

At a **special meeting** of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room of the Southampton County Office Center at 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia on August 1, 2007 at 4:00 PM.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

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

SUPERVISORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator (Clerk)
James A. Randolph, Assistant County Administrator
Richard E. Railey, Jr., County Attorney

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

Mr. Michael Johnson, County Administrator, advised that Chairman Jones called this special meeting in order for the Southampton County Board of Supervisors to take an official position regarding the four (4) sites in Southampton County that were recently publicly identified as potential outlying landing field (OLF) sites.

Chairman Jones and Supervisors Brown and Felts, all of whom recently visited with the Navy at N.A.S. Oceana, stated that they thought the Navy had other options, and that it would not be unpatriotic to oppose an OLF in Southampton County.

Supervisor Faison advised that Oceana was important to Virginia, but he respected the wishes of his constituents.

Supervisor West advised that an OLF in Southampton County would be an economic disaster. His constituents were not in favor of it.

Mr. Johnson read aloud the following resolution:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

RESOLUTION

At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia, held in the Southampton County Office Center, Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia on Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT

The Honorable Dallas O. Jones, Chairman
The Honorable Walter L. Young, Jr., Vice Chairman
The Honorable Walter D. Brown, III
The Honorable Carl J. Faison
The Honorable Anita T. Felts
The Honorable Ronald M. West
The Honorable Moses Wyche

IN RE: Outlying Landing Field (OLF)

Motion by Supervisor _____:

WHEREAS, the Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, Governor of Virginia, acting by and through the Virginia Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, assisted the Department of the Navy in identifying alternative sites within the Commonwealth for potential development of an outlying landing field (OLF) to support field carrier landing practice for Navy pilots assigned to Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Forestry published a site suitability analysis which, based upon certain criteria and parameters established by the Department of the Navy, identified ten potential OLF sites in five southeastern Virginia counties, including King and Queen, Greensville, Southampton, Surry, and Sussex; and

WHEREAS, four of the ten potential sites identified by the Department of Forestry and provided to the Department of the Navy by the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness for further consideration are situated wholly or partially in Southampton County, including site(s) referred to as 3A, 4A, 4B, and 4C; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness and the Department of the Navy have publicly and privately acknowledged that it is not their intention to develop an outlying landing field on any of the ten potential sites without the support of local officials; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Navy has heretofore invested significant time and substantial resources in studying and evaluating multiple sites in the state of North Carolina for development of an outlying landing field, as indicated in their published Final and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements; and

WHEREAS, the potential sites identified in Southampton County, Virginia provide no additional strategic, geographic, or economic advantages in their published Final and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia that it hereby goes on record in opposition to development of an outlying landing field in Southampton County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board respectfully requests the Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, Governor of Virginia, to remove and withdraw sites 3A, 4A, 4B, and 4C in Southampton County, Virginia from further consideration by the Department of the Navy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the Seal of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors to be hereunto affixed.

Seconded by Supervisor _____.

VOTING ON THE ITEM: YES -

NO -

A COPY TESTE:

Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator/
Clerk, Southampton County Board of Supervisors

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Supervisor West made a motion to adopt the resolution. Supervisor Wyche seconded the motion. All were in favor.

It was consensus of the Board to send the original resolution to Governor Kaine with copies to the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, Senator Louise Lucas, and Delegate Roslyn Tyler.

The executed statutory requirement for this meeting is as follows:

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Courtland, Virginia 23837

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY



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July 31, 2007

Michael W. Johnson, Clerk
Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 400
Courtland, VA 23837

RE: Special Meeting

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to § 15.2-1418 of the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended, please be advised that I wish to convene a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss observations from our recent site visit to NAS Oceana and further discuss what, if any, official position the Board may wish to take with regard to the potential siting of an outlying landing field in Southampton County. Thank you in advance for informing each Board member and the County Attorney of this meeting in accordance with the aforementioned statute.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dallas O. Jones'.

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

A copy of the above letter was hand-delivered to each Supervisor on Tuesday, July 31, 2007.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

Michael W. Johnson, Clerk