

**OUTGOING
CORRESPONDENCE**

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

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January 11, 2012

The Honorable Rodham T. Delk, Jr.
Southampton Circuit Court
P. O. Box 190
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Judge Delk:

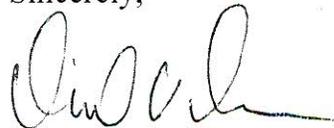
Enclosed herewith please find a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County recommending prospective appointees for the 2012 Board of Equalization.

As you know, the Board of Equalization is statutorily limited to five (5) members. The Board of Supervisors has recommended seven (7) candidates, one from each of the magisterial districts in the county. We seek your favorable consideration in appointing the remaining two (2) candidates as alternate members.

Each of the recommended prospective members is scheduled to complete the basic course of instruction given by the Virginia Department of Taxation on January 26, 2012 as required by § 58.1-3374, *Code of Virginia*.

Thanking you in advance for your thoughtful consideration, I remain

Sincerely,



Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator

cc: Richard L. Francis, Clerk of the Court
Amy B. Carr, Commissioner of the Revenue

A RESOLUTION SEEKING APPOINTMENT OF
THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 58.1-3252, *Code of Virginia*, Southampton County performed a general reassessment of all real property within the county effective for the 2012 tax year, having not done so for a period of six years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 58.1-3275 (i), *Code of Virginia*, the Southampton County Board of Supervisors appointed a local Board of Assessors and contracted with Wingate Appraisal Service, a certified professional assessor, to assist them in the work; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 58.1-3330, et seq., *Code of Virginia*, Southampton County provided direct mail notification of the change in assessed values to all real property owners as shown by the land book of Southampton County and further advised each such owner of certain dates to meet with the Board of Assessors and Wingate Appraisal Service to present objections; and

WHEREAS, § 58.1-3350, *Code of Virginia*, provides that aggrieved citizens may apply for relief from such assessment to the Southampton County Board of Equalization or directly to the Circuit Court of Southampton County, and

WHEREAS, § 58.1-3370, et seq. *Code of Virginia*, requires the Circuit Court of Southampton County to appoint such Board of Equalization, composed of not less than three nor more than five resident members whose terms shall expire January 1, 2013.

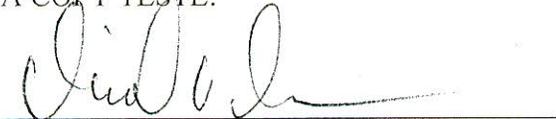
WHEREAS, by an ordinance duly adopted pursuant to § 58.1-3378, *Code of Virginia*, the Board of Supervisors established February 15, 2012 as the deadline for receipt of applications to the Board of Equalization and March 30, 2012 as the deadline for disposition of such applications by the Board of Equalization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Southampton County Board of Supervisors that the following persons are respectfully recommended to the Circuit Court of Southampton County for appointment to the Board of Equalization:

- (1) Candace H. Saunders, Franklin District
- (2) William F. Grizzard, Jr., Newsoms District
- (3) William L. Randall, Berlin-Ivor District
- (4) Allard A. Allston, III, Drewryville District
- (5) Richard C. Grizzard, Boykins-Branchville District
- (6) James H. Lee, IV, Jerusalem District
- (7) Charles B. Settle, Capron District

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that compensation for such members shall be paid out of the county treasury at the rate of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per diem.

A COPY TESTE:



Michael W. Johnson, Clerk
Southampton County Board of Supervisors

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January 6, 2012

Allard A. Allston, III
25274 Barhams Hill Road
Drewryville, VA 23844

RE: Board of Equalization

Dear Mr. Allston:

I am pleased to confirm that the Board of Supervisors has recommended you to the Circuit Court of Southampton County for appointment to the Board of Equalization. This Board is charged with hearing and giving consideration to complaints related to the recent real estate reassessment, and adjusting and equalizing the assessments so that the burden of taxation rests equally on the citizens of Southampton County. Your work is expected to be completed by March 30, 2012.

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On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, please accept my sincere gratitude for your willingness to serve. Please give me a call at your very earliest convenience if you have a conflict and are unable to attend.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Richard C. Grizzard
P.O. Box 304
Boykins, VA 23827

RE: Board of Equalization

Dear Mr. Grizzard:

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William F. Grizzard, Jr.
34640 Statesville Road
Newsoms, VA 23874

RE: Board of Equalization

Dear Mr. Grizzard:

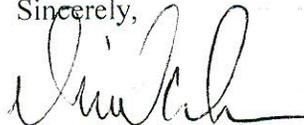
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James H. Lee, IV
29206 Flaggy Run Road
Courtland, VA 23837

RE: Board of Equalization

Dear Mr. Lee:

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William L. Randall
11204 Randall Drive
Zuni, VA 23898

RE: Board of Equalization

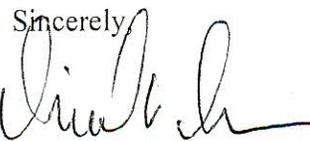
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Candace H. Saunders
26079 Shady Brook Trail
Courtland, VA 23837

RE: Board of Equalization

Dear Mrs. Saunders:

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Charles B. Settle
P.O. Box 131
Capron, VA 23829

RE: Board of Equalization

Dear Mr. Settle:

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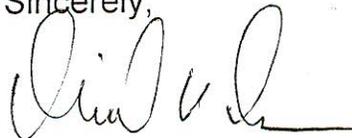
In regular session on January 3, 2012, pursuant to §15.2-2308, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Mr. Glenn H. Updike resigned his position on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Board of Supervisors respectfully recommends that Mr. Brian Darden be appointed to succeed Mr. Updike and serve the remainder of his unexpired term, ending September 30, 2012.

For your reference, Mr. Darden's address is 33019 Statesville Road, Newsoms, Virginia.

Thanking you in advance for your thoughtful consideration, I remain

Sincerely,



Michael W. Johnson
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cc: Richard L. Francis, Clerk of the Court
Elizabeth Lewis, AICP
Brian Darden

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January 5, 2012

Mr. John T. Randall
19134 Lakeside Drive
Courtland, VA 23828

Dear Mr. Randall:

I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to fill Dr. Alan Edwards' unexpired term as the Jerusalem District representative on the Southampton County Planning Commission. Your term commences immediately and will expire April 30, 2014.

This appointment was made in regular session on January 3, 2012 by the Southampton County Board of Supervisors. As you may already be aware, the planning commission consists of a total of nine (9) commissioners with one representative from each of the seven (7) election districts, one (1) at-large commissioner, and one (1) member of the board of supervisors. Dr. Edwards will remain on the Commission as the Board of Supervisors representative. The planning commission serves in an advisory capacity to the board of supervisors primarily with regard to matters associated with growth and development.

The planning commission meets regularly on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Southampton County Office Center, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland. Commissioners are reimbursed semiannually for personal expenses at the per-diem rate of \$60 for each meeting attended.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. It's my understanding that your agenda package went out in yesterday's mail.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Disclosure of Real Estate Holdings form, which you must complete and return to me by January 17, 2012 in order to comply with the Virginia *Conflict of Interests Act*.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, please accept my congratulations on your appointment.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Johnson
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attachment

cc: Alan W. Edwards
Beth Lewis, Secretary

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December 29, 2011

Mr. Demetrios N. Peratsakis, Executive Director
Western Tidewater Community Services Board
5268 Godwin Boulevard
Suffolk, VA 23434

Dear Mr. Peratsakis:

In regular session on November 28, 2011 the Southampton County Board of Supervisors retroactively appointed Mrs. Kathleen Holloway to succeed herself for another three year term on the Western Tidewater Community Services Board commencing January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2013.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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December 28, 2011

Mr. Jim Chandler
Tidewater Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.
6353 Center Dr., Ste. 101
Norfolk, VA 23502

RE: Director Nomination

Dear Mr. Chandler:

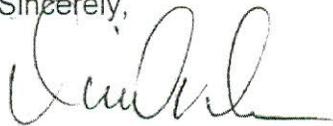
Please be advised that the Southampton County Board of Supervisors wishes to nominate Mr. Brian Steelman to succeed and fill the remaining unexpired term of Mr. Robert Grizzard.

For your information, Mr. Steelman's mailing address is 39102 Warrigue Road, Ivor, VA 23866 and his email address is bsteelman@ecoflo.com

Thank you in advance for forwarding this nomination to the Council for consideration at its next meeting.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,



Michael W. Johnson
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cc: Brian Steelman

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December 21, 2011

Mr. Joel H. Peck, Clerk
Virginia State Corporation Commission
c/o Document Control Center
P.O. Box 2118
Richmond, VA 23218-2118

IN RE: PUE-2011-00073

Dear Mr. Peck:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing in strong support of Dominion Virginia Power's application to convert the Southampton Power Station to a biomass-fueled facility.

As you're aware, the facility presently runs on coal and is used as a peaking plant, running only when there is an unusually high demand for electricity. For this reason, we have long been concerned that economic conditions might cause the Company to close it, resulting in the loss of thirty (30) of the best paying jobs in the region.

The Company is now proposing to convert this facility to biomass fuel, and in addition, make it a base load facility, running almost continuously. This will make the 30 existing jobs much more secure *and* create up to 100 new jobs in the associated supply chain (forestry and transportation). In addition, project construction is expected to pump more than \$2 million into our local economy over a 15-month period.

Based on the value of new equipment installed during the conversion, property taxes paid by the Company to Southampton County are expected to increase by almost \$300,000 annually, which is equivalent to more than 2¢ on our real property tax rate – certainly welcome news to us in these tough economic times.

Finally, local farmers will benefit from reuse of ash that will be generated from the burning of biomass fuel. The ash may be substituted for lime, and at \$35/ton, can save local farmers more than \$175,000 annually.

Thank you in advance for consideration of these factors, and we hope that the Commission will quickly approve Dominion's application to convert the Southampton Power Station.

Very truly yours,

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman
Board of Supervisors