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At a regular meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Tuesday, the 6th day of April 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Revercomb Building at 10459 Courthouse Drive, King George, and Virginia:

PRESENT: Dale W. Sisson, Jr., Chairman
Cedell Brooks, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Joseph W. Grzeika, Member
John P. LoBuglio, Member
James F. Mullen, Member
A. Travis Quesenberry, County Administrator
Lynn Pardee, Chairman, King George County School Board
Mike Rose, Member of King George County School Board
Renee Parker, Member of King George County School Board
Dennis Paulsen, Member of King George County School Board
Dr. Candace Brown, School Superintendent

ABSENT: Richard Randall, Member of King George County School Board

The Chairman, Mr. Sisson, called the meeting to order. Ms. Pardee, School Board Chairman, called the School Board meeting to order.

Earlier in the week in preparation for this joint session, both the School Board and the Board of Supervisors submitted a list of questions to be addressed at the meeting. The lists of questions are noted below:

QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1. Part of the King George Strategic Plan to secure financial future is to “promote operational efficiencies through shared or merged services and the use of technology”. We have merged our financial services and have a consolidated group performing these duties. Can we look at other areas where we can combine services? In particular, can we combine our custodial services?
2. How can the county help us relieve the burden to our staff, for the second year in a row, for the health insurance increase?
3. What is the status of the high school stadium?
4. Why does the Board of Supervisors believe that local funding at the RLE is an appropriate benchmark for meeting county educational needs?
5. If it was appropriate to transfer \$4.5M from the General Fund as a grant to the YMCA, why is it inappropriate to use funds from the General Fund for educational needs?
6. Would the Board of Supervisors provide a roll-over fund for use by the School Division when there are unspent funds from the previous FY?
7. We would like to utilize the old middle school as an intermediate school. When does the Board of Supervisors expect to provide funding for repairs and recurring operational costs?

QUESTIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD

- Need actual expenditures in advance mapped to itemized request.
- Confirmation that the total level of expenditures for this year is projected to be \$32.8M, and can the same services provided this year be provided next year at this same funding level?
- What items make up the \$1.95 million difference between the \$32.8 million proposed in the County Administrator's budget and the \$34.75 million requested by the School Board?
- Why does the School division give back so much money at the end of the fiscal year, then say the school system still has unmet needs? If categorical transfers are necessary, why haven't they been brought forward?
- Please explain 100%+ increase in health insurance costs for secondary education.
- Are any new positions included in the budget request?
- Are there any currently vacant positions included in the budget request, if so what are they and how long have they been vacant?
- What impact will additional State funding for VRS have on the School Board budget?
- What additional equipment is needed for grounds and athletic field maintenance? Why has this equipment and the other items identified last April not been previously purchased? What is the estimated cost of this equipment?
- Why is the maintenance of the High School been let to degrade to where the appearance and general cleanliness of this brand new facility is unacceptable?
- What are the current class sizes for each grade and what is the state SOQ for the same?
- How does the complete King George County benefit package compare to neighboring jurisdictions?
- The County would like to discuss joint services with the School Board.

Mr. Sisson began the discussion relating to how the School Board budget is structured compared to the County's budget and the need and advantages of having both budgets submitted in like format as well as the need for actual expenditure data from the School Board.

Mr. Sisson noted that a School Board budget of \$32.8M is being proposed by the Board of Supervisors in the current FY2010-11 budget documents versus the School Board's requested amount of \$34.75M and inquired of the School Board as to what makes up the \$1.9M difference.

Ms. Pardee, School Board Chairman, provided a list of FY2009-10 budget reductions made in February 2010 by the School Board due to imposed budget cuts from the Governor's Office based on reduced ADM figures as well as reductions in revenue projections for school funding. Those budget reductions totaled \$1,203,548 and were in the categories of instruction at \$943,184; Administration, Attendance and Health at \$26,024; Transportation at \$117,960; Operations & Maintenance at \$9,973; Facilities at \$65,240; and Technology at \$41,167. Ms. Pardee stated that these cuts were hurting the facilities and operation of the school programs and needed to be put back into the current FY2010-11 budget request.

Mr. Brooks referenced the \$1.2M which was returned to the County by the School Board at the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. He expressed the need for additional custodial help, specifically at the new high school and was aware of other needs of the school division and inquired as to why some of this \$1.2M was not spent to address those needs.

There was considerable discussion regarding the budget reductions and effects on various programs within the school system, i.e., reduction of \$149,995 in instruction material purchases and the impact this

has on the morale of the teachers and the ability to do their jobs effectively. Also some discussion regarding the high cost of health insurance for school employees and the negative impact this will have on the salaries for the upcoming school year with employees paying for their portion of the health insurance.

Dr. Brown noted that in the Governor's proposed budget, which has yet to be signed, there is a reduction in VRS required to be paid by the schools which will amend the current proposed budget request to a total of \$33,592,323, a significant savings for the schools.

Mr. Sisson requested information on actual categorical expenses in line with requested funds by the School Board. Ms. Parker stated that the School Board does not have financial staff to prepare this information and felt it should be available through the County's Finance Department since all checks and invoices are processed there. Ms. Pardee did provide the Board copies of a line by line item expenditure report prepared in the Finance Department, which the Supervisors noted they would like to see on a regular basis. Discussion continued about the difficulties of tracking expenditures since the School Board's budget format does not mirror the County's budget format. Dr. Brown noted the difficulty in reformatting their budget as they track expenditures of five different facilities managed by their own set of numbers and that the school budget is done in a format required by the State Department of Education. Ms Harper, Finance Director, noted that the School Board's budget format is not compatible with the Bright System but that the Annual School Report required to be submitted to the State Department of Education by the School System is available on the Bright System currently.

Dr. Brown stated that everything is budgeted to an actual amount other than areas of per pupil allotment and that amount changes based on the September 30th enrollment numbers. Health insurance is based on the average cost of the premium based on the number of people participating. That amount changes in May and June after open enrollment. Dr. Brown also shared instances where numbers can change drastically from budgeted number and cited an example in the area of special education, i.e, a Speech teacher leaves the system and the school division then has to hire a staff person under "Contracted Services" resulting in the numbers changing significantly in that category.

There was continued discussion of the incompatibility of the County's budget format with the budget submission format of the School Division, the Bright System, the impact of the consolidation of financial responsibilities, and the manpower that may be required by the Finance Department to prepare the actual expenditure reports similar to the one presented to the Board.

There was considerable discussion regarding the significant increase in the health insurance line item in the proposed budget, reasons for the increase, how this will affect School Division employees, ways to possibly offset the increase, etc.

The Chairman again inquired of the School Board of its ability to operate within a \$32.8M budget in FY2010-11 as is being done this fiscal year, with the \$32.8M being the projected expenditures as of June 30, 2010. Mr. Paulsen noted that the current standard of operations were based on a \$34.75M budget which was the amount prior to the Governor's budget reduction mandates in February 2010 and referenced earlier statements by the School Board Chairman regarding budget impacts due to those reductions.

Ms. Pardee raised the issue of the increased health insurance premiums, the impact on the employees, and inquired as to whether the County could provide funding to offset that increase, as had been done for the County employees. In the proposed FY2010-11 budget, the School Board contribution for health insurance per employee remains the same as FY2009-10. However, school employees will have to pay an additional amount ranging from \$85.44 up to \$366.08, depending on the employee's plan. Dr. Brown

noted that an additional \$420,000 would cover the additional costs of the insurance. Mr. Sisson recommended securing quotes for health insurance and further investigate the possibility of the school division and county employees coming under the same plan.

The School Board inquired about the status of the high school stadium project. Mr. Grzeika stated that this item was on the Board's agenda later in the evening and noted that the School's Athletic Director has been engaged in the process. The Board of Supervisors will be considering the approval of a professional services agreement for architectural and engineering services associated with the design of a new high school stadium and consideration of a site at the new high school or renovations and improvements to the Hunter Field site, along with design of support buildings, evaluation of turf materials, field lighting, etc. There was some discussion of how to address the year round usage of the fields not only for school programs but community programs as well, responsibility for maintenance and upkeep, etc. Mr. Paulsen did note the shortage of fields for both school and recreational use especially in light of the fact that Hunter Field is now closed for use for high school sports because officials will no longer officiate games at that facility due to turf conditions.

In response to the Board of Supervisors' question regarding new positions in the proposed FY2010-11 budget, Ms. Pardee noted that no new positions were being proposed but was hoping to fill vacant positions, which as a cost savings, were not filled during the FY2009-10 school year, i.e., replacing a long-term sub position in the kindergarten classroom with a full time teacher for the 2010-11 school year, etc. Dr. Brown will provide the list of 2009-10 school year vacancies for the Board of Supervisors' information.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the excess funds returned to the General Fund by the School Division at the end of the fiscal year and why some of those funds were not used to address some of the needs. Mr. Grzeika reminded the School Board of a discussion at the June 16, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting regarding a request for appropriation and expenditure of carryover funds in the amount of \$125,000. At that meeting, the question was raised as to why the school division would not use funds within the current budget which at that time had a projected surplus of \$560,000 rather than request carryover funds that were not budgeted. At that June 16th meeting, the Board directed the County Administrator to advise the School Board to use projected FY2008-09 excess funds to purchase the requested items. Those items included \$93,000 for a handicap accessible bus, \$4,587 for classroom technology equipment for Sealston Elementary, \$9,000 for a zero-turn mower, and \$18,413 for playground equipment at Sealston Elementary.

Continued discussion regarding the desire of the Board of Supervisors, during the current budget deliberations, for an opportunity to discuss the School's vision and how to get there rather than how to address maintenance items and ways to fund those requests. Mr. Paulsen reminded the Board of previous discussions and requests from the School Division as to future use of the middle school as part of a visionary plan and budget impacts related to refurbishing that facility. Ms. Parker shared her concerns relating to future plans and programs, and while excited about receiving a "status quo" funded budget for the upcoming year, the proposed budget still would not address a significant number of students who will not be attending college and need to be trained in vocational areas. At this time the school only offers HVAC and welding classes. Her vision would be to have a school division that could meet the needs and prepare for the future every student at every level.

Ms. Pardee asked that the Board of Supervisors address the Required Local Effort (RLE) funding level which Ms. Pardee noted is one of the lowest in the State. Mr. Sisson felt that looking at County funding solely at the RLE does not show the full picture and noted the capital investments made in infrastructure

with a \$43M high school, \$18M elementary school, \$4M in funding to convert the old high school to the middle school and also noted that the RLE is factored on affordability.

Discussion continued regarding the budget process and the percentage of budgeted funds returned to the General Fund by the School Division each year. Mr. Paulsen, while accepting a status quo budget and the schools working within that budget, noted many other much needed programs that could and should be addressed with additional funding, i.e., remediation needs to improve test scores. He felt the schools are not being funded for student success but for minimal educational requirements. Mr. Brooks shared his opinion about minimum funding levels and saw no reason funding for anything in King George County should be on the “bottom,” especially school funding and felt that joint meetings between the School Board and Board of Supervisors were very beneficial to keeping the lines of communication open.

Both Boards briefly addressed the issue of combining services for various operations such as building maintenance, grounds maintenance, custodial services, field maintenance, etc. and budget impacts of combining these positions. The consensus of both Boards was to schedule a quarterly meeting and discuss, in depth, consolidation of services at that meeting, possibly in mid-July.

Due to time constraints, the Chairman recessed the Board of Supervisors meeting until 6:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Mullen, and carried unanimously. The School Board Chairman adjourned the School Board meeting on a motion by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mr. Paulsen, and carried unanimously.

RECESS

The Chairman reconvened the Board of Supervisors’ meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Jenni Jones, 8343 Zynel Lane, invited the Board and the community at large to the upcoming production of “Grease” by the King George High School Drama Club.

Ms. Jaron Hayes, 13191 Bradley Lane, and Co-Chairman of King George Relay for Life, encouraged the Board to consider granting an exemption for non-profit organizations to the Virginia Department of Health’s food permit requirements so fund raising efforts by Relay for Life may continue.

There being no further comments, the Chairman closed that portion of the meeting.

Reports of Members of the Board

Mr. Brooks

Mr. Brooks commended Silver Company for the environmentally sensitive work being done at the clearing site for the CVS to be constructed at the corner of Routes 3 and 301.

Mr. Grzeika

Mr. Grzeika reported on several recently attended events to include the Military Affairs Council Board of Directors meeting on March 18th; the kick-off of the United Way King George DAY OF CARING

planning meeting on March 19th; and on March 25th the Military Affairs Council Roundtable and the Rappahannock River Basin Commission meeting, and the Regional Elected Officials meeting on March 30th. Mr. Grzeika also mentioned the County's budget presentation to the Board and commended staff for their efforts. On April 5th, he attended the annual Farm Bureau meeting. Mr. Grzeika felt the joint work session with the Board held earlier in the evening as a good first step and that the open dialog was very beneficial.

Mr. Grzeika also mentioned that he recently attended the memorial service for Ms. Ann Cocke, a dedicated King George County School employee, as well as the service for Sheriff Dobson's father.

Mr. Mullen

Mr. Mullen, along with his colleagues, attended the Regional Elected Officials meeting in Fredericksburg on March 30th and heard discussions on budget issues and predictions of difficult budget years ahead.

Mr. LoBuglio

Mr. LoBuglio attended the Regional Elected Officials meeting where the budget was addressed and noted that stringent budgets are going to be a reality for the next few years with State programs continuing to receive cuts in funding. He noted that Mr. Grzeika's recent proposal for a volunteer fair is the correct direction for the County and will set a precedent for other communities as more volunteers will be needed to offset reduced funding for many programs.

Mr. Sisson

Mr. Sisson, prior to his report, presented a plaque to Mr. Grzeika from the Rappahannock Regional Jail Board recognizing Mr. Grzeika's efforts and years of service on that Board.

Mr. Sisson extended condolences to Ann Cocke's family, not only as a dedicated educator in the community but a friend as well, and to Sheriff Dobson and his family on the loss of his father.

Mr. Sisson stated that the joint work session with the School Board held earlier in the evening was a good opportunity to discuss pertinent issues, answer questions, and share concerns, and that the meeting was very beneficial. He also reported on several recently attended meetings including, on March 24th, the opportunity to meet with a local Webelos Scout troop to talk about citizenship as part of the Scouts' merit badge requirement. On March 25th, Mr. Sisson attended the Military Affairs Council Roundtable meeting and later that evening the Combined King George County High School band concert. On March 30th, attended a budget work session and the Regional Elected Officials meeting later that evening where he shared concerns with Speaker Howell about current and future budget concerns, and on April 5th, the Farm Bureau's Annual Legislative meeting.

Mr. Sisson requested, and the Board concurred, that the May 6, 2010 COMREL meeting, scheduled to be hosted by King George, be postponed and asked that the County Administrator contact Mr. Gary Wagner regarding that postponement.

Action Items:

04-03 – Authorize Advertising Public Hearing for Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Six-Year Plan

Mr. Stanley, Fredericksburg Residency Administrator, provided an overview of VDOT's Six-Year Plan to be advertised for a public hearing. He noted that, due to considerable reduction in funding, the proposed budget is \$77,000 per year, and reduced to three projects. Mr. Stanley noted that until funding changes are made, these would be the last construction projects for King George County for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Stanley expressed concerned about funding for maintenance, such as guardrails, highway striping, etc., and still making efforts to keep roads safe. Mr. Stanley requested the Board authorize advertising for the public hearing for the Six-Year Plan.

Mr. Mullen inquired as to how grass cutting would be handled with limitations on the budget. Mr. Stanley stated that VDOT would concentrate mainly on safety issues with the height of the grass and may only be able to mow the medians only on primary roads, with the focus being on site distance for motorists.

Mr. Sisson, on behalf of the Board, extended thanks to Mr. Stanley for his efforts in dealing with VDOT issues during a very difficult budget period and his responsiveness to King George County during his tenure as Residency Administrator.

On a motion by Mr. Grzeika, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; Mr. LoBuglio Aye; and Mr. Mullen Aye, the King George County Board of Supervisors authorized advertising the public hearing for Virginia Department of Transportation's Six-Year Plan for Secondary Road Improvements in King George County to be held on May 4, 2010.

04-01 – Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Grzeika, seconded by Mr. Mullen, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; Mr. LoBuglio Aye; and Mr. Mullen Aye, the King George County Board of Supervisors approved the Consent Agenda, as presented, which included the following:

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY09-10 Debt Service Fund in the total amount of \$84,308.50

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY09-10 General Fund in the total amount of \$452,874.07

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY09-10 Library Fund in the total amount of \$14,602.43

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY09-10 Library Special Endowment Fund in the amount of \$175.00

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY09-10 Recreation Activity Fund in the total amount of \$1,419.73

Verified warrants issued for services to avoid late fees or disruption of service

Approved Refund of Business License, Real Estate, and Personal Property Taxes

04-02 – Presentations and Reports

A. Update on King George County Landfill

Mr. Guidry, District Manager of the King George County Landfill, addressed the Board concerning the efforts to collect landfill gases so as to alleviate odor issues at the landfill. He explained that the extreme amount of snowfall this winter contributed to the problem with the wet ground hampering extraction of gases and hopes to have the situation resolved by the end of the month.

Mr. Guidry shared information regarding the convenience center at Purkins Corner stating that he hoped to have construction grade drawings to the County by the end of June. He also advised the Board that the waste-to-energy gas plant would be starting up within a week and noted that sometime in June Waste Management, Inc. would be holding an Open House for this facility and invitations would be forthcoming.

The landfill will be hosting other events, such as the Household Hazardous Waste Day on April 17, 2010. Mr. Guidry stated that Waste Management, Inc. also plans to host a “Document Shredding Day sometime in the near future and will coordinate that event with the County Administrator.

Mr. Guidry told the Board that the landfill has about 17 years of life remaining and has had no injuries reported this year. The landfill is also preparing for annual 4th grade field trips to the landfill.

Mr. Sisson inquired about the construction of a new convenience center and the start date. Mr. Guidry replied that there were no funds available this year and new funds would be available January 2011, with firm plans in place to begin on or near that date.

As Mr. Guidry has taken another position at Waste Management, Inc., he introduced Mr. Thomas Cue who will be serving in the position of District Manager at the landfill.

Mr. Grzeika thanked Mr. Guidry for planning a “shredding” day, as well as addressing the odor control issues and keeping residents informed and appreciated the support the Board and County has received during his time as District Manager. Mr. Mullen also commended Mr. Guidry for the work performed on the road at the convenience center. Mr. Brooks extended his thanks to Mr. Guidry for his outstanding work which has been reflected throughout the community. Mr. Sisson extended his thanks and appreciation to Mr. Guidry for his commitment to King George County.

B. Funding Request by Germanna Community College

Dr. David A. Sam, President, Germanna Community College, extended his regrets that Mr. Dick Schiebe, the County’s representative on Germanna Community College’s Board of Directors, was unable to attend as he was recovering from knee surgery. Dr. Sam thanked the Board for their ongoing support as King George County is served by two community colleges, Rappahannock Community College and Germanna Community College, and both need operating support.

He noted that Germanna Community College is celebrating its 40th Anniversary, having begun in October 1970, and reported that there are 7,000 credit students at present in four locations with the Massaponax campus being the largest with many on-line classes being offered as well. Dr. Sam recognized the difficulties in budgeting and noted that Germanna is supported predominately by the State, and has lost one third of its funding. He noted that the college intended to break ground for a new building in the fall to provide needed space for science and engineering classes due to BRAC and the current defense

contractors need for more engineers and alternative energy. Lab practicals, which can't be done on-line, also need the extra space and the school is also attempting to double the size of its nursing program.

Dr. Sam presented a power point presentation outlining the reasons for construction of another building. He further explained the benefits of the Germanna campus to King George County, noting that over 4% of all Germanna students are from King George and was soliciting local support from the surrounding counties for the new building and to help maintain debt service. King George County's portion over a period of five to seven years would be \$170,000, approximately \$35,000 per year to help pay the principal and interest on the loan. He noted that Germanna will continue other efforts to obtain funds such as grants, which would decrease the amount of funding requested from other localities.

The Board thanked Dr. Sam for his presentation and took his request under advisement.

Action Items (Cont.):

04-04 – Authorize Advertising Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance for Food Booth Permit Exemptions

Mr. Quesenberry explained that, at its last meeting, the Board received a report from the County Attorney regarding a proposed ordinance that would exempt certain food and concession sales from the Health Department Permit requirement. This issue arose when representatives from the Relay for Life contacted the County Administrator's office for assistance.

The Board at that meeting requested staff set up a meeting with Dr. Petrasky, Rappahannock Regional Health Director, and concerned parties to review the issues. This meeting was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 and at that time it was agreed that representatives from Relay for Life would attempt to go through the permitting process. Ms. Jeron Hayes, King George County Relay for Life Coordinator, has advised the County Administrator that the Relay for Life Committee has been unsuccessful in that application process with the Health Department.

Mr. Quesenberry presented a copy of the proposed draft ordinance for food booth permit exemptions as presented by the County Attorney, and advised the Board that should it wish to go forward, it would be necessary to authorize advertising a public hearing to be held on May 4, 2010.

The Board discussed Ms. Hayes e-mail and letter from Dr. Petrasky and it was noted that unless the exact foods being offered are known, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) would not issue a permit. In the County Attorney's e-mail, he urged the Board to advertise the Public Hearing for the April 20th meeting, as the "Relay for Life" event was fast approaching and needed the ordinance.

Mr. Sisson stated that the Board of Supervisors has the authority to put the ordinance in place to grant such an exemption and can do so by way of public hearing, as exemptions are already granted by State law and exceptions are being granted by localities. He noted that those serving food would be doing so under the "Relay for Life" name.

Mr. Brooks stated that "Relay for Life" was simply holding the event, and those supplying food should get the necessary permits, noting that many organizations participating in Relay for Life are already exempt.

There was some debate over the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) role and the opinion that VDH is being overly bureaucratic. Mr. Brooks felt the job of the Health Department is to protect the citizenry

and he was against the proposed ordinance eliminating the requirement for a permit. He felt there was a liability issue involved.

Mr. Grzeika stated that the citizens had met with Dr. Petrasky and the Health Department representatives and there was no agreement reached regarding waiving the exemption. He felt it was not fair for citizens to risk having the event cancelled, but knew of no other solution, and hated to see cancelling due to heavy bureaucratic requirements.

Mr. Britton told the Board that the Virginia Code, Section 35.1-25, grants exemption for churches, fraternal organizations, school and social organizations, fire departments, rescue squads and others who prepare food at residences or churches, fire departments, etc., and offer that prepared food for sale to the public, and suggested a motion to advertise for public hearing for consideration of this ordinance.

On a motion by Mr. Grzeika, seconded by Mr. LoBuglio, and carried 4-1, each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; Mr. LoBuglio Aye; Mr. Mullen Aye; and Mr. Brooks Nay, the King George County Board of Supervisors authorized advertising a public hearing for a Proposed Ordinance for Permit Exceptions for Certain Food and Concession Sales, for May 4, 2010.

04-05 – Award of Contract for Design Services for Proposed Sports Stadium

The County Administrator reported that in August 2009 proposals were received from seventeen (17) firms in response to RFP for professional design services associated with the King George High School Sports Stadium project. The proposals were evaluated by a selection committee and interviews were conducted in November 2009. Based on the proposals and interviews with the three highest ranked firms, the selection committee ranked CHA, Inc. as the most qualified firm for this project and commenced negotiating a scope of work and fee. Negotiations commenced in December 2009 and were completed in early March 2010.

The recommendation was for the Board to authorize the County Administrator to execute a Professional Services Agreement with CHA, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$263,600, for professional architectural and engineering services associated with the design of the King George High School Sports Stadium project, and authorize appropriation of \$63,600 from Capital Projects Fund Balance and approve expenditure of same, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney. He noted that there is currently \$200,000 for this project available in the Capital Improvements Project line item and funds for the remaining \$63,600 are available in the Capital Projects Fund Balance representing interest earned on funds borrowed for the construction of the new high school.

On a motion by Mr. Grzeika, seconded by Mr. Mullen, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; Mr. LoBuglio Aye; and Mr. Mullen Aye, the King George County Board of Supervisors authorized the County Administrator to execute a Professional Services Agreement with CHA, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$263,600, for professional architectural and engineering services associated with the design of the King George High School Sports Stadium project, and authorized appropriation and expenditure of \$63,600 from Capital Projects Fund Balance; contingent upon receiving a report from Phase I at a cost of no more than \$15,420, at which time a decision would be made on completion of the project.

04-06 – Authorization for Advertising Public Hearings:

Ms. Harper requested the Board authorize the advertisement of public hearings for the proposed FY2010/2011 budget and the proposed tax rates for Calendar Year 2010 to be held Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively.

1. Proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2010

The proposed tax rates for Calendar Year 2010 are \$0.50 for Real Estate and Mobile Homes; \$3.20 for Personal Property, and \$2.50 for Machinery and Tools. All levies are per \$100 assessed valuation at fair market value. Ms. Harper noted that the \$0.50 represents the equalized tax rate

Mr. Brooks proposed the tax rate be advertised at \$0.53 cents, above the \$0.50 equalized rate giving the Board the opportunity to adopt at that advertised rate or lower. If advertised at the proposed equalized rate of \$0.50, the Board could not adopt at a rate any higher than that.

Mr. Grzeika recommended that text be added to the advertisement for public hearing informing the public how the Board arrived at the equalized rate. He also noted that he had no problem with advertising \$0.53. The suggested wording by the County Attorney was as follows: "Assessment Increase: The total assessed value of real property as of January 1, 2010, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, is decreased by 6% when compared to assessed value of real property, as of January 1, 2009. Increased Rate Necessary to Offset Decreased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate, with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$.50 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "equalized tax rate."

On a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Mullen, and carried by a 4-0-1 vote, each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; Mr. Mullen Aye; and Mr. LoBuglio Nay, the King George County Board of Supervisors authorized advertising for public hearing on April 20, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. the real estate tax at \$0.53, mobile home tax at \$0.53, personal property at \$3.20 and machinery tools at \$2.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation at fair market value, with the inclusion of wording regarding the equalized rate, as presented by the County Attorney.

2. Proposed FY2010-2011 Budget

On a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimously, each member voting as follows: each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; Mr. LoBuglio Aye; and Mr. Mullen Aye; the King George County Board of Supervisors authorized advertising for public hearing on April 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. the proposed FY2010/2011 budget of \$60,849,003.

04-07 – Amendments to the FY2009/2010 Budget:

a. Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services

Ms. Harper informed the Board that the Virginia Department of Emergency Management awarded King George County a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) planning sub-grant in the amount of \$20,000.00. She stated that the main goal of this grant was to conduct a commodity flow study involving the transportation of hazardous materials through the county and inspection of the county's eleven (11) Tier II Hazardous Materials facilities. King George County would be required to offer a 20% match (\$4,000) of in-kind work, with the total cost of the project being \$24,000 (80% Federal / 20% Local). These funds must be expended by September 30, 2010.

Ms. Harper further noted that the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services and the King George Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) would oversee the project's completion.

On a motion by Mr. Grzeika, seconded by Mr. Mullen, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; Mr. LoBuglio Aye; and Mr. Mullen Aye, the King George County Board of Supervisors authorized and accepted the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant planning sub-grant in the amount of \$20,000, and appropriated and amended the budget accordingly.

b. Sheriff's Office

Ms. Harper presented an amendment to the King George County FY2009/10 Sheriff's budget to recognize additional revenues from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in the amount of \$46,219, and to appropriate funds for expenditure.

Ms. Harper stated that notification was received from the Commonwealth of Virginia Compensation Board that additional funds are being made available to the Sheriff's office through ARRA JAG funds (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant). Ms. Harper further noted that these funds are being disbursed through the Compensation Board to local governments specifically for the purpose of supporting the salaries and benefits of sworn personnel in the Sheriff's office. These funds are restoring a portion of the funding that was reduced with the statewide general fund revenue shortfalls and appropriation reductions.

On a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. LoBuglio, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; Mr. LoBuglio Aye; and Mr. Mullen Aye, the King George County Board of Supervisors amended the King George County FY2009/2010 Sheriff's budget to recognize additional revenues from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in the amount of \$46,219 and appropriated funds for expenditure, as presented.

c. CHINS Program

Ms. Harper informed the Board that information was received that funding could be reimbursed for certain intensive probation services from RACSB Planning District 16 for services provided by the VJCCA/CHINS office. She requested an amendment to the King George County FY2009/10 VJCCA/CHINS (Virginia Juvenile Crime Control) budget to recognize additional revenues in the amount of \$2,815 and to appropriate funds for expenditure.

On a motion by Mr. Grzeika, seconded by Mr. LoBuglio, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; Mr. LoBuglio Aye; and Mr. Mullen Aye, the King George County Board of Supervisors amended the King George County FY2009/10 VJCCA/CHINS budget to recognize additional revenues in the amount of \$2,815 and appropriated funds for expenditure, as presented.

04-08 – Authorize Expenditures against the FY2009-10 Capital Improvements Fund

On a motion by Mr. Grzeika, seconded by Mr. Mullen, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; Mr. LoBuglio Aye; and Mr. Mullen Aye, the King George County Board of Supervisors authorized issuance of warrants against the FY2009/10 Capital Improvements Fund in the total amount of \$536,896.29, as presented.

Discussion Items:

04-09 – County Administrator’s Report

Mr. Quesenberry presented the following items for the Board’s information:

- Initial meeting was held with staff regarding Volunteer Fair along with input received from Mr. Grzeika. Work continuing on that project and report forthcoming to the Board.
- Work session date requested for further review of the proposed FY2010/2011 budget. Consensus of the Board was to schedule the work session for Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
- Letter received from Maryland Transportation Authority related to proposed correspondence to property owners regarding park mitigation sites as part of the Nice Bridge Improvement Project, particularly addressing Wayside Park. The County Attorney has reviewed and provided comments. Since funding is not available, the Board members felt it was not necessary at this time to talk to property owners and requested the County Administrator respond to the request conveying the Board’s and County Attorney’s comments on this request.
- Presented Power Point providing status report on capital projects.

Mr. Sisson inquired about the status of the Smoot Library expansion project. Mr. Quesenberry responded that all documents have been sent to URS for the value analysis phase and independent cost estimate. He noted URS is awaiting specs from the architect and should have numbers by mid-May, which would provide better information about project cost.

Mr. Quesenberry informed the Board that a “Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday” would be held from May 25th - May 31st, and that the information was now on the County’s web site. He also reported that Aquapalooza would not be held in Fairview Beach this year, but at Tim’s I in Stafford County.

Mr. Quesenberry further informed the Board of a “Ribbon Cutting” for a new business, “BechTech” at Bayberry Office Park on April 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. LoBuglio and Mr. Grzeika noted they would attend.

Mr. Britton informed the Board that the SCC has filed a Virginia Electric Power rate increase giving notice for a comment period, and requested it be put on the County’s website.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to April 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room, on a motion by Mr. Grzeika, seconded by Mr. Mullen, and carried unanimously.

