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May 18, 2010

Mr. Michael Johnson  
County Administrator, Southampton County  
P. O. Box 400  
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**Re: Southampton County Courthouse, Southampton County**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Department of Historic Resources has considered the **Southampton County Courthouse** for potential individual inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. Based on the data available in the Preliminary Information Form (PIF), and material in our archives and architectural databases that compares your resource with those in **Southampton County**, and across the state, the staff recommended that you *do not proceed* with a nomination for listing. This decision was reached after careful consideration of the criteria used by the Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places, which involves review of the application by as many as eight staff historians and architectural historians, and a search for specific documentation and historic context.

We all appreciated the well-composed and informative PIF. You should know that the **Southampton County Courthouse** does have local historic value and we support your efforts to retain and work with this older property. If you believe that you have additional information that may help us understand the individual significance of the property, then you should consider expanding your present submission, but only if it provides substantial new information. New information will be considered at the next evaluation meeting and we will notify you of the results following this second review meeting.

For State Review Board consideration, the DHR staff needs at least 30 days prior to a quarterly Board meeting for an adequate review period. If you would like the Board to consider the issue as currently presented (*without* additional information) at their June 17, 2010 meeting, please let me know ahead of time so we can put your item on the agenda. The afternoon meeting will be held in the Collections Room of the Department of Historic Resources in Richmond, Virginia. The discussion of PIFs will start after lunch, the specific time depending upon the length of the morning board session.

Please feel free to contact me at 804-367-2323, ext. 103 (email: [kelly.spradley-kurowski@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:kelly.spradley-kurowski@dhr.virginia.gov)), if you have any questions about the staff's recommendation, the register process and criteria, or the board meetings.

Sincerely,

Kelly Spradley-Kurowski, PhD  
Supervisory Historian, National and State Registers  
Program

cc: Mr. Robert J. Taylor Jr.

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February 2010

Dear Prospective Donor:

**The Virginia Skyliners 16U Girls Softball Team** is planning an awesome, once in a life time trip to "The Cat Osterman Experience Tournament", in Bellevue, Nebraska. *A place where girls can go, stay, and be totally immersed in the benefits of team building opportunities, healthy competition, and experiences they can reflect on, and gain strength from for the rest of their lives.* We need your help. Donations of any size will go a long way in helping us experience this life changing opportunity.

Our softball team is comprised of girls from Suffolk, and Southampton County, Virginia that have worked very hard to get where we are. Our team is committed to making this one of the best weeks of their lives. Your kindness and generosity is so greatly appreciated.

**Please make checks or money orders payable to: The Virginia Skyliners, (Tax ID # 38-3807018).** Please mail donations to team manager, Wade Daughtry, 350C North College Drive, Franklin, Virginia 23851. For further information contact Wade Daughtry at (757) 653-4369 or email at [tealie\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:tealie_2000@yahoo.com). Visit our website at [www.virginiaskyliners.com](http://www.virginiaskyliners.com).

Thank you in advance,  
Virginia Skyliners 16 U Softball Team

Emily Nelson  
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Southampton Academy



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Mr. Michael W. Johnson  
County Administrator  
Southampton County Board of Supervisors  
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Courtland, VA 23837

May 5, 2010

Re: Board Appointment

Dear Mr. Johnson,

The library has received a letter of resignation from Kay Pope indicating her inability to continue to serve on the Blackwater Regional Library Board of Trustees as Southampton County's representative. We accept her resignation with regret.

We respectfully request you appoint a new trustee to serve on our board to finish her first term. This term expires on June 30, 2013.

Please make sure the "new member" is aware that the Board of Trustees meets nine times a year on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. The meeting usually lasts for approximately two hours. The location rotates around the nine branches of the library system. Trustees are also asked to be a member of a committee and these committees usually meet outside of the normal board meeting to discuss business matters in order to expedite regular board meeting time. This could mean a commitment of an additional one to two hours per month.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. Thank you for your continued support of the library and its programs.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Hilliard-Bradley  
Library Director  
Blackwater Regional Library  
22511 Main St  
Courtland, Virginia 23837.

**mikejohnson**

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**From:** Demetrios Peratsakis [DPeratsakis@wtcsb.org]  
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**Subject:** FW: FY 2011 Community Services Performance Contract  
**Importance:** High

Selena, Jim, Doug, Mike:

Please find attached the final version of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (formally the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services) Performance Contract for community services boards.

As mentioned in the Cover Memo, the new Performance Contract Documents reflect comments received during the 60-day public comment period required by § 37.2-508 of the *Code of Virginia* as well as the work of the Performance Contract Committee established by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards. Given a complete and favorable rewrite of the contract for FY 2004, the Performance Contract Committee has continued to make only nominal changes including to the FY 2011 contract, whose documents remain substantially unchanged from FY 2010.

As a reminder, Section 37.2-508 or 37.2-608 of the *Code of Virginia* requires that the CSB make its proposed performance contract available for public review and solicit public comment for a period of 30 days before submitting it for the approval by its Board of Directors. Accordingly, I will have it publically posted and appraise you of any public comments or comments.

WTCSB is a member of the Performance Contract Committee referenced above, so if you have questions about the documents or their significance to local practices please let me know.

Thanks

Demetrios

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**From:** Gilding, Paul (DBHDS) [mailto:paul.gilding@dbhds.virginia.gov]  
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**Subject:** FY 2011 Community Services Performance Contract

**Importance:** High

Attached for your information and use are the FY 2011 contract documents: the Community Services Performance Contract and the Partnership Agreement. The Community Services Board Administrative Requirements, a separate document incorporated into the Performance Contract by reference, is also attached. These documents are available on the Department's web site at [www.dbhds.virginia.gov](http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov). The Department will distribute Letters of Notification and the CARS contract software electronically soon.

The attached documents reflect comments received during the 60-day public comment period required by § 37.2-508 of the *Code of Virginia*, the work of the Performance Contract Committee established by the Department and the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, and comments from Department staff. Given the complete rewrite of the contract for FY 2004 and positive reaction to versions of the contract since then, the Department and the Performance Contract Committee decided to focus changes in the FY 2011 contract in only a few areas. Thus, most parts of the contract documents remain substantially unchanged from FY 2010.

The FY 2011 contract and other materials described above are due in the Department's Office of Community Contracting by **June 18, 2010**, except for Exhibits A and H (the first two pages),

which are submitted to the Department's Office of Information Technology Services by the same date. More detailed information about submitting Exhibits A and H (the first two pages) in CARS will be provided in the Performance Contract Workshops, conducted by Department staff later in May.

Section 37.2-508 or 37.2-608 of the *Code of Virginia* requires the CSB or behavioral health authority to make its proposed performance contract available for public review and solicit public comment for a period of 30 days before submitting it for the approval of the operating or administrative policy CSB or behavioral health authority board of directors or the comments of the local government department's policy advisory CSB. That same *Code* section authorizes the Department to provide up to six semi-monthly payments of state and federal funds to allow sufficient time to complete public review and comment, local government approval, and Department negotiation and approval of the contract. The Performance Contract Process (Exhibit E) automatically provides the first two semi-monthly July payments to all CSBs, whether or not a contract has been submitted. The Process conditions the next four semi-monthly payments (two in August and two in September) on the Department's receipt of a complete performance contract.

Once a performance contract is received in the Department, the CSB's Community Contracting Administrator will review it and notify the CSB within five working days that it is or is not accepted for review by the Department. Unacceptable contracts will need to be revised before the Department will process them. For CSBs, please call or e-mail your Community Contracting Administrator if you have any questions about this memo or the contract documents. If other recipients of this memorandum have any questions about it or the contract documents, please e-mail me at [paul.gilding@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:paul.gilding@dbhds.virginia.gov) or call me at (804) 786-4982. Thank you.

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*Please note the Department's name changed to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services on July 1, 2009. The Department's web site address is [www.dbhds.virginia.gov](http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov). My email address is [paul.gilding@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:paul.gilding@dbhds.virginia.gov).*

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Sheldon C. Worrell, Jr.  
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April 27, 2010

The April 21 edition of the Tidewater News has a story that refers to the Southampton County budget process for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Based on this story one can only conclude that Southampton County finds itself in the difficult position of having to make up a shortfall of approximately 1.85 million dollars. I recognize that severe spending cuts have already been made to the draft budget and additional cuts would prove very painful.

We must look at the time in history that we find ourselves now in. The recession we have all experienced and are still experiencing locally is probably the severest recession since the Great Depression. Most households find themselves cutting back and often struggling to meet their own personal needs. With the closing of International Paper and one of Smithfield Food's plants in Smithfield along with all of the related closings and job cutbacks in the trucking industry, the forestry industry, and many other local industries we find ourselves in a position worse than many of our neighboring jurisdictions.

Suffolk, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach have already announced that they will make the necessary cuts in their budget to prevent raising their real estate tax rate and in some jurisdictions they have new assessments with a 6-7% decrease in the assessed values of residential property. These jurisdictions have already announced that they do not plan to increase their real estate tax rate to compensate for the loss in revenue from the new assessments.

Rural areas tend to be slower with announcing their draft budgets and plans for their tax rates in the new fiscal year. I would like to point out for comparative purposes that the county of Brunswick to our west presently has a real estate tax rate of 39 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value and a personal property rate of \$3.40 per hundred dollars of assessed value. Also, to our west Greensville County has a real estate tax rate of 45 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value and a personal property rate of \$4.50 per hundred dollars. To our north Surry County currently has a real estate tax rate of 70 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value with a personal property tax rate of only 3.50 per hundred dollars and Sussex County has a real estate tax rate of 54 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value with a personal property tax rate of 4.85 per hundred dollars. To our east Isle of Wight County has a real estate tax rate of 52 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value and a personal property tax rate of \$4.40 per hundred dollars.

Southampton County presently has a real estate tax rate of 72 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value, a tax rate higher than all of our surrounding counties. Southampton's personal property tax rate of \$4.50 is only surpassed by Sussex County with a personal property rate of \$4.85.

It is only reasonable to compare Southampton County with other counties in our area which are primarily agricultural. However, the City of Franklin has a real estate tax rate of 77 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value and a personal property tax rate the same as Southampton's. To compare Southampton County with Franklin we should also look at the incorporated towns in Southampton County. Each incorporated town also has a real estate tax and some also have a personal property tax. I am sure that if you take the tax rates of Courtland, Boykins, and Newsoms and add each to Southampton County's real estate tax rate of 72 cents

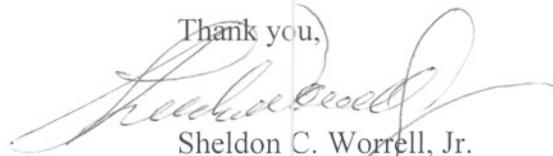
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per hundred dollars of assessed value the sum will be greater than the rate of 77 cents that Franklin residents currently have to pay. Do any of us really believe that Courtland, Boykins, Newsoms, or any of the incorporated towns along with Southampton County provide the same services as the City of Franklin or any other city?

Considering the tough economic times that exists today any consideration to raising our real estate tax rate or personal property tax rate would be a mistake and only have the effect of prolonging the recovery from the economic recession. The only option that I can suggest is to cut each department's and agency's budgets by an additional prorated share. For example, if a department or agency has 10% of the local money in the budget then cut that department or agency by an additional 10% of the shortfall of 1.85 million dollars or \$185,000.00. Each department or agency would have to absorb their prorated share of the shortfall.

To increase taxes will give our residents less disposable income to spend locally and to meet their own needs. The only way to recover from this deep recession is for private spending to increase which provides additional jobs, decreases unemployment, and makes for a better future for us. We need for the additional jobs to be in the private sector and not in the public sector. Additional jobs in the local government require higher taxes that we the citizens will have to pay through increases in the real estate and personal property tax rates. It is time for one of our neighboring counties to replace Southampton with distinctive dishonor of having the highest taxes. The Southampton citizens deserve a break and I for one am tired of having the highest tax rate of any county in the immediate area.

Thank you,



Sheldon C. Worrell, Jr.  
Newsoms, VA

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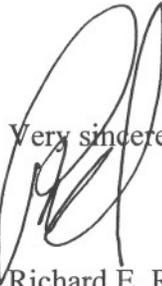
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Re: Cheverly Ltd. LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, appellant,  
v. Robert L. Barnett, Director of Community Development of Southampton  
County, Virginia, appellee

Dear Bill:

Please find enclosed herewith your proposed Order which I have endorsed. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

With kind personal regards, I am



Very sincerely,

Richard E. Railey, Jr.

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Enclosure

✓ pc: Mr. Michael W. Johnson, Administrator  
Southampton County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

CHEVERLY LTD., LLC,  
A VIRGINIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,

Appellant,

V.

CASE NO.: CL09-132

ROBERT L. BARNETT,  
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,  
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA,

Appellee.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

THIS DAY CAME the Appellant, by and through counsel, and came as well the Appellee, by and through counsel, upon the Appellant's Motion for Summary Judgment, and was argued by counsel.

UPON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, the Court finds there is no issue of material fact genuinely in dispute; that the Appellee's disapproval of the Appellant's plat is contrary to the applicable and controlling guidelines and requirements of the Virginia Department of Transportation and is without sufficient evidence to support it; that a reasonable mind would necessarily come to a different conclusion than that of the Appellee, and that the Appellant, Cheverly Ltd, LLC, is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

It is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Appellant, Cheverly Ltd., LLC's Motion for Summary Judgment is hereby granted, and that the Appellee, is directed to approve the Appellant's subdivision plat.

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Judge

I ASK FOR THIS:

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William H. Riddick, III, Counsel for Appellant,  
Cheverly Ltd., LLC.

~~SEEN AND OBJECTED TO~~ SEEN, OBJECTED AND EXCEPTED TO:



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Richard E. Railey, Jr., Counsel for Appellee  
Roboert L. Barnett,  
Director of Community Development,  
Southampton County, Virginia,