

At a Continued Meeting/Mini Retreat of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors held at the Ivor Volunteer Fire Department, 8295 Main Street, Ivor, VA on March 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman (Drewryville)  
 Walter L. Young, Jr., Vice-Chairman (Franklin)  
 Walter D. Brown, III (Newsoms)  
 Carl J. Faison (Boykins-Branchville)  
 Anita T. Felts (Jerusalem)  
 Ronald M. West (Berlin-Ivor)  
 Moses Wyche (Capron)

SUPERVISORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator  
 James A. Randolph, Assistant County Administrator  
 Julia G. Williams, Finance Director  
 Robert L. Barnett, Director of Community Development  
 Sandi P. Plyler, Data Processing Manager  
 Julien W. Johnson, Jr., Public Utilities Director  
 Hart Council, Public Works Director  
 Richard E. Railey, Jr., County Attorney  
 John Robert Harrup, Commissioner of the Revenue  
 David K. Britt, Treasurer  
 Robert Croak, Utilities Systems Supervisor  
 Vernie W. Francis, Jr., Sheriff

Chairman Jones called the meeting back to order at 7:00 PM. *(Note: The regular session of February 26, 2007 was recessed until tonight.)* Supervisor Faison gave the invocation.

*(Note: Supervisors Brown and Felts were not yet present.)*

Mr. Michael Johnson, County Administrator, welcomed everyone and presented a PowerPoint presentation of tonight's agenda, which consisted of the following:

- Acceptance of Low Bid – Notice of Award Mill Creek Drive
- Certificate of Authority – Wells Fargo Brokerage
- Notice of VACo Region 1 Meeting
- Updated Solid Waste Information
- Comprehensive Plan Highlights

Mr. Johnson stated that Mill Creek Drive would provide access to Southampton Terminal LLC and Feridies' new facility in the Business Park. Construction of Mill Creek would consist of:

- 850 linear feet of roadway
  - Clearing, grading, drainage, paving, signage, pavement markings
  - Erosion & sedimentation control
- Waterline installation
  - Hydrants, meter, etc.
- Sewer line installation
  - Manholes, taps, etc.

Mr. Johnson advised that they had received 6 bids and the bid tabulation was as follows:

<b>Bidder/Company Name</b>	<b>Total Lump Sum Bid</b>
W.P. Taylor & Co.	\$288,888.00
Harrell Contracting	\$369,000.00
W.T. Riddick & Co.	\$388,700.00
Crowder & White	\$391,334.00
Blair Bros. Paving	\$419,360.00
Excel Paving Corp.	\$444,214.00

W.P. Taylor & Co. was the low bidder at \$288,888.00, which was lower than the estimated project budget of \$358,176. They had contacted W.P. Taylor & Co. to ensure that their figures were accurate. They assured them that they could complete the project at that cost.

Mr. Johnson advised that a motion by the Board of Supervisors was needed to accept the lowest bid of W.P. Taylor & Co. and authorize the County Administrator to Issue a "Notice of Award" on March 14. And further, following the period of protest as established by the statute, to authorize the County Administrator to enter into contract for the project.

**Supervisor Wyche so moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Young. All were in favor.**

Mr. Johnson advised that Wells Fargo Brokerage Services, LLC was seeking an authorized Certificate of Authority giving he and Julia Williams, Finance Director, permission to set, assign, and endorse for transfer, certificates representing stocks, bonds or other securities now registered or hereafter

registered in the name of Southampton County. He noted that this was in regards to the bonds that the County recently sold for the new elementary school and industrial park.

**Vice-Chairman Young so moved, seconded by Supervisor Wyche. All were in favor.**

Mr. Johnson announced that a Region 1 VACo meeting would be held March 29, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, at the Airfield Conference Center in Wakefield to identify legislative issues of interest to Virginia's 95 counties. State Senators, Delegates, Board of Supervisors and County Administrators for Accomack, Isle of Wight, Northampton, Prince George, Southampton, Surry and Sussex Counties were invited to attend. A buffet dinner would be served for \$17.95/ person. He needed a headcount of Supervisors that planned to attend so that reservations may be made.

All of the Supervisors present indicated that they planned to attend. Mr. Johnson advised that accordingly, their March 26 regular session would need to be continued until March 29 at 6:00 PM in order to comply with open meeting requirements.

Mr. Johnson provided an update on solid waste information. The 2004 average of solid waste in SPSA communities was 3.7 lbs. per capita per day. Southampton's 2004 average was 5.86 lbs. per person per day, or almost 7,000 tons/year. At \$75/ton, the current disposal rate, 7,000 tons = \$525,000. At \$100/ton, the proposed future disposal rate, 7,000 tons = \$700,000. We had seen monthly tonnages consistently below 1093 tons, which was the breakeven point at \$75/ton, since implementing the attended sites, resulting in a savings/avoided cost. The avoided cost so far was \$128,691 and would increase as SPSA's cost of disposal increased.

Mr. Johnson turned the meeting over to Mr. Jay Randolph, Assistant County Administrator. Mr. Randolph, the Planning Commission and HRPDC had worked very diligently on our Comprehensive Plan Update. The Planning Commission held its public hearing on the Update at its February 8, 2007 meeting and forwarded a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors' would hold its public hearing on March 26, 2007.

Mr. Randolph presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled Vision 2020: The Southampton County Comprehensive Plan. He advised that comprehensive planning were statements of long range policies concerning future changes and development to the physical landscape. The Code of Virginia required each locality to have a comprehensive plan and to review it every 5 years. Update sessions were held to give citizens an opportunity to provide input. They were well attended and comments received were considered when updating the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that Southampton was one of 16 localities forming Hampton Roads. We were near the Port of Virginia and military installations and enjoyed a temperate climate. Regions would begin to compete for future shares of the emerging global market and Hampton Roads was well positioned. We enjoyed below average unemployment rates. Our current population was 18,000, but was expected to increase to 21,494 by 2020 and 23,500 by 2030. There would be an estimated 1581 new homes in the County over the next 13 years.

*(Note: Supervisors Brown and Felts arrived at this time.)*

Mr. Randolph advised that Southampton County was expected to grow over the next two decades, and new people meant new homes. We had opportunities for new industry and business, which could broaden the tax base and create jobs. Currently, almost 60% of Southampton County's residents were employed outside of the County. He stated that tools for managing growth were the Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance, and Capital Improvement Plan. He explained the following key elements of the Comprehensive Plan:

- Planning Areas: Designated areas of future public infrastructure improvements, primary roads, business and employment centers, educational facilities
- Community Areas: Limited public infrastructure & roadways, business & employment centers
- Designated areas devoted to Agriculture/Forestry/Open Space and limited low density residential development
- Linking transportation, environment, economics, housing and education to provide a desirable quality of life for our citizens

Mr. Randolph shared the projected future land use map of the Comprehensive Plan and pointed out the 3 major planned development areas – Ivor, Courtland, and Boykins/Branchville/Newsoms. They were situated around our Towns where utilities were available, which was better suited for high density development. Sedley, Capron, and Drewryville were community areas. The remainder denoted open space, agricultural, and forestry land suited for low density development.

He stated that on the cover of the Comprehensive Plan was a picture of the Sunnyside House in Newsoms. He thought this was appropriate because Southampton's sunniest days were ahead.

Supervisors Brown and Felts apologized for being late - they attended a Republican Party meeting to seek nominations as candidates for the Board of Supervisors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.