

14. MISCELLANEOUS**A. PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS**

1. **Summary Report** – Attached for your reference please find a copy of the summary report chronicling matters considered by the Planning Commission in 2008;
2. **Planner Position** – Also attached, please find a recommendation from the Planning Commission to move forward in filling the vacant Planner position and its supporting rationale. I'm open to your direction, but in light of agenda item 5C, I've refrained from filling the position to minimize expense.
3. **Attendance Reports** – Please find attendance reports for both the Planning Commission and BZA attached.

B. BOARD RETREAT

It's been quite some time since our last retreat, and with the issues facing us in 2009, several of you expressed an interest in scheduling one early this year. It has also been mentioned that our old format may be more appropriate this year, where we gather for a day-and-a-half to 2 days to discuss issues in-depth and strategically plan for the upcoming year. I'd be delighted to organize this type of retreat, if that's what the Board would like – historically, we've convened on a Thursday morning and concluded around noon on Friday. March 5-6 would give us adequate time to plan, organize and prepare, if that works for the Board. I'd also like some direction on the topics that you're interested in covering and what you'd like to accomplish in the time that you're together.

DIRECTION REQUIRED: I'd like your direction on whether or not March 5-6 is a workable time and what topics you'd like to cover.

C. TOURISM REPORT

Supervisor Brown recently participated in a couple of tourism workshops facilitated by Franklin-Southampton Economic Development and asked me to put a placeholder on the agenda where he could share some of the discussions. He specifically mentioned an interest in inviting Ms. Sandra Tanner with the Virginia Tourism Corporation to a future Board meeting to discuss tourism opportunities in Southampton County.

D. CANDIDATE PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL STIMULUS

There's been much discussion and anticipation regarding a federal stimulus for infrastructure projects in the first 100 days of the Obama administration. In anticipation, I've prepared a summary of our projects in Southampton County that

may qualify and have submitted them to a number of state and regional organizations that are compiling candidate project lists, including the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, and the Hampton Roads Partnership. I've also submitted the list to Congressman Randy Forbes and Senator Jim Webb.

E. PROJECT REPORT – WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Attached for your reference please find the monthly status report from Powell Management detailing progress on the ongoing water and sewer project.

F. WHRO PIONEER AWARDS

As a reminder, the WHRO Pioneer Awards banquet will be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 28 in Williamsburg (Williamsburg Lodge). The Board's sponsorship of the event entitles it to six tickets – I must submit the names to them no later than February 13.

DIRECTION REQUIRED: The Board will need to reach consensus on who will represent Southampton County at the WHRO Pioneer Awards

G. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Please find copies of the following attached:

- 1) From the **Virginia Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water**, a copy of a violation notice to the Kingsdale-Moseley water system for failure to collect required bacteriological samples in November 2008;
- 2) From the **Virginia Department of Transportation**, an annual report summarizing changes to the secondary system in 2008;
- 3) From **Charter Communications**, a revised pricing guide for its services;
- 4) From **Isle of Wight County**, notice that Mr. James B. Brown has been elected Chairman of their Board in 2009;
- 5) From **Isle of Wight County**, email correspondence expressing its interest in reconvening periodic regional cooperation meetings with Franklin and Southampton County. CHAIRMAN JONES WILL NEED TO APPOINT 2 BOARD MEMBERS TO REPRESENT SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY AT THESE MEETINGS (the Chairman may serve himself);
- 6) From **Ash Cutchin**, an inquiry regarding matters considered by the Board of Equalization in 2006;
- 7) From **Northampton County, NC**, a note of thanks for your resolution supporting their ethanol project;
- 8) From the **Western Tidewater Community Services Board**, a note of thanks for your FY 2009 annual appropriation; and

- 9) From **Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia**, notice of its pending funding request to the Commonwealth of Virginia for additional vans to transport the elderly and disabled.

H. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Please find various items of outgoing correspondence attached.

I. ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Please find copies of various newspaper articles attached for your reference.