

VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of August 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Revercomb Building at 10459 Courthouse Drive, King George, Virginia:

PRESENT: C. Stephen Wolfe II, Chairman
Dale W. Sisson, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Cedell Brooks, Jr., Member
Joseph W. Grzeika, Member
James B. Howard, Member
R. Bryan David, County Administrator
Matthew J. Britton, County Attorney

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Wolfe.

Public Comment:

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Urzetta Lewis read a prepared statement from the Ralph Bunche Alumni Association, sharing some of the history of the Ralph Bunche School and the dream of Mr. John Stewart, a former School Board member who wanted to see his alma mater preserved, and actions by the King George County School Board, including preservation of the name of the building. The Ralph Bunche Alumni Association has been incorporated with a tax exempt qualification and has applied for and received an historic designation for Ralph Bunche at both the state and national level. Ms. Lewis stated that the Alumni Association has engaged the services of the Virginia Community Development Corporation, a non-profit organization which helps other non-profit organizations renovate historic properties and requested that the Board of Supervisors, along with the King George County School Board, participate in a management team to discuss possible uses of the Ralph Bunche property.

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

Reports of Members of the Board:

Mr. Grzeika

In response to Ms. Lewis' comments regarding the Ralph Bunche School, Mr. Grzeika reminded those in attendance that the Board of Supervisors has attempted work on the Ralph Bunche School, has allocated funds for that effort, and has asked the School Board that the property be returned to the County so the process could begin. That request has not been granted by the School Board to date and Mr. Grzeika felt that until such time as the Board of Supervisors has control and authority over that property, the Board cannot be involved. Mr. Grzeika also recalled that the School Board received legal advice and counsel stating that the School Board could not do anything with Ralph Bunche School except run it as a K-12 educational facility.

Mr. Grzeika requested the County Administrator contact VDOT regarding cutting grass in the median on Route 3 as the height of the grass has become a safety hazard.

Mr. Sisson

Mr. Sisson acknowledged receipt of a letter of resignation from Mr. Billy Storke, resigning as a member and Chairman of the King George County Economic Development Authority (EDA), due to health reasons. Mr. Sisson spoke of Mr. Storke's many years of service to the County, not only as an EDA member, but as an outstanding public servant in many other County organizations and committees and asked that a time be scheduled at an upcoming meeting to recognize Mr. Storke for his dedicated service to the County.

Mr. Sisson extended congratulations to the King George Church of God for the opening of their new worship facility and child care center.

Mr. Sisson reported attending a recent meeting of the YMCA Executive Board and shared an update on the King George YMCA project. Site plans are underway and issues are currently being negotiated with VDOT regarding entranceway questions. Mr. Sisson anticipates groundbreaking in early September.

Mr. Howard

Mr. Howard reported on a recent meeting of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions where he gave a report on the reorganization of RADCO.

Mr. Howard concurred with Mr. Grzeika regarding the grass cutting needs and asked that the area of Route 301 and Route 611 be brought to the attention of VDOT as well.

Mr. Howard addressed the Ralph Bunche School situation and stated that the Board of Supervisors had put money in the budget for the renovation of that facility but such renovations have not taken place since the County does not have ownership of the property. The Board of Supervisors has appealed to the School Board to deed this property back to the County unless the School Board plans to use the property for a school building. Mr. Howard encouraged Ms. Lewis to present her information to the School Board as well.

Mr. Howard reported that the George Washington Regional Commission charter has been ratified by two jurisdictions, King George and Fredericksburg, and is being presented to Stafford County on this date.

Mr. Brooks

Mr. Brooks reported on the recent "Continuity of Government" exercise coordinated by the Department of Emergency Services and commended staff for a well organized, professional presentation.

Mr. Brooks recently attended the dedication of the new King George Church of God as a guest speaker and extended his congratulations on the opening of their worship center.

Mr. Brooks asked that the condition of the roads in Canterbury be addressed with VDOT personnel, as it appears those roads may need resurfacing.

Mr. Brooks extended his thanks to the County Engineer, Mr. Quesenberry, for the landscaping work that has been done at the Citizens' Center.

Mr. Wolfe

Mr. Wolfe extended his appreciation to Ms. Wendy Shepherd, EMS Coordinator, and Fire and Rescue Chief David Moody and other County staff for their efforts in coordinating the recent Continuity in Government exercise.

Mr. Wolfe also reported on a recent Charles County Commissioners meeting he attended along with the Deputy County Administrator, Mrs. O'Quinn where a presentation was given by the Maryland Transportation Authority (MTA) regarding the future of the Route 301 toll bridge. The MTA is initiating a three-year planning study, beginning this month, which will be primarily a Maryland effort but plans are to involve various parties on the Virginia side, including VDOT, local government and Federal government as well.

Regarding a recent editorial in the local newspaper about the possibility of barging in trash from other localities to the King George landfill, Mr. Wolfe stated that the County's contract with Waste Management, Inc. strictly forbids receipt of any barged trash and asked that the local newspaper run a correction regarding statements related to the King George landfill accepting barged trash. That correction was published in the July 31st edition. Mr. Wolfe also referenced an issue where a regional builders group, in its newsletter, made some erroneous remarks about the Board's action regarding location of advertising signs being posted in the VDOT right of way throughout the County and have since printed a correction to those remarks.

Mr. Wolfe reported receiving several calls from constituents regarding the problems with Central Virginia Waste no longer providing trash pick up service to King George customers. Mr. Wolfe provided several avenues that consumers could take to report this issue.

08-01—Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Mr. Sisson, seconded by Mr. Howard, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Wolfe Aye; Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; and Mr. Howard 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 FY06-07 Debt Service Fund in the total amount of \$58,572.00.

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY05-06 E911 in the total amount of \$4,347.69.

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY06-07 E911 in the total amount of \$1,790.15.

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY05-06 General Fund in the total amount of \$10,008.34.

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY06-07 General Fund in the total amount of \$210,039.86.

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY06-07 Library Fund in the total amount of \$1,973.11.

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY05-06 Library Special Endowment Fund in the total amount of \$2,405.69.

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY05-06 Recreation Activity Fund in the total amount of \$150.00.

Authorized the issuance of warrants against the FY06-07 Recreation Activity Fund in the total amount of \$7,267.52.

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

Authorized refund of Personal Property Taxes.

Approved Minutes for May 2006.

Report of County Attorney:

Mr. Britton reported receipt of two notices from Dominion Virginia Power, the first dealing with a public hearing to be held in October regarding construction of a coal fired plant in the coal field region of Virginia and the second establishing wireless charges. Mr. Britton asked for, and received concurrence from the Board, to place this information on the County's website.

Action Items:

08-03—Authorize Expenditures from the FY05-06 Capital Improvements Fund

On a motion by Mr. Sisson, seconded by Mr. Howard, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Wolfe Aye; Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; and Mr. Howard Aye, the King George County Board of Supervisors authorized warrants against the FY05-06 Capital Improvements Fund budget in the total amount of \$292,487.53, as specified.

08-04--Approval of Warrant to the Journal Press, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and carried by 4-0-1 vote, each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; and Mr. Howard Aye, the King George County Board of Supervisors authorized the issuance of warrant number 1106817 to the Journal Press, Inc., against the FY05-06 General Fund in the total amount of \$1512.44. Prior to the vote, Mr. Wolfe disqualified himself on the basis of family interest.

On a motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Sisson, and carried by 4-0-1 vote, each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; and Mr. Howard Aye, the King George County Board of Supervisors authorized the issuance of warrant number 1106951 to the Journal Press, Inc., against the FY06-07 General Fund in the total amount of \$195.00. Prior to the vote, Mr. Wolfe disqualified himself on the basis of family interest.

Discussion Items:

08-05—Consideration of Advertising for Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment Regarding Adoption of Golf Cart Ordinance

The County Administrator explained that the Board, at its last meeting, requested the County Attorney to provide a clean copy of a proposed ordinance to allow the use of golf carts in the Fairview Beach Community and presented the draft ordinance for review and consideration for advertising a public hearing.

On a motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Sisson, and carried by a 3-2 vote, each member voting as follows: Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Howard Aye; Mr. Grzeika Nay and Mr. Wolfe Nay, the King George County Board of Supervisors authorized the advertising of a public hearing for October 3, 2006, to receive public comment regarding the adoption of an ordinance to permit the use of golf carts in the community described as Fairview Beach.

Prior to the vote, Board members offered their comments regarding this proposed public hearing.

Mr. Grzeika stated that he would not support this ordinance, felt it is a flawed concept and does not want to be responsible when an accident occurs between a golf cart and an automobile resulting in death or serious injury. He also discussed the issue of proper inspection of these vehicles, collection of property taxes, how to handle requests from other subdivisions in the County since allowing golf carts in one community would set a precedent, etc.

Mr. Wolfe echoed Mr. Grzeika's concerns and asked the Board to give careful consideration to the precedent which would be set by adopting such an ordinance. Mr. Wolfe also cited the fact that there are two restaurants in Fairview Beach, both which serve alcohol and felt it was just a matter of time before an accident would occur. Therefore, he would continue to vote against this issue.

Mr. Sisson stated that he has given this issue a great deal of consideration and has talked with several Fairview Beach citizens. While expressing some concerns, Mr. Sisson stated that he looks forward to hearing public comment during the October public hearing on this issue.

Mr. Howard referenced the use of golf carts in Colonial Beach and the fact that there have been no problems with their use in that community in the three years that the golf carts have been permitted there.

Mr. Brooks saw Fairview Beach as unique because it is a beach community and felt that with proper considerations, golf cart use could work there.

Timed Items:

08-02—Public Hearing – Consideration of Establishing a King George County Wireless Authority

Mr. David provided an overview of the wireless authority and distributed a revised copy of the draft resolution to establish such an authority. Mr. David explained that the Board of Supervisors would be members of the King George County Wireless Authority and that terms of office for this Authority would be concurrent with the Board of Supervisors' terms of office.

The Chairman opened the public hearing to receive public comment regarding the establishment of a King George County Wireless Authority.

There being no public comment, the Chairman closed that portion of the public hearing.

Mr. Brooks inquired about the terms of office and asked if compensation would be given for serving on this additional board. The County Administrator explained that the King George County Wireless Authority, once established, would be adopting by-laws which could address the compensation issue.

On a motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Sisson, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Wolfe Aye; Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; and Mr. Howard Aye, the King George County Board of Supervisors adopted the resolution creating the King George County Wireless Authority, as amended, and authorized the County Administrator to do those things necessary to file the King George County Wireless Authority's Articles of Incorporation with the State Corporation Commission pursuant to §15.2-5431.7 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Discussion Items (Continued):

08-06—Appointment of Board Member to Serve as Liaison to Fire/Rescue/Emergency Services

Fire and Rescue Chief David Moody requested the Board give consideration to the appointment of a member of the Board of Supervisors to serve as liaison to Fire/Rescue/Emergency Services. This person would work with Chief Moody and with the volunteers of the Fire & Rescue Association to discuss such topics as operations, training, staffing, volunteer and career recruitment/retention, shelter operations, response time, etc. Meetings of the Fire and Rescue Association are held on a monthly basis.

On a motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Sisson, and carried unanimously, each member voting as follows: Mr. Wolfe Aye; Mr. Sisson Aye; Mr. Brooks Aye; Mr. Grzeika Aye; and Mr. Howard Aye, the King George County Board of Supervisors appointed Mr. Cedell Brooks, Jr. to serve as the liaison to the Fire/Rescue/Emergency Services as the Board of Supervisors' representative.

County Administrator's Report:

Ms. Wendy Shepherd, EMS Coordinator, provided information regarding Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) disaster aid approved for the County due to recent storm damage at the Dahlgren Wastewater Treatment Plant pump station. Ms. Shepherd also provided a brief overview on measures being taken in the County due to the excessive heat situation.

Mr. David provided a report on the sales tax errors in the 2007-2008 State budget by the State government and impact on the County's budget.

Mr. David reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on July 19, 2006 between the Chairman of the School Board, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrator and the School Superintendent for a discussion regarding the consolidation of grass cutting activities between the County and the Schools. Mr. David stated that the direction both he and Dr. Brown received from that meeting was to develop an agreement so that the grass cutting functions would be provided by the County's administrative staff to the schools with agreed-upon levels of services, i.e. frequency, etc. Mr. David stated that he hoped such an agreement could serve as a template for both he and Dr. Brown to use as they pursue further consolidation of business type services for the County and the Schools.

Mr. David presented information to the Board regarding Rappahannock Regional Juvenile Detention Center funding needs and stated that \$105,498 in additional funds will be due from the County for the second quarter. This will require a supplemental appropriation which will be brought forward at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Wolfe confirmed that Mr. David, Mr. Sisson, and Mr. Wolfe will be meeting with Senator Chichester in his Fredericksburg office on Monday, August 14th at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the Potomac Gateway Welcome Center.

Mr. Wolfe also asked for, and received confirmation from the County Administrator, that the development of the agenda for the July 19th, 2006, joint meeting between the School Board Chairman and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors was coordinated with the School Superintendent and that the meeting on that selected topic was scheduled a month in advance of the meeting date.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting on a motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Sisson, and carried unanimously.