if there were any questions.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions.

Supervisor Phillips thanked Mr. Jim Council.

Supervisor Updike said he had enough questions to last until morning, but he was curious and had one question. He said of the numbers that you are talking about what are the percentages or actual numbers of Southampton people receiving the services versus Franklin and Isle of Wight? He stated that he was just curious. He said he had a lot of other questions, but he would just ask this.

Mr. Jim Council said he would refer some of that to Mrs. Ellen Couch, but his thought would be Franklin probably gets the least as they are the smallest, Isle of Wight is probably much larger so they probably get a little bit more services, but I don't know about that because it is equally distributed and everyone is invited under the tent to come and get training and we are there to provide that. He called on Mrs. Ellen Couch.

Mrs. Ellen Couch said good evening, Chairman and Board. She thanked Supervisor Updike for the question. She said that they do everything equal as far as materials, working with the community, and working with the children within Isle of Wight, Southampton, and Franklin. She

said that she is a local person and she believes in giving back to the community that she believes in keeping the resources that we have and giving them back to the children in the community. We are doing a very good job of being mindful of our dollars and spending them back into the communities which gave them to us therefore we spend a lot of time with that. Southampton has less licensed preschools in the county and we work closely with a lot of in home providers, people who watch other children in their home. We work closely with your school division and your preschool programs in the schools as well as head start. I have the numbers in the office, but we are equally giving back to Southampton as we are in Isle of Wight and Franklin.

Mr. Jim Council asked Supervisor Updike if there were any kind of numbers that they could get for them that would be helpful.

Supervisor Updike said me. Well, I'm just curious.

Mr. Jim Council said I think that is a good question. We can get that.

Mrs. Ellen Couch said she actually had providers who work in the workshops, the number of people they serve, the number of children within that community, the number of children within that community that they care for, and the number of children that we are working with in that county.

Supervisor Updike said you all are doing a good job, but for my information I'm just nosey.

Mrs. Ellen Couch said can I send that to you in an e-mail Supervisor Updike?

Supervisor Updike said sure that is fine.

Mrs. Ellen Couch said she would send that to all the Board members.

Supervisor Phillips said that is good information.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions. He thanked the members of Smart Beginnings.

Chairman Jones stated the next group was the Children's Center.

Mrs. Rosalind Cutchins addressed the Board. She said Good Evening Chairman and Board. She stated that she is the Director of Professional Services at the Children's Center. She is also a home grown Southampton County girl and graduated from Southampton County High School and supports the excellent school system here. When she is in Southampton County she tends to introduce herself as Rosalind Crenshaw Cutchins just because her family was from the area and had been friends with many of you. She thanked them for including them in your budget last year. We have a proposal back in for this year and we appreciate your support. Our biggest thank you comes in helping us to receive the head start grant back in our local area. As you may know and remember the local grant was operated out of STOP in Norfolk and we had really strongly tried to get local control back into our area for the reason that Supervisor Updike just addressed. We wanted to be assured that the federal dollars were reaching the counties and the local cities in the region here. We serve Western Tidewater. Our specific request goes back out to match dollars for early head start and head start and those federal programs require a one dollar match for every four dollars. We look at that as a way of bringing dollars back into our community and serving the children that are at risk and in need of services. Obviously we see ourselves as collaborative partners with Smart Beginnings and also with the school systems as far as offering good quality preschool education back to children of low income households so that by the time they hit that school system they are ready to go and ready to be successful. So we just want to say thank you for that. Also, I don't know if you have had a chance to see the old Courtland Elementary School in collaboration with the Southampton County Schools. They are allowing us to continue to use that building. We are right in the process of renovating it right now. We are putting approximately somewhere between \$400,000 and \$500,000 of renovation dollars back into that building to bring it back up to par and keep it going. So, I think that is a good investment in the infrastructure here in Southampton County. We are also looking at bringing some head start students, which right now are served out of Franklin because that is where our facilities are, we are

looking at the possibility of getting them so they can be served in their home area in Southampton County. So again thank you very much for your support. We appreciate it in all kinds of ways and we appreciate your consideration for our request.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions. He thanked Mrs. Rosalind Cutchins.

Mrs. Rosalind Cutchins thanked Chairman Jones.

Chairman Jones stated that the next presentation would be from the Blackwater Regional Library.

Mrs. Yvonne Hilliard Bradley, Director of the Blackwater Regional Library and she appreciates the opportunity to speak with you tonight about the library and about the budget that we have submitted to you. The bottom line is the regional budget is the same as last years. There is no change at all. Blackwater's budget is shared by the five localities. That is Isle of Wight, Southampton, Surry, and Sussex Counties and the City of Franklin, all of whom have signed a contract with the library agreeing to fund the operating budget of the library according to a formula that is based on local population and library circulation statistics of the library or the libraries in that locality. Southampton County's share is 17% of the libraries operating budget based on that formula. The branches of the Blackwater Regional Library are centers of learning and activity in our communities. The public library is an over-arching full service organization providing early literacy programs, outreach to schools, summer and winter reading programs for kids, teen book clubs and programs, job skills programs, computer literacy training, and of course access to regional materials collections including books, journals, books, CD's, DVD's, e-books, on a wide variety of topics. By funding the library you are supporting learning and access to information for all of the age groups and wide possible diversity of interest. Because the library welcomes all users regardless of income, education, or any other demographic it is a core service for the county to offer especially critical in times of economic downturn as people who are out of work need to learn new job skills, apply for jobs, take GED's and other kinds of tests, and network with people who can assist them in finding jobs. Economic recovery is dependent on the ability of people being able to get jobs. Most people are finding jobs on the internet and that is the way they are applying for jobs. Many people do not have computers or if they do they may have had to turn off their internet service in order to save money so they are coming to the library to use the computers. They are also coming to the library to get help from the staff. The library staff are trained and can assist people in making use of our data bases to take over 770 different practice tests and tutorials and to find information related to job search and workplace skills improvement, career certification and licensing exam preparation, college entrance and graduate school admission exam preparation, GED exam prep, and basic skill improvements in reading, writing, and math for all ages. We have software tutorials such as Adobe, Photoshop, Microsoft Outlook, and more. We offer direct access to the job and career accelerator as well. This is the database that provides detailed information on occupations and has current job listings on over five million job postings which are collected from all major job boards. They teach us how to create professional resumes and cover letters, master interviewing and network techniques and much more related to finding and getting a job. The library is simply one stop shopping for an individual who is looking for a job or looking to improve job skills. The library is also deeply committed to early and childhood literacy and to our teen population. Library staff makes visits to all of our public schools in Southampton County and to Southampton Academy to encourage early literacy by providing story hours, book talks, and reading initiatives. They deliver collections of books to the classrooms or libraries and they speak at school meetings and open house programs. They read to kids and they get older kids to read to the younger kids, encouraging and helping them. Our summer and winter reading programs draw heavy participation from children in the county. The Courtland library offers after school programs for elementary school age kids and the teen set. Teens come to the library for teen tech week activities and for special programs designed around their interest. They talk to each other about books they enjoyed reading and they find the library a safe and welcoming environment. We are a partner with 4-H of Southampton County offering a venue for meetings and books on their interest, in return the 4-H leader comes to the library to speak to groups. The library and Paul D. Camp work together to publicize each other's events and hours and we offer materials and databases to assist students with their school work. Over one thousand people came out last weekend to the Southampton Renaissance Fair which is hosted by the library and friends of the library. These people came from all over the state and beyond the state and filled up restaurants and other local businesses. You have heard me use the word partnerships several times. We offer programs, social interaction, and intellectual

stimulation for all age groups and the way that we can do this to get the best return on investment is through partnerships. So much of what we accomplish is through partnerships in a variety of segments in our community. We prepared a list of the organizations that the Courtland branch partners with which Stanya will hand you. We want people to come to the library so that they can use the resources that we have there, but we know that isn't always possible. There are partnerships which are often able to take library services outside of the library to where people are. We also offer databases and e-books that can be accessed or downloaded from home or school computers as well as library computers or to hand helds. Our bookmobiles deliver books and other resources to people who live in Boykins, Drewryville, Sedley, and Ivor. We hear from bookmobile users regularly about what a life line the bookmobiles are for adults and children. Southampton residents have access to the entire regional library collection. Our online catalog allows users to see everything in our collections and they can put a hold on something they see that interest them that is in another branch and it will be carried to their home branch within a day or two. The library is a vital part of the life of this community. I hope that you will vote to fully fund the library this year so that we can continue the good work that the staff of the bookmobile and the Courtland branch are doing in this county. Thank you.

Chairman Jones thanked Mrs. Yvonne Hilliard-Bradley. He asked if anyone had any questions.

Chairman Jones called on Franklin Southampton Economic Development.

Mrs. Amanda Jarratt thanked Chairman Jones, Members of the Board of Supervisors, and Mr. Michael Johnson for the opportunity to speak to you tonight regarding the 2013-14 fiscal year. As all of you know I am Mrs. Amanda Jarratt, President of Franklin Southampton Economic Development and we are a 501 (C) 3 uniting the efforts of Southampton and the City of Franklin for economic development with support and guidance from the private sector. I have with me tonight the Chairman of our Board, Mr. Warren Beale. We are the key marketing and development organization to work with state and regional partners to market both the county and the city. We were created to diversify the local economic base and eliminate a conflicting marketing base by the two localities. Most of you are aware of the key initiatives and programs of FSEDI, but tonight I will provide you a quick highlight. First, we have created an inclusive marketing program with state and regional partners including the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance. We are tasked with developing areas for future business and industry to locate and to grow our existing parks targeting our key industry sectors. Since our creation in 2005 we have been directly and indirectly responsible for the creation of over 619 new jobs and a quarter billion dollars in new investment in the Franklin Southampton Region. The past year has shown significant progress. We are finally beginning to reap benefits from our efforts, but we must aggressively move forward to successfully market the region. As you know the Enviva facility at the Turner Tract is well under construction and that was a \$95 million dollar investment. The high end process for the 82 positions has begun. Three weeks ago we broke ground for a new asphalt and concrete plant outside of Ivor for AMAC and Curtis Contracting. This facility will generate close to 50 jobs and result in a five to six million dollar investment. This provides significant benefits to the Franklin and Southampton community. We are leveraging our partnership with Hollingsworth in revitalizing interest in Pretlow Park and the entire Franklin Southampton Region. We are marketing with both the county and city planning departments to proactively rezone property and amend ordinances to allow us to be ready to capture the development opportunities and to more properly position ourselves in the Hampton Roads market. Just recently we partnered with the City of Franklin and a broker to rezone 63 acres adjacent to Pretlow Park which complements the city's efforts to begin to serve as a retail center for Western Hampton Roads and Northeast North Carolina. As a result of those efforts, we hope to make a commercial development announcement in the next two weeks. Our office is the key to growing our tax base. We are producing the tax revenue to lessen the burden on our citizens. We are creating jobs not just for the workforce of today, but for tomorrow as well. We actively meet with local businesses and provide them with the local and state resources if necessary. In 2009 a tourism and steering committee was formed. That initiative has resulted in a tourism brochure being distributed at the welcome centers throughout Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina. We are again participating in the 2013 annual motorcycle ride of Virginia with stops in both the city and the county. This strong tourism focus that we had in years past has been tempered at this point due to lack of staffing as a result of budget constraints. But, I am hoping to begin a renewed focus on tourism this fall when a currently opened position is filled. Tourism is a key part of economic development that should not

be overlooked especially with the history and natural resources that our community offers. Small business and development is also another key priority. The main way, but not the only way, that this is accomplished is through the Franklin Business Incubator. The incubator currently has 29 businesses and it is at approximately 75% capacity. These businesses are owned by people mainly from the Franklin/Southampton community. This generates employment opportunities and drops dollars into our local area. Over 150 employees report to work for businesses that work in that facility. Our community also pays the local required match on behalf of both the city and the county to participate in the small business development center. They provide counseling once a month for new or existing businesses and they come here to either The Chamber of Commerce or to the office in the Incubator. The funding agencies for Franklin/Southampton Economic Development include the Southampton/Franklin charities, the Camp Family Foundation, Southampton County, and the City of Franklin. The private dollars that support our program are available to be leveraged only due to public dollars that are contributed. This successful public/private partnership allows us to effectively and efficiently market the city and county. This has only been possible because the private funds had historically supplied the majority of the funding for our local economic development efforts. As you all recall each entity initially entered into a five year agreement for certain funding levels, but that expired in 2010. Since that time we have been operating on annual appropriations. At the time that the agreement expired, it was also the time that the closure of International Paper was announced and we were in the midst of a devastating recession with critical impacts to our local area. These jobs are now slowly and steadily being replaced in our community and it is our job to make sure that happens. And, this year we are requesting an increase in funding to \$125,000 which is still a reduction from the initial \$150,000 that our budget was built around. This request has also been made to the City of Franklin and is included in their draft budget. We continue to be incredibly sensitive to cost, but we must have the resources for an effective marketing program. We are no longer just marketing ourselves against other communities in Virginia and other states, but also with the entire world. Projects that we are trying to attract to Southampton County are not just looking in this region or in North Carolina, but in China as well. So, we must be competitive. No raises for our staff are being planned for the upcoming fiscal year. No benefits are being increased. Every expenditure is scrutinized to make sure it is resulting in the best efforts for the City of Franklin and Southampton County. But, we have to have your investment to diversify our local economy and try to attract these job opportunities for future generations. We must continue to show the business community that we are serious about growing our local economy and that we are open for business. This concludes my planned presentation and remarks for tonight. I look forward to continuing to work with you and developing the strong relationship between the county and FSEDI. I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have at this time.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions for Mrs. Amanda Jarratt.

Supervisor Updike said I'm supposed to keep my mouth shut, but nevertheless with all the problems that we have financial wise and financing the school board budget and finding resources how can we ask all of these government bodies to hold their expenses and you are asking for a 25% increase. I know you all are doing a great job there is not any question about that. I love to see additional funds and additional staff and everything else. I think we have got to treat everybody fair handed and I wished you would withdraw that 25% raise. I can't vote for increasing your budget by 25% and not increasing the school board and other departments. So, it is not the question of wanting to. Again you all are doing a great job, but we have got to treat everybody fairly and equally and be responsible to everyone. So, that is his only comment is there is a big concern with a 25% increase.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else with a question.

Mrs. Amanda Jarratt said she just had one quick response. She said she would be happy to meet with Supervisor Updike to go over his concerns in more detail, but we have been operating at a 33% reduction for the past four fiscal years I believe.

Mr. Michael Johnson said three.

Mrs. Amanda Jarratt said three fiscal years and the private sector has been carrying the burden of the economic development for the two localities so I have to be absolutely understanding and fiscally responsible with every dollar that we receive. My staff did not receive raises last year and

nor will they this year. Our marketing efforts that result in direct benefits to the county have been dramatically reduced. I also have to be responsible to all of the funding agencies and I guess I would just say that I can only market this community and be as successful with the resources I am given. I fully understand your concern and would be happy to meet with you about it in more detail.

Chairman Jones thanked Mrs. Amanda Jarratt.

Mrs. Amanda Jarratt said thank you. Have a good night.

Chairman Jones stated next on the agenda is the Commonwealth Attorney.

Commonwealth Attorney, Eric Cooke, addressed the Board. He said good evening Mr. Chairman, Board Members, and Mr. Michael Johnson. Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. I'm told that the sooner that I leave the more money I get so won't be too long. In any event, I just want to take this opportunity to speak to you. I know that you are familiar with what we do. We are prosecuting cases in the Franklin District Court and Juvenile Court and in the Southampton Juvenile and District Court and the Southampton County Circuit Court. At any given time we have hundreds of open cases. We have prosecuted a number of cases since I appeared before you last. Primarily we have focused our energies on violent crimes and those which involve public safety. We also do a lot of misdemeanor prosecutions on such crimes as domestic violence and DUI. As far as prosecutions we spend a lot of time with that. I have three attorneys working for me, one administrative support person, and a victim witness coordinator. I know that you all are aware that Mrs. Joan Rice retired this year after twenty years of distinguished service. She did take the opportunity for the retirement which was offered. I'm grateful for your support of that and making it happen for her. I know that she is appreciative of it as well. So what we are doing is using a part time person as we agreed to, a temporary part-time employee. We won't hear from our board until sometime in June and I'm optimistic that we will be able to hire and fill the vacant administrative assistant position in July and that will bring us back up to full staff. If you remember when I was here last year this time, I asked you to consider an increase or salary supplement for the assistant commonwealth attorneys that are working for me. And, of course that was not possible last year and I think realistically we know that is not possible this year for the Board to do. I do want to tell you though and you may already be aware, the Governor's budget has proposed what is looking like, and we are on track for them, is an increase for them. So, the need has been seen and is being addressed on the state level. That will be a benefit to our locality and for the folks working for him. And, he is glad that it looks like that is going to happen. Most of what I wanted to do here was to take an opportunity to thank you for what you are doing, to thank you for your support of my efforts and my office's efforts. Often times I know you folks are taken for granted for the time commitments that you give and are not acknowledged for all your efforts. And, yet we were all here just last night at this time on something else and I know that is not an unusual occurrence for you so I appreciate your support and what you are doing for the county. I would ask that you approve my budget as presented to you. You will see there is a reduction in this year's budget over last years and that is primarily as the result of the retirement of a twenty year employee and paying her replacement significantly less. I invite you to come over and see what we are doing. Obviously the court proceedings are open to you, but I would be happy to meet with you individually or as a group if you have any questions regarding what we are doing and how we are conducting business. He said he would be glad to answer any questions here tonight.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions. He thanked Commonwealth Attorney, Eric Cooke.

Commonwealth Attorney, Eric Cooke, said thank you for having me.

Chairman Jones said that is all that we have signed up to speak. He asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak. He asked if there was any other department. He said is there any else - citizen or department. Chairman Jones asked Supervisor West if he had anything.

Supervisor West said no sir. I appreciate everything that has been said and the presentations as well. Thank you.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone on this side had anything. Chairman Jones said if not we will adjourn.

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Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

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Michael W. Johnson, Clerk

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 April 22, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

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

SUPERVISORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ABSENT

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

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

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

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to go into closed session.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION OF CLOSED MEETING**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southampton County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed and considered by the Southampton County Board of Supervisors.**

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

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we are now in open session; we did not discuss anything that was not on the agenda. At this time we have the approval of the minutes.

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

Chairman Jones stated that we would move on to number 5 – Highway Matters – Monthly Concerns.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he didn't have any matters other than to receive your directions.

Chairman Jones asked if anybody else had anything.

Supervisor Updike stated that on Cypress Bridge Road and Highway 671 at the railroad crossing, I don't know if the asphalt was put down properly or not, but I know there have been a lot of complaints about as you leave Highway 671 and go across the railroad track there is an extremely deep dip and the people's car front ends are hitting the road before they level out. There is a big drop off and I don't know whether it is legal or not, but it is a concern with people's cars hitting the road.

Mr. Michael Johnson said right there at Mr. John Brown's house.

Supervisor Updike said yes, right there at Mr. John Brown's house.

Chairman Jones asked if any of the other Board members had anything.

Supervisor West said he just wanted to comment. He stated that Mr. Joe Lomax has made an effort to be with him and spend time in the field, and he appreciates that. He said that Mr. Ben Bryant has done an exceptional job in keeping up the Berlin/Ivor District. We have touched on all things that we know about at this point.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Edwards.

Supervisor Edwards stated that everything was quiet.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said he also had a meeting with Mr. Joe Lomax to address some concerns that he saw on Cary's Bridge Road concerning what he thought might be an increase of traffic after or during the construction of the bridge; and that is ongoing.

Chairman Jones said Mr. Michael Johnson I still need some rock on Highway 58. I have gotten some calls over the last couple of weeks that the driveways that the state owns have been washed out; and there are several of them.

Mr. Michael Johnson said they had reported that they had gotten those.

Chairman Jones said they went all the way up to the other end of the county and got some; down on this end, from the trailer park up, they have not done one thing.

Mr. Michael Johnson said where are you talking about exactly; I want to make sure I get it right.

Chairman Jones said from the trailer park going west on Highway 58.

Mr. Michael Johnson said okay.

Chairman Jones said let's go to number 6 – Appointments.

Mr. Michael Johnson said Mrs. Gloria Evans has recently indicated that she is unable to continue serving on the Blackwater Regional Library Board of Trustees following the expiration of her term on June 30, 2013. Accordingly, the Library Board is seeking your consideration in appointing another representative from Southampton County for a 4-year term beginning July 1, 2013 and

ending June 30, 2017. The Library Board meets nine times annually on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. with meeting locations rotated among member communities in the service area (Franklin, Southampton, Isle of Wight, Sussex and Surry). Ms. Evans represented the Capron District and Supervisor Phillips is aware of the vacancy. I am unsure, however, if he has a successor in mind or if he would prefer Ms. Evans' successor represent another District in the County. Also representing Southampton County on the Library Board is Mrs. Bernadette Whitley (Jerusalem District) and Ms. Barbara Hoskie (Newsoms District). He said he knew that Supervisor Phillips is aware of the vacancy and I think he has some thoughts on a potential successor and I will let him speak to that.

Supervisor Phillips said Mr. Chairman I have approached one lady, but she also works in a group called Friends of the Library and that group is directly supervised by the board. And we are concerned that was a potential conflict so I have discussed that with her and she is going to help me further look for anyone who would be willing to serve. I have got a call in to Mrs. Betty Britt who works through the Blackwater Regional Library and I will keep you updated.

Chairman Jones said we will move to item B – Litter Control.

Mr. Michael Johnson said Item B, Mr. Chairman, we are still awaiting an official appointment of representatives from the Franklin and Berlin/Ivor District. I know Supervisor Porter contacted me the day after the meeting last month and indicated that he intended to appoint Mr. Marvin Wise and Mr. Wise had attended a meeting; but we do need that official motion for the record.

Supervisor Porter moved that Mr. Marvin Wise be appointed to the Litter Control Council.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Supervisor West said he would also like to make an appointment at this time and that would be Mr. Will Haas. He has agreed to conclude this three year period. In addition, I have spoken with Mayor Vick and she is here this evening and she also has an appointment form the Town of Ivor, Mr. Michael Johnson, and that would be JoAnne Hickman. I will provide an address for you tomorrow as well. I would like to submit both names with a motion that we make these appointments permanent tonight.

Chairman Jones said can you give those names to me again.

Supervisor West said Will Haas and JoAnne Hickman. Chairman Jones asked if we can vote on both of them at the same time.

Mr. Michael Johnson said actually Mrs. JoAnne Hickman is not our representative; she is the representative of the Town of Ivor.

Supervisor West said yes and I am doing that on Mayor Vick's behalf; she requested it. She is here to confirm anything that you need.

Chairman Jones said you have heard the nominees; I need a motion and a second.

Supervisor West made a motion to accept the nominees.

Supervisor Porter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item was number 7 – Reports.

The reports were Financial, Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, and Litter Control.

Mr. Spier Edwards addressed the Board. He stated that after Mr. John Jenkins and Mr. Jon Mendenhall left he now represents the Litter Control Council. After Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Mendenhall left our County Administrator felt that the Litter Control Council needed to be reorganized. For the first two meetings Mr. Michael Johnson did a fine job in getting the Litter Control Council set up. At the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting I was elected Chairman of the Litter Control and the Honorable Mayor Danny Williams of the Town of Courtland was elected Vice-Chairman.

This group consists of nineteen members which consist of six towns, seven districts, and six at large members along with Mr. Jerry Kee of VDOT, and Mr. John Griggs of the Sheriff's Department. The Litter Control Council is divided into five sub-committees. They are: Communication, Education, Clean-Up, Law Enforcement, and Recycling. Each committee will develop at least three measurable goals and they will implement a plan of action to control litter and to promote recycling. This council will be seen and heard. We will be seen at the Southampton County Fair, Franklin Fall Festival, Boykins Pumpkin Fest, Downhome Day, and other events. I will represent the Council at each Board of Supervisors Meeting and advise you of what action we have taken during the month. We will also be heard as we will have an article in the Tidewater News each month talking about litter control and promoting recycling. This council cannot function without citizen's involvement. We also need civic clubs, hunt clubs, boy scouts, girl scouts, churches, fire departments, and anyone else who is interested in making Southampton County a more attractive place to live and work. The recycling program has been put in place and will reduce the tremendous amount of money being spent to dispose of our trash. The objectives that have been set will be difficult, but it can be done if everyone gets involved. We need your support. Thank you.

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Spier Edwards. He asked if anyone had any questions.

Other reports were Building Permits, Cooperative Extension, Treasurer's Office.

Supervisor Edwards asked where we stood on the solid waste collection.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that 63% had been collected as of the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Updike said he would also like to know how our cash flow is; it has been mentioned that we are going to have to borrow money for operating. He wanted to know when that was going to take place and how much and what is our financial situation.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that our financial situation right now is fine. Typically, the peak of the cash flow crunch comes in September so I would anticipate in August being able to better answer that as far as how much. There is no question you are going to need to do that again this year.

Supervisor West said it is over \$13 million dollars in there right now isn't it.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes, right now you are fine.

Supervisor West said it will be dwindled down after tonight.

More reports were Solid Waste Quantities.

Supervisor West said he wanted to comment on that if he may. He said he couldn't open his reports here, but he could at home earlier. He said it looked like over last couple or three months that the solid waste quantities had been down a little bit in the sites in the county substantially. I know the county needs to know that you are able to use the 5% set aside, Mr. Michael Johnson you might explain that, of moving it so that it doesn't cost SPSA the cost of \$120.00 a ton and you are moving it straight to the site of waste management. Also, would you state if you have an available fee of approximately what it costs at this time that this program has achieved.

Mr. Michael Johnson said in the current fiscal year we are averaging 681 tons per month and if you will compare that back to before we went with the attended sites which was the fiscal year 2006, we were averaging 1426 tons so you have cut your solid waste stream by more than half. To give you an idea if you look at it on a monthly basis from FY 06 through March of this year we have avoided with the attended sites over 51,000 tons of solid waste. If you multiply that by the cost of disposal per ton over that period of time we have achieved avoided costs in excess of \$6.6 million. Now of course there are some costs associated with having the attendants at the sites, in round numbers that has cost us along with the modest capital improvements slightly less than \$2 million dollars. So, your net avoided costs over the 81 months that you went to the attended sites are about \$4.6 million dollars.

Supervisor West said so keeping it as we use to use the large containers and anybody dump anything in by truck load of whatever out of the town, out of the city, out of anywhere \$4 million dollars would have had to been paid by Southampton County.

Mr. Michael Johnson said if you had no modification or change in your program and we had continued to receive the amount of waste we were receiving in 2006, you would have spent \$4.6 million dollars more for dispose over that six year period or 81 months.

Chairman Jones said probably more.

Supervisor West said he thought that was a remarkable amount.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the other thing that you all had ask about is the 5% carve out and as you all know our contract with SPSA , our use and support agreement, provides that we will send to them at least 95% of the solid waste generated here in the county. We actually carve out 5% or try to achieve 5% each month and we haul that to the waste facility in Waverly where we pay a gate rate of \$32.25 which is substantially lower than the \$125.00 a ton that we would have to pay at SPSA. So far through this fiscal year we are running a little bit ahead of schedule; we are averaging sending them 38 tons a month to Waverly which is round numbers we are at 5.59% so we need to slow that down a little bit to maintain compliance with contractor.

Supervisor West said will you make one more comment please and that would be the availability of a recycling for the towns that we are starting to roll out as much as possible. The Town of Ivor, the Town of Sedley, and other towns that are involved in the process as to how this could be cost effective for the towns as well as the county. Would you just comment on that as such please?

Mr. Michael Johnson said we do have a contract with AVES which is based out of Smithfield to manage our curbside recycling program for us. We currently provide recycling services in the Town of Courtland, the Town of Boykins, and the Town of Newsoms and in the areas where there are sub-divisions right around the Hunterdale area. We are looking to expanding that into the Sedley area. We have already bought containers. We need to get those distributed and get those folks signed up and on board. Ivor will be the next area, but obviously every bit of waste that you can pull out of the waste stream saves us money.

Supervisor West said any of the recycle products that they have already carried that they are paying to carry at the tipping fee will be saved by this program as well is that correct? So, that will be cost effective for the town as well as the county.

Mr. Michael Johnson said yes.

Supervisor West thanked him.

Chairman Jones stated the last report was personnel.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated there were just a few personnel items to report on Mr. Chairman. The first one is that one employee was hired this month effective April 1, 2013 in the Department of Utilities, Robert C. Howell at an annual salary of \$23,383. There were a number of adjustments made by the state compensation board for employees in the Sheriff's office. All were effective on April 1<sup>st</sup> – Michael R. Vandiford, Jr. annual salary \$31,162, Eric E. Dimick at \$31,162, Wesley L. Parker at \$31,162, and Cynthia M. Sherrill at \$31,162.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions. He said if not we would go to item number 8 – Financial Matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that included with your agenda packages you will see an appropriation resolution with total appropriations of \$168,855.14. The resolution includes \$65,387.95 to the General Funds and \$103,467.19 to the school operating fund. On the revenue side it includes \$168,855.14 in current revenues from the sources that are indicated on the resolution.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia on Monday, April 22, 2013

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia that the following appropriations be and hereby are made from the Fund to the Fund for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for the function and purpose indicated:

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

4-100-11010-5510	TRAVEL - BOARD RETREAT	50.05
11010-5510	TRAVEL - BOARD RETREAT	50.06
11010-5510	TRAVEL - BOARD RETREAT	50.06
11010-5510	TRAVEL - BOARD RETREAT	50.06
11010-5510	TRAVEL - BOARD RETREAT	50.05
12410-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	33.95
12410-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	61.11
12410-6001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	93.52
12550-2300	HOSPITAL PLAN	15,264.00
35500-8205	FRAN/SO CHARITIES-TURNOUT GEAR GRNT	14,500.00
43000-5110	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	948.31
82500-1100	SALARIES & WAGES REGULAR	23,135.01
82500-2100	FICA	1,719.90
82500-2210	RETIREMENT	3,366.15
82500-2215	RETIREMENT-EMPLOYEE	925.41
82500-2300	HOSPITAL PLAN	4,815.00
82500-2400	GROUP INSURANCE	275.31
		TOTAL 65,387.95

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

4-205-61100-3000-003-1-100	OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS - REG	331.47
61100-3000-003-1-100	OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS - REG	31,013.96
61100-6001-003-1-100	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FRESH START	14.10
61100-6009-003-1-100	LOCAL DONA FRIENDS OF FRESH START	100.00
62110-5500	TRAVEL	30.00
62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	2,800.00
62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	10,689.00
62120-2350	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	10,913.00
62120-5500	TRAVEL	483.33
62120-6000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	122.00
63200-2300	HOSPITALIZATION	221.00
63200-2300	HOSPITALIZATION	221.00
63200-6009	VEHICLE & POWER EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES	10,516.54
68100-5001-09- -100	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	5,456.56
		TOTAL 72,911.96

CAPRON DAYCARE, PROGRAM 225

4-205-61100-1140-002-5-225	TECHNICAL SALARY CAPRON DAY CARE	1,444.59
4-205-61100-2100-002- -225	FICA BENEFITS	101.51
		TOTAL 1,546.10

NOTTOWAY DAYCARE, PROGRAM 226

4-205-61100-1140-002-1-226	TECHNICAL SALARIES	3,749.99
4-205-61100-2100-002- -226	FICA BENEFITS	259.14
		TOTAL 4,009.13

CAMP FOUNDATION GRANTS, PROGRAM 310

4-205-61100-6004-002-1-310	EARLY CHILDREN'S LITERACY	3,900.00
4-205-61100-6004-002-1-310	EARLY CHILDREN'S LITERACY	1,009.00
4-205-61100-5500-002-1-310	TRAVEL PROF DEVELOPMENT FY	1,241.00
		TOTAL 6,150.00

FRANKLIN SOUTHAMPTON CHARITIES, PROGRAM 320

4-205-61100-1120-002-1-320	TUTORIAL SALARIES - MEHERRIN	3,250.00
4-205-61100-1121-002-1-320	TUTORIAL SALARIES - RIVERDALE	4,925.00
4-205-61100-1122-002-1-320	TUTORIAL SALARIES - CAPRON	3,250.00
4-205-61100-1123-002-1-320	TUTORIAL SALARIES - NOTTOWAY	930.00
4-205-61100-2100-002-1-320	FICA BENEFITS	945.00
4-205-61100-6013-002-1-320	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - RES TUTORING	700.00

4-205-61100-6015-002-1-320	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - CES TUTORING	500.00
4-205-61100-6017-002-1-320	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - MES TUTORING	500.00
		<u>TOTAL 15,000.00</u>
INTERNATIONAL PAPER GRANTS, PROGRAM 330		
4-205-61100-6002-002-1-330z	NES "MOMENTUM" CLASSROOM FY2013	3,850.00
		<u>TOTAL 3,850.00</u>
	TOTAL SCHOOL FUND	<u>103,467.19</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	<u>=====</u> 168,855.14

REVENUE APPROPRIATION APRIL 22, 2013  
(REVENUE RECEIVED FOR ABOVE EXPENDITURES)  
GENERAL FUND

3-100-16120-0001	REIMB-SOIL & WATER SALARIES	34,236.78
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.06
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.05
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.05
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.06
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	50.06
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	33.95
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	61.11
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	93.52
3-100-18030-0003	EXPENDITURE REFUND	948.31
3-100-18030-0005	HOSPITAL PLAN	15,264.00
3-100-18990-0003	GIFTS, DONATIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS	14,500.00
	REVENUE GENERAL FUND	<u>65,387.95</u>

SCHOOL FUND		
3-205-016120-0010	DAYCARE	3,749.99
3-205-016120-0010	DAYCARE	259.14
3-205-016120-0010	DAYCARE	1,444.59
3-205-016120-0010	DAYCARE	101.51
3-205-18990-0032	INSURANCE CLAIMS & DIVIDENDS	10,516.54
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	2,800.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	10,689.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	221.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	10,913.00
3-205-18990-0060	SCHOOL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	221.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	483.33
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	30.00
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	14.10
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	331.47
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	31,013.96
3-205-18990-0100	EXPENDITURE REFUNDS	122.00
3-205-18990-0101	DONATIONS	21,150.00
3-205-18990-0101	DONATIONS	100.00
3-205-18990-0101	DONATIONS	3,850.00
3-205-18990-0200	E-RATES REFUND	5,456.56
	REVENUE SCHOOL FUND	<u>103,467.19</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	<u>=====</u> 168,855.14

A copy teste: \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Michael W. Johnson

Southampton County Board of Supervisors  
04/22/2013

**APPROPRIATION - APRIL 22, 2013**

11010 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	Reimbursement from G. Updike, R. West, C. Faison, D. Jones, and B. Porter for board retreat (50.06 + 50.05 + 50.05 + 50.06 + 50.06)
12410 TREASURER	Reimb from towns for PP and RE forms Newsoms (33.95) Boykins (61.11) and Courtland (93.52)
12550 INSURANCE/COUNTY CODE	Reimbursement received from retirees for BCBS (\$15,264.00)

35500 EMERGENCY SERVICES	Donation from Franklin-Southampton Charities for the Fire & Rescue Association (14,500.00)
43000 BLDGS & GROUNDS	Reimbursement from Enviva for electricity (948.31)
82500 SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION	Reimbursement rec'd for personnel costs (\$34,236.78)
SCHOOL BOARD	See attached letter/spreadsheet for: (1) Expenditure refunds received (2) E-Rates reimbursement received (3) Reimbursements from retirees for health ins. (4) Donations received (5) Reimbursements for Insurance Claims (6) Payments for Daycare

**NO NEW MONEY REQUIRED FOR APRIL 2013 APPROPRIATIONS**

Chairman Jones stated that we needed to adopt the resolution. He asked if he had a motion.

Supervisor West said this is money in and money out correct.

Chairman Jones said correct.

Supervisor West made a motion to adopt the appropriation resolution.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that item B was the bills. He asked if we were going to pay the bills. He asked if anybody had any questions.

Supervisor West made a motion seconded by Supervisor Faison to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,683,495.10 to be paid by check numbers 130387 through 130719. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated that we would go to item number 9 – Citizen Request to Address the Board.

Mr. Richard Harris of Trinity Church Road addressed the Board. He said the policy requiring someone to sign up a week in advance of the board meeting and stating what they wish to talk about is useless when you wish to speak to agenda items because that is not posted until later in the week and late appearances is only for two minutes so it is kind of hard to speak to agenda items when I have to sign up prior to the agenda being posted. I had erroneously assumed that with new supervisor members there would be a lot of new appointees with new ideas to the various boards in this county; however it seems that someone has to die, become ill or disabled before new faces show up so the good old boy network lives on in Southampton County. Also, I want to know when this county is going to step into the twenty first century. We have a school system that consumes at least sixty percent of this county's budget and constantly asked for more at each budget hearing. Yet, Southampton County is one of the few in this state that still has an appointed school board and I can't find where they have a public comment period like this board does where I can go down and voice my concerns. I feel as though Southampton County is stuck somewhere in a fourth dimension in the twilight zone. Last year this board took the audacious, which is defined by Webster as brazier or not restrained by a sense of shame, a step of imposing a \$200.00 trash disposal fee after raising most real estate assessments. Now I understand there may be a proposed tax increase in the works in this year's budget. Yet, I still have to drive through mud holes when entering the Berlin collection center. Where is this \$200.00 going? Now the County Administrator said tonight there has been a \$4.6 million dollar savings because you have attended dumps. Perhaps this board should be writing a \$200.00 check to each citizen in the county out of that \$4.6 million dollars instead of taking \$200.00 from us. You ought to consider that. Now I have a solution for all of this chiconerary brought about by those new supervisors who ran based around change and no new taxes. You evidentially never understood the true meaning

of the two letter word “No”. If you look it up in the dictionary, no is an absolute; it is the total opposite of yes. The solution is that the next election just a little over two years away. I suggest that we find at least four new candidates and we buy them dictionaries and we ask them to say exactly what they mean and mean exactly what they say. We need to continue to elect individuals to public office that understand why they were elected in the first place and who they represent; that they are not here to feather their own nest and that their names are not engraved on the seat that they sit in, that the money they spend is not theirs, but the ones that they represent. They need to remember that the decisions that they make affect the whole county, not just the district that they represent. The decisions that you gentlemen make and the economic impact that you impose upon us will be felt long after you are just a footnote in Southampton County’s history books.

Chairman Jones said Mr. Richard Harris I would like for you to know that I have never set anyone down that has come up here for two minutes whether they stay for two minutes or ten minutes.

Mr. Richard Harris said yes sir, I understand.

Chairman Jones said so any time you have got something to talk about and it is the citizens time to talk, you can come up here and stay as long as your feel like it.

Supervisor Edwards stated that the School Board does have a comment period.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Phillips said he was just going to reiterate the same thing. The new members on this Board try to attend the School Board meetings and I would urge you to also, because if you haven’t ever been it is hard to make a comment just like what you are saying about us having been here as supervisors. There have been some very positive changes at the School Board and it is a process that is ongoing just like the process that takes place here at this Board. We thank you for your comments.

Chairman Jones stated we would go to item number 10 – Temporary Outdoor Entertainment Permit Tidewater Dirt Riders.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that pursuant to Chapter 2.5 of the Southampton County Code, please find an application attached from the Tidewater Dirt Riders for a temporary outdoor entertainment permit for a motorcycle competition on Sunday, June 9, 2013. The event, with an estimated attendance of 550 participants and spectators, will be held on property owned by the T. L. Bain, L.P. on Warriquee Road and will include overnight camping for approximately 75 campers for one night (June 8). The application is consistent with our local ordinance. Their plans have been reviewed by the Southampton County Sheriff, Southampton County Health Department, Southampton County Building Official, and the Ivor Volunteer Rescue Squad. Alcohol is not permitted at the event.

Chairman Jones said Supervisor West this has been going on for quite a while.

Supervisor West said it has and I have not heard from anyone at the Tidewater Dirt Riders Association. He asked if there was anyone here from there. He said on his behalf, as he comes up, if you will they have been good citizens and they end up at the end of the event making money for the fire and rescue association operations. It is secluded off of a gravel road, a dirt road he calls it. It is at a good location and an event that is enjoyed by many, many, people and it is open to the public. There is no alcohol. It is well run. There is a lot of entertainment. They do a good job and I can’t complain. No one does complain and I don’t think the neighbors have any noise problems as well. Are there any comments you would like to make.

The representative of the Tidewater Dirt Riders Association said no only if you have any questions. I have been here for the last eight, ten, or twelve years so if you have any questions for me I’ll be glad to answer them. I will introduce myself. He stated that he was Robert Harrup. He said he was one of the participants in the club. He said he had been around for a long time and he was close enough now to be able to come down and talk to you all for these purposes. He said he appreciated that.

Chairman Jones said this has been going on for years and we haven't had any problems. The Sheriff's Department doesn't have any problems with it.

Supervisor West said there are really no complaints at all.

Chairman Jones said it is bringing some people into the county.

Supervisor West said and they are going to spend a little bit of money.

Supervisor West made a motion that we approve the issuance of this permit.

Supervisor Porter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones said we would go on to item number 11 – Capital Funding Request – Boykins Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that you will see a capital funding request from the Boykins Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad in your agenda. They are asking for that to assist them in making payments on a new Fire Engine which is scheduled for delivery in June as well as a 2008 brush truck they purchased in February of 2008. 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 table indicates the status of capital appropriations since FY 2000. As you can see, we are holding \$21,000 (FY 2013) in escrow for the Boykins Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. To date, we've collectively appropriated \$1,705,500 for fire and rescue improvements and are holding \$301,500 in escrow.

Supervisor Faison moved that we fund this capital funding request.

Supervisor West seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones said we would go to number twelve – Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization.

Mr. Michael Johnson stated that as you're aware, Governor McDonnell's amendments to the Transportation Funding Bill (HB2313) were approved by the General Assembly at its veto session earlier this month and the additional .7% sales tax and 2.1% state tax on wholesale distributors of motor fuels will be imposed in Southampton County (along with the rest of Hampton Roads) beginning July 1. The legislation creates in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund for Planning District 23 that will be known as the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund. The special revenues described above will be paid into the state treasury and credited to this Fund, along with any interest earned on them. These revenues are to be used solely for new construction projects on new or existing roads, bridges, and tunnels in the localities comprising Planning District 23, as approved by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO). The HRTPO is required to give priority to those projects that are expected to provide the greatest impact on reducing congestion and must ensure that the revenues are used for construction projects in all localities comprising Planning District 23. Based on a HRPDC estimate, the additional taxes in Southampton County are expected to generate roughly \$6.1 million in revenue for the region over the next 5 years. I'm cautiously optimistic that we'll be able to access and leverage an equitable portion of this revenue stream to address some of our own transportation needs. As you're also keenly aware, while Southampton County is a longstanding member of Planning District 23, we are not, and have never been, a member of the HRTPO. In order to resolve this dilemma, please find a proposed Memorandum of Agreement attached which entitles Southampton County to one vote at meetings of the HRTPO on any matter involving the planning, programming and funding of projects supported by HB 2313 revenues. The MOA will be considered by the HRTPO Board of Directors on April 18. Current HRTPO voting members include the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg, and the Counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, and York, as well as representatives of the Virginia Senate, Virginia House of Delegates, Transportation District Commission of Hampton Road, Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA), the Virginia

Department of Transportation (VDOT), Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and the Virginia Port Authority. The MOA requires the appointment of one elected official to represent us, and a second elected official to serve as his alternate. HRTOP meetings are conducted on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. immediately following regular meetings of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC). Supervisor West is currently the Board's representative on the HRPDC. I am seeking your authority to execute the attached memorandum of Agreement on behalf of Southampton County. The appointments can be made now, or deferred until your May meeting, if you prefer.

Chairman Jones said you have heard Mr. Michael Johnson. What do you say board?

Supervisor West asked if there was any way humanly possible to reject or not accept this proposal with Hampton Roads. We are going to spend a lot of money and get nothing from it. We are going to be out voted by the cities; and they said one of the criteria is where is the traffic. We can't compete for any of the funds. This is one of those I'll take your money and I don't know that we will even get a thank you from them, but the funds coming back to Southampton or Franklin is going to be, you just as well say, nil. Is there any way humanly possible to say no thank you we don't want to be taxed because we aren't going to receive any benefits from it?

Mr. Richard Railey said well if you don't vote for it you are still going to be taxed for it.

Supervisor Updike said you can't go back to the General Assembly and tell them to redo it.

Supervisor West said we have to take a position and have some representation on the board and that \$6.1 million dollars is still going to be. There is no way they can avoid us. We have Highway 58; we have Highway 460. We have major corridors that are going to be in and out of the Ports and we need to be represented to gain our access to that amount of money and right now we have no access and it is going to happen. The governor is not going to change that. The General Assembly has already voted on the 5.7.

Supervisor Updike said can we ask the General Assembly to reverse their decision.

Supervisor West said no, no you can't do that.

Supervisor Porter said this is not the General Assembly; this is the Attorney General and the Governor who did it to us okay.

Supervisor West said right.

Supervisor Porter said the Attorney General said they couldn't give us a separate district for the transportation projects. They had to use planning district 23 and we are already in planning district 23 and the only way the Governor could fix it was to put us in the pot of money so we can thank our Governor and thank our Attorney General that now our residents have another \$200.00 a year fee. If you look at the money it is about \$1.1 million dollars a year which is roughly close to our quote very popular "trash fee" so the residents will average paying about \$200.00 more to the state treasury and we need to have some representation on the board because we are going to pay it anyway.

Chairman Jones said right.

Supervisor West said we are all part of the HRPDC and the sausage biscuits are good okay.

Supervisor Updike said he was glad we were getting something out of it.

Chairman Jones asked if anybody else wanted to comment on it. He stated that we need to authorize it.

Supervisor Porter moved that we authorize the County Administrator to execute the MOA. He stated that it is not a memorandum to collect the tax because we are already being taxed; it is a memorandum to have someone on the board.

Mr. Richard Railey said exactly.

Chairman Jones said yes that is all it is.

Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones said we would go to item number 13- Discussion Regarding Courthouse Security Improvements.

Mr. Michael Johnson asked if he wanted to talk about your representative this month, Mr. Chairman. You can defer that until next month if you prefer.

Chairman Jones said let's defer that until next month.

Supervisor West said who that person is that is chosen, gets both positions.

Chairman Jones said we will discuss that at the next meeting.

Supervisor Phillips said you have been doing a fine job Supervisor West.

Supervisor Updike said Supervisor West has been doing a great job, you can take over both jobs; thank you.

Supervisor West said well Mr. Michael Johnson goes and the meeting starts at 9:00 and then this is just a continuation that's all. It kind of shoots your morning and day down, but none the less.

Chairman Jones said we still have courthouse security to get to so we will talk about that next month.

Mr. Michael Johnson said as you all directed last month, we did put this back on your agenda tonight for additional discussion. The objective, at this point, is simply to reach consensus on the plan for security improvements in order for the architect to proceed with development of the drawings, specifications and bid documents. Based on your April 16 work session, it appeared to me that there was general consensus on the plan for security improvements in order for the architect to proceed with development of the drawings, specifications and bid documents. Based on your April 16 work session, it appeared to me that there was general consensus for the overall plan presented by PMA, subject to a structuring of the bid documents that will facilitate acceptance or rejection of certain elements of the plan, based upon their actual cost. Mr. Jeff Stodghill has put together a memo that is at your place and tonight he will talk a little bit about how you propose to structure that; with that I'll turn it over to Mr. Jeff Stodghill and let him walk you through that.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill, stated that he was here this evening to get your direction and approval on how to proceed to develop the bid documents for these improvements. I thank you for meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> to go over this in more detail. Basically, I am recommending that we structure the billing so that we get a base bid on the lobby expansion, the basic security system, and the basic construction for the core security improvements. That would be the first price that you would get and then two other alternates – one which is listed as item B here which would be that air-lock vestibule that we proposed between the colonnade and that screening area. That is an easy element for us to look at taking it out of the picture if the cost proves to be too expensive. And then under item C alternate number two – we would get a separate price on this wall and fence enclosure of the parking lot that we had talked about. Again, that is an element that could be postponed to a later phase. It is not absolutely critical in terms of the scope work you outlined in your RFP. The second item pertains to the proposed generator. As you know Judge Delk cited basic emergency power issues at the courthouse. We went and checked and there is no emergency power provision in place there other than lights like you see here, with batteries in them to run lights in the courtrooms or other critical spaces so the need to have an emergency generator is real particularly given the security system is electronic and is going to need to have power to operate beyond just its battery back-up. So a 100 KW generator has been recommended by the engineer and after talking with them I think we discussed our budget for that would be in the \$150,000 to \$175,000 range. In order for us to include that as a third alternate, I need you to modify our contract because that wasn't part of the

original RFP that the county solicited. That additional design cost would be \$12,450. So, if you want us to go off and include the generator in the bidding documents, I need your direction on that tonight.

Chairman Jones said you have heard Mr. Jeff Stodghill. What do you all want to do with this?

Supervisor West said it is a tough decision to make tonight. The funding I know that there are a lot of parts the funding that we have to look at from the Sheriff's standpoint, the City of Franklin's participation, and other revenue streams. I see the immediate need for the entrance under the foyer, protection, bullet proof glass, and the need there to have the screening take place. I see all of that as very important. I am willing to say tonight that we need to move forward with that end and out which separates the flow of traffic going in and going out, and locks behind people exiting the building. I see the need for the cameras in the halls identifying where people are and locating them; and I think we need to move ahead. The generator right now is quite pricey to me and \$150,000 to \$175,000 and that's a generator and I know that. You are talking about pricing it out and that type of thing.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said correct.

Supervisor West said he was not willing to go there yet on the generator; but I am willing to do the basic entrance and exit protection. Judge Parker said that some several years that this needed to be addressed. We are sitting on a potential time bomb. You say well it can't happen in Courtland, Virginia; yes it can. Then when he walked in and he watched, and this is off the cap board and dare I say as you come under the cover walking down and coming into the building the offices next door are just slip up glass and someone can be in the building and there are people there that need to be protected. And, it showed me the dire need for us at a minimum to put something there to protect that area so I want to move forward with the design and get some estimates on that.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Faison.

Supervisor Faison stated that courthouse security is a pressing need and we are in a position where we could incur some liability if something does happen. Now I certainly am in favor in going forward with this. Currently the generator, if there were a problem with the power and no generator, that is just down everything?

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said if we don't put a generator in the most that you are going to be able to get is twenty minutes to an hour depending on what that battery backup holds, that most of us have next to our computer. That would allow the system to continue to operate for a short time. After that goes out you just don't have a functioning security system. So, we feel that the generator is a very critical part of making sure that this investment we are talking about will be able to operate if the power goes out. I don't want to leave you with the impression that in the long haul you can really make this work without a generator. It is something that you can add at a future point, but it is probably in your future. The Judge has pointed that out and we concur with him, but I understand what the financial situation is. I just want to make sure you make an informed decision tonight.

Supervisor West said for an extended period like for a hurricane, say three or four days without electricity, you wouldn't have court anyway. But, for the temporary event it would give you time to evacuate and then the history of the event has been very minimal, right as far as loss of power.

Supervisor Phillips said it has been three times.

Supervisor West said in the long term event I think it is important for us to look at.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said just to clarify we are not proposing to run the entire building if power is lost. We are proposing to run the security system, most of the lighting in some of the systems, but we are not proposing to run the air conditioning system. There will be some other things perhaps, maybe the elevator that we may take off the emergency system.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Edwards.

Supervisor Edwards said he thinks we definitely need the entrance security. He said he kind of

divided it up into stages. Entrance security – that knocks out a lot of problems. The internal security, the generator and the parking lot I put them on the back burner. I think this is something that we need to go ahead and plan for. But, as far as the money is concerned, I'm not sure where we are going to get that.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Porter.

Supervisor Porter said he wanted to clarify one thing. We are not making a decision tonight as to what we are going to do; all we are doing is we are giving him the go ahead to develop the big documents for these different alternatives.

Supervisor West said correct.

Supervisor Porter said when these bid documents come back then we will know what the costs are and we can make a more informed decision. So, I feel like we need to go forward looking at all the alternatives and I think that is what he is asking for. Then we can sit down and talk about the cost and the merits of doing which pieces. If it is going to cost \$400,000 to do the base bid, and it is going to cost \$450,000 to do the rest of it then that is different from costing \$400,000 and then \$200,000 more. It all depends on how much more it is going to be, but we won't know that until we get the bids back. We might be surprised; we might get better prices. I think we need to go ahead and authorize him to do the bid package as outlined so that we know what each piece costs.

Supervisor Edwards said he agreed with that too, but I think we also need to let everybody know where our priorities are with what we can afford.

Supervisor West said he agrees because there may be some surprise elements even in the generator itself. With that being said we may feel differently about it, but go ahead and prepare all the documents and give us the options. That is the understanding tonight that you are looking ahead to design and go ahead and prepare one document so that we can get bids on it.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Phillips.

Supervisor Phillips said he just wanted to make sure he was 100% clear here. Once these documents are prepared, just say we will pick the lobby expansion, the air-lock vestibule, but maybe at the time we accept the bids, say leave out the parking lot upgrades and the emergency backup generator. Basically we will have four items.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said that is correct.

Supervisor Phillips said then we will be better able to access what your proposal is.

Supervisor Edwards said basically entrance security, inside security, parking lot security, and then the generator. He said he would like to see those four stages.

Chairman Jones said that is what he has got on here.

Supervisor Phillips said if his understanding is correct, item one with parts A, B, and C are already paid for. The only thing we are adding to the contract is item two which would be the study for the generator. So this would add \$12,000.00

Mr. Michael Johnson said right. If you want to develop the bid documents and to get the price on the generator you need to amend the design contract by \$12,000.00 and some change.

Chairman Jones asked if Supervisor Phillips was okay with that.

Supervisor Phillips said he would say that as long as we can maintain some further input on the discussion for the generator or the parking lot, I remember the clerk of the court saying that he recommended the lighting in the parking lot be upgraded if nothing else. He asked if that would be possible. You know when you make a bid document it has got to have specifics in it.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said he would recommend in the base bid to include the additional lighting for

the parking lot because that would be necessary for appearance to look better because they are going to be looking for that to be operating in the evenings. The base bid under our assumption would include lighting which would shine into that parking lot to illuminate that area where the staff parks. We think that would be adequate.

Supervisor Phillips said currently the courthouse has emergency service lights that come on when the power goes off.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said in some areas. They are about like this little light right here which if the power went off in this room in the next moment then all the lights would go off, but that would come on automatically, but as you can imagine that would not necessarily provide sufficient light to maintain order and security in a court setting. It might allow us to get out safely, but it would be very dim.

Supervisor Edwards said the generator is not for the building function, just security. They are not going to continue a court session.

Supervisor Phillips said right.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said that is right.

Chairman Jones called on Supervisor Updike.

Supervisor Updike said tonight his thoughts are on the same lines as Supervisor Edwards. We need it broken down into at least four different sections and it is difficult as you understand our finances are tight and we cannot take on the whole project period. We have got to take it by steps as the money becomes available. The entrance needs to be first with your bullet proof glass and lights for the outside.

Supervisor West said what this is - it is simply a motion to require you to go ahead and proceed with the development of construction drawings and bid documents. That is all he is asking for tonight.

Supervisor Edwards said we also want to make it clear what kind of set up we want there. This is like a puzzle; we would take it apart in four parts.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said that is correct. You will have a base bid which will be comprised of the basis security system and the lobby changes and then you will have three different alternative prices which will cover the things I have outlined here. It will be a Chinese menu of sorts. You will be able to pick and choose which components you want.

Chairman Jones stated that Mr. Jeff Stodghill has done what we asked for. He is getting ready to form the list now so we can decide exactly what we want. He is going to get the bids; and we don't have to do any of it. Right now he is getting the plan together. You have to have a set of plans if you are going to do anything. Now we are going to get bids for the plan he has already come up with.

Supervisor Phillips asked Chairman Jones if he could speak to Mr. Jeff Stodghill for a second here.

Chairman Jones said go ahead.

Supervisor Phillips stated that during our tour of the courthouse there were some citizens present also that had some comments that I really haven't had a chance to address. He asked if it would be possible before he composed these documents if we could possibly have another meeting, just you and I maybe, by phone or otherwise to address these concerns or comments.

Mr. Jeff Stodghill said certainly.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

Supervisor West said as a second part of this too. I see Mr. Michael Johnson is seeking to make an application to the department of general services.

Chairman Jones said right.

Mr. Michael Johnson said he would get to that. He wanted to make sure that you have a consensus on what Mr. Jeff Stodghill is suggesting. He is suggesting that he puts together a base bid which would include enclosure of the colonnade, installation of the equipment, the x-ray machine and those type of things, installation of the cameras inside and all that type stuff, the bulletproof glass, changing some of the doors, those kinds of things. That is the base bid and the parking lot light all lumped together in the base bid. Then there will be an additive alternate bid which would provide for the air-lock vestibule so in other words you could accept just the base bid or the base bid plus adding the vestibule if you decide to do that. There will be an additive alternate item to do the parking lot improvements. You can accept or reject that. Then the third piece will be the generator, if you decide that you want to do that; recognizing that if you decide to proceed with the generator you are making a change in Mr. Jeff Stodghill's contract right now for the \$12,000 and some odd dollars there to get the generator designed. I want to make sure everybody understands.

Chairman Jones asked if everybody understood that.

Supervisor Porter said one other point is that there is a high likelihood that we can pay for the generator out of the security fund, funds that we can't use for other county projects, correct?

Chairman Jones said right.

Mr. Michael Johnson said at the discretion of the Sheriff.

Supervisor Porter said at the discretion of the Sheriff. That may be whether or not we do that, depending if he makes those funds available.

Chairman Jones said you see what we have got in front of us. He asked if they were ready to vote on this.

Supervisor West said first you have got to have a motion and a second to do that.

Chairman Jones said I know. I'm just asking whether we are ready to do that.

Supervisor Porter made a motion to authorize Mr. Jeff Stodghill to prepare the bid documents as proposed in this memorandum.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated the next item is to decide whether we are going to make the application for the general department of general services line compliance.

Mr. Michael Johnson said as he mentioned Mr. Chairman, there is an application process to the Virginia Department of General Services that is actually established under section 17-281C of the code of Virginia that would give you all special authority to access an additional sum of \$3.00 on every civil action and each criminal and traffic case which could be used as a revenue stream to service any debt that is associated with this project. If the Department of General Services certifies your courthouse as noncompliant and gives you the authority to impose that additional fee, it will generate approximately \$34,500.00 per year. If that is something that you want to do, you would need to authorize us to prepare that application to the Department of General Services.

Chairman Jones said you heard Mr. Michael Johnson; does anybody have any questions on it?

Supervisor West said when you are seeking direction, I am in favor of doing something.

Supervisor Porter said he moves that this be done.

Supervisor Faison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones said so we are in order for Mr. Michael Johnson to go to the Virginia Department of General Services and ask for certification on that. He said as you all know we share the circuit court and two constitutional officers – the clerk of court and the commonwealth attorney.

Mr. Michael Johnson said the last thing is that the 2012 population estimates account for about 31.66 percent of the total population in Franklin and Southampton. So general speaking the City will be responsible for roughly 23% of the costs. That is basically 32 percent times 72 percent which comes up with that 23%. We have informed the City Manager of that. Our shared services committee has touched base with their shared services committee so they are in the loop and are well aware of what their obligation would be with regard to this project.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions on this.

Supervisor Edwards asked if their reaction was a positive one then.

Supervisor West said it wasn't a problem. They realize it.

Supervisor Porter said it is a matter of fact.

Supervisor Faison said so they have no input in the design and what we are talking about; it's only that they pay the 23%.

Mr. Michael Johnson said when they became a city of the second class and shared the facilities they hitched their wagon to our horse. That is basically the way it works.

Chairman Jones stated we would go to number fourteen.

Mr. Michael Johnson said number fourteen is a resolution authorizing establishment of a deferred compensation plan with the Virginia retirement system. For many years, Southampton County, in partnership with The National Association of Counties (NACo) and Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS) has provided county employees an opportunity to participate in a Section 457 Deferred Compensation Program. The program allows county employees to voluntarily contribute a portion of their wages to a special account and to direct these contributions to one or more investment options. In doing so, they're able to augment their retirement savings, while postponing the payment of income taxes. Recently, it has come to my attention that the Virginia Retirement System also has a deferred compensation program, managed by ING, which is available to participating local governments. In order to make this program available to Southampton County employees, it is necessary for the Board to adopt the attached resolution which authorizes me to enter into the attached agreement. Adoption of this resolution provides an additional benefit option to offer to our employees at no additional cost.

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had any questions on this.

Supervisor West said he would assume that they will be able to continue to use the National Association of Counties in addition to ING.

Mr. Michael Johnson said correct.

Supervisor West said it seems like a good thing to me. It's an option for the employees and they pay the benefits. He said he would certainly be fine with it.

Chairman Jones asked Supervisor West to make a motion then.

Supervisor West said he would. He made a motion to adopt the resolution to establish a deferred compensation plan with the Virginia retirement system.

Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones stated we would go to number 15 – Miscellaneous.

Mr. Michael Johnson said I have just a couple of items, Mr. Chairman. I did you all a copy of the official notice that was provided to the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries relative to your recently adopted change to Section 10-26 to the county code last month. So, that notice has been provided in advance of the May 1 deadline.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any late arriving matters.

Mr. Michael Johnson said no sir.

Chairman Jones said at this time we will have the citizens comment period.

Mr. Ash Cutchin of Darden Point Road addressed the Board. He said he didn't know how many of them read the Virginian Pilot, but he reads it daily and sometimes he wonders why. He said he was holding a copy of the daily cartoon. He said I don't know how many of you saw it, but the first frame shows a federal employee, a gentlemen standing at a microphone, saying a recent study shows we, the federal government, are losing billions in duplicate spending. Then in the next frame he steps aside, and a federal employee, a lady says, we, the federal government are losing billions in federal spending. Now I'm not accusing you people of duplicate spending. I don't think we do any, but this cartoon reminds me that just like the federal government, who spend money on duplicates and other things spending money they don't have, we are spending money that we don't have. I have come up here and complained about this just about every month for the last five or six years. A few moments ago Mr. Michael Johnson said that come August or September we are going to have to borrow money just to make it through the year which August is barely midway the year and I noticed in the county proposed budget that the expenses of running the county, those items that come under administration, not the school, have gone up about a million dollars since the recession hit in 2008 or 2009. So running this county is still costing us a million dollars more than it used to cost us, and it is money that we don't have. He stated that he attended a portion of the retreat that you all had this summer and came away with several pages and one was this bus fleet rotation plan and I noticed that buying new school buses is part of this proposed budget. If I'm interpreting this correctly and correct me Mr. Michael Johnson if I am wrong, it looks like to buy these buses we are borrowing \$5.1 million dollars in the next nine years. Then in the right hand column is cumulative annual debt service which is \$3.3 million dollars in the next nine years. Now, if I added that correctly on my little HP this \$8.5 million dollars cumulative, principal and interest in the next nine years will be about \$945,000 a year in additional money that we don't have. Money that you are proposing to buy school buses that I personally think the school board should have been buying all these years from their transportation budget. I still can't understand why that wasn't part of their long range planning. I don't know if you are watching my two minutes Mr. Michael Johnson, I mean Chairman Jones or not.

Chairman Jones said you are alright; go ahead on.

Mr. Ash Cutchin said he would like to make one more comment if he could in regards to the proposed draft budget. I turned around tonight and see fewer than twenty five citizens here out of over eighteen hundred citizens in the county and that disappoints me deeply. I'm disappointed that the room is not full with standing room only when you talked about dogs or muzzleloaders. I guess the people are at home watching "Dancing with the Stars". I don't know what they are doing, but they are not here. I have something that I would like you to consider and this is just something to think about. Instead of making little \$200.00 fees here and there every couple of years for our garbage and instead of adding \$0.02 to our real estate tax every couple of years all of which results in kicking the can down the road and passing these costs along to our grandchildren why not go ahead and create an honest budget which covers all or most of our costs, gets us whole and healthy again and quit spending 39% of the total school bus budget because 39% of it is the \$3 million debt service; that makes an \$85,000 bus end up costing \$118,000, if you multiply \$85,000 times 1.39. So you budget for an \$85,000 school bus and you are going to pay \$118,000 for it just because you have to borrow the money to buy them. Why not go ahead and publish a healthy budget, get us out of debt and see how many citizens show up here to complain about the \$0.50 tax increase. Thank you.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak.

Mr. John Burchett of Sebrell addressed the Board. He said he agrees. He said he promised he was

not going to spend a lot of time tonight; you already know how I feel about that. A couple of things came up tonight. We were here last year sometime talking about borrowing money because we didn't have the money to pay the bills. I thought we were going to address that. Do you remember that Supervisor Phillips? We were going to try to get collections started early and if you remember what I said then there are some people in this county that are civic minded. If somebody sent me a tax bill saying we need the money, I'd pay my taxes today. I believe there are other people who are willing to do it. If we can save a penny, I'd be willing to do it. I've got a need to say this and you may not have a need to hear it, but I'm not a flame liberal before what I'm going to say next. Two weeks ago, Wednesday I believe it was, at one of your budget workshops, the garbage fee was talked and most people on the Board were talking about the 38% that hadn't paid. I thank the Lord that I have some compassion. I'm sure some of the 38% are a bunch of no good bums and should be booted. But, believe it or not there are some people out there that probably could not afford it. I'm thankful that I could. I know we have got to pay our taxes, but I at least think we ought to show some compassion that we have to do this. I didn't hear much. Now this won't take long I promise. Chairman Jones challenged people who complained to come up with some solutions. Mr. Ash Cutchin definitely has some good ideas. This is going to be quick. We made three decisions in the last ten years that has put this county in jeopardy and whether you were sitting on the Board or not doesn't make any difference. It is yours now and you have got to live with it and I've got to live with it. This thing about saying it was somebody else's fault that is just like Mr. Obama; it's his budget now. You have got to take responsibility for fixing what we have got to fix. I sat right there where that young lady is sitting in 2008, I believe it was in May if my old mind remembers, when we voted on building the sewage plant and adding the lines out to Riverdale School. Then Mr. Jimmy Lee and numerous other people came up here, mindful people and business people, and pleaded let's wait because things don't look good, things might collapse. But, we blew it off and we are in this situation that we are in now. The Turner Tract is another one. Another one is trash disposal which was about ten years ago. That was when he was working and didn't have time to pay attention to what was going on and it would have been done anyway. We are locked into this thing where we are subsidizing Virginia Beach, a poor county like us. They are locked in at a low rate and we are locked in at a ridiculously high rate. In the budget that Mr. Michael Johnson provided on line, which was great I love it, I didn't start at the front I started at the back. Southampton County's summary of outstanding debt is \$65,353,000. Before we get below a 5 million dollar debt service I will be 75 years old. Before this debt is paid off most of us in this room will be dead. God help us. Now we get down to the point. We can't cut our way out of this; we cut what we can, but there is no way. We can't expect our employees and teachers to go forever without a raise. That is asking too much; it's not their fault. It is our fault. We as citizens allowed it to happen. Some of our representatives made wrong choices, but we have all got to live with it. I've got a few comments on the budget. I did look at where we are transferring funds out of the general funds reserve and at the rate we are going now I figure we can go seven more years doing it at the current rate. I don't know if Mr. Michael Johnson agrees with that or not, but according to the figures that is what I come up with; that is all I have got. We are taking our \$452,000 this year out of reserve and I think we have got about \$4 million dollars left in reserve as of June. Like I said I started at the back because the main problems are our debt and I moved to more forward sections with some expenditures that we have earmarked for the county. On page 3-46, and I sent you all an e-mail on this by the way, I believe it was last week, the Rebecca Vaughan house project is earmarked for \$20,000.00 and for the historical society we are earmarked for \$3,500.00 so that is \$23,500.00. That's great. I love the historical society and I love what we are doing there, but that shouldn't come out of there. I belong to a civic club and nobody has come and asked us for any money that I know of. I may be wrong, but we raise money in our club. Supervisor Phillips is in our club. I'm sure he would be willing to help him to get the club to donate. This is for fund-raisers; this is not a tax money thing. Now if I say something that is wrong as far as something coming out of the budget, please tell me. Now as far as the community concert association, I've been to some of these things; it's great, I love it. It's in the budget at \$5,100 dollars. People who go to these concerts, some of them are his friends, we don't need to subsidize them. They got money. I've got money. I'll pay for it. Do not use somebody else's tax dollars for me to go and sit and listen to somebody play; I can afford it. On page 3-36, this is the sanitation waste disposal, Walt Brown, and I don't know if he is here, brought this up last year, on the part time salary sites \$228,000 dollars. If we just took one day out of the three and closed the site, I'm talking about the garbage collection, and I don't know if all this help is at the those sites, it doesn't matter because I don't give a hoot if we only save \$10,000.00. It's only one day. If you shut Sebrell I guarantee you I could wait one day. Give me two days to carry my trash, or only give me one I don't care. We

could save \$76,000 dollars. With that \$76,000 and the \$23,500 from the Rebecca Vaughan House and the Historical Society we could buy a bus with the money we are saving. I know it's not a lot, but anything. He asked Chairman Jones if they got his information?

Chairman Jones said he had it. He stated in the jail there are 61 people there as of today. At the jail farm we have 41 people there as of today at 12:30 today, but it has probably changed since then.

Mr. John Burchett said it didn't matter. He said Supervisor Updike I'm surprised that you hadn't seen this because you are the man I count on to hawk what is going on, even though I don't agree with you on everything.

Supervisor Updike said I've seen it, but I can't do anything about it.

Mr. John Burchett said this is what I've got to say and I will be respectful. If you have got the guts to cut the kids, you have got to have the guts to cut other things and that I believe. I worked at Newport News Shipbuilding and I've had to sit in front of people and tell them that they didn't have a job. It is the hardest thing in the world to do, but sometimes you have got to do it. Supervisor Porter you are a business man, you know. The budget for detention at the Sheriff's Office is \$2,822,961. The Sheriff's Law Enforcement is \$1,673,787. We are spending \$1,149,000 more on detention than we are on enforcement. To me that jumped out there and I said John what in the hell is going on. Excuse me for saying that.

Supervisor West said yeah.

Supervisor Edwards said if you keep them you don't have to catch them but once.

Mr. John Burchett said in the building fund Mr. Michael Johnson has earmarked \$75,000 for things at the jail farm. Just keep that in mind. I didn't count that in my figures as to how much we are spending on detention. Now this goes back to what I asked Mr. Michael Johnson. I tried to get this information last week, but I guess Supervisor Phillips forgot to tell me. I asked how many people we had in the jail. I did these figures based on 200. I just took a figure because I said there can't be more than 200 people in the jail because 200 people is 1% of the population in Southampton County. Now listen to this please; this is very important. We have 2,846 students in Southampton County Schools according to Dr. Alvera Parrish last week. She is a very smart lady. That is the first time I had seen the lady. That is \$10,499 dollars per student. We have 102 inmates and I had figured on 200. Based on the budget for detention, not counting the \$75,000, we are spending \$14,114 per inmate. Where is Mr. Ash Cutchin?

Mr. Ash Cutchin said I'm right here.

Mr. John Burchett said we are running a prison system in the county when we have got one in the state. So if you figure today when there are only 102 inmates we are spending \$28,000 per inmate. Look, do you have the guts to do anything about it? Well, we will find out. He said in personnel in the Sheriff's there are 22 in enforcement and 46 in detention. He said he worked on this. He said he takes this very seriously. If you all don't believe me, I do. He said I love this county. I love my kids. We have got 46 people watching 100 people. Do you know what that ratio is? We have got two prisoners for every one person in detention. Something isn't right; that is all I've got to say. He asked Chairman Jones if he did good.

Chairman Jones said you did good. You did good.

Supervisor West said there are some things we may need to make a comment or two on.

Chairman Jones said I hear you.

Supervisor West said and that is the money for each of those inmates is not money from this county.

Mr. John Burchett said if you are wasting money I don't care if it is state money or county money. If we can only save \$150,000 or \$200,000, Supervisor West we need to. We are hurting. We are

hurting and we are running that prison system.

Supervisor West said well the mandates from the State of Virginia are beyond our control, number one. Money coming down from Richmond as far as what the additional funds are I can't tell you what we are paying out of pocket from our taxpayers.

Mr. John Burchett said it doesn't matter; it is wasting money. It doesn't matter whether it belongs to the state or the county. Supervisor West, I put it out there; you have got it. For \$28,000 versus \$10,000 for kids; that is a tragedy. I mean gosh. I can't believe it myself. I talked to Supervisor Faison in Wal-Mart last year about the expense of detention versus education. I didn't know we were that far apart because we said it is cheaper to train them than to hold them in prison. I didn't have any idea there was that much different in the figures, but anyway.

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

Mr. Jason Fowler of Shands in Courtland addressed the Board. He said he had a couple of things. He said he had looked over the budget. He said he had lots of thoughts on the budget, but he was not going to talk about that tonight. One thing he would like to bring to your attention is the interchange here in Courtland. I haven't heard much about it from the Board; I don't know how much the Board knows about it. But, I guess it is earmarked for about \$25 million dollars to be spent for the Courtland By-Pass Interchange. Whether it is necessary, I know it is on the Governor's agenda, but it is money being spent. I just ask each of you to look at that interchange and make sure it is the design you want. You can take a look at it and see if it is what you want. I have seen it and it is very interesting.

Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone else.

Supervisor Edwards said I think once you look at this whole situation as to the percentage that we have collected on the trash fee, 63% I believe right now, if you look at the national average that is probably about equal to what the percentage is of people who pay meaningful federal taxes and it dawned on me that may well be the percentage of people in this county who pay meaningful county or local taxes. The other thing that we discussed tonight is the school situation and the teachers in the schools do deserve a raise as they are right dead last of all the counties around here. We also have a serious school bus problem and if anybody else out there has any ideas how we can get out of them I would sure like to hear them.

Chairman Jones asked if anybody else had anything. There being no one else the meeting was adjourned.

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Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

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Michael W. Johnson, Clerk