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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK

Adjourned Meeting
February 5, 2000

8:00 a.m.

Meeting Convened. An Adjourned Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:33 a.m., Saturday, February 5, 2000, in the Virginia Power Clubhouse, Waterview Road, by Chairman Walter C. Zaremba.

Attendance. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Walter C. Zaremba, Sheila S. Noll, Donald E. Wiggins, James S. Burgett, and Melanie L. Rapp.

Also in attendance was Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator.

BOARD RETREAT

Mr. James Oliver, facilitator, spoke of how the Board shared information with him the previous evening and stated he was very touched by the Board's wishes and experiences. He stated the main message he received from the discussions was can it be possible to hold on to those wishes in order to take York County into the future. Another message, he stated, was that continuous learning and understanding is important, and that everyone needs to see things and people as learning opportunities.

The Board and Mr. Oliver then discussed some of the issues impacting York County and its future. Mr. Oliver spoke of the Board developing good leadership habits and holding true to the principle that the Board act as a whole instead of individuals. Discussion was held on the development of a vision statement and the Board creating a collective agenda and conditions for success. Some time was then spent discussing the importance of good interpersonal relations between the Board members.

After lunch the Board worked on developing a mission statement and goals to concentrate on during the next four years. The following mission statement and goals were developed:

Mission

As stewards of the public trust, the Board of Supervisors will maintain and improve the quality of life for all County citizens. The Board will:

- Emphasize efficiency, effectiveness, and openness of County government;
- Protect the physical, historical, and environmental heritage of the County;
- Ensure that growth and development are positive forces on the quality of life;
- Value and respect the individual.

Goals

1. Define and aggressively pursue economic development that broadens the County's tax base and sustains its character and quality of life.
2. Improve communication and respect among the Board of Supervisors, other elected appointed officials, other agencies, County staff, and the public.
3. Promote accountability, innovation, and excellence in providing service to the customer.
4. Generate quality educational opportunities for all citizens.

5. Manage the provision and expansion of County services and facilities in a manner that balances necessary increases in expenditures with the expansion of the tax base.

With regard to a vision statement, Chairman Zaremba suggested that staff take the vision statement of the City of Lynchburg that Mr. Oliver shared with the Board members and incorporate it with wording reflective of York County.

Mr. Stuck indicated staff would do that, but he suggested that the Board try to conduct a similar session mid-year concerning the vision statement. He indicated that the Board could take up some of the relationship issues that came out of this retreat.

The Board then discussed some rules that should be adhered to regarding the members' relationships with each other. The Board asked staff to draft the rules discussed into a document that would be provided to the Board at a later date for consideration.

Mr. Burgett moved that the Board approve the mission statement and goals as set forth above.

On roll call the vote was:

Yea: (5) Noll, Wiggins, Burgett, Rapp, Zaremba
Nay: (0)

Mr. Stuck stated that after the budget was adopted staff would provide the Board with a proposal for a work plan that it can modify, and staff will get started on the strategies that will be developed over the next few months. The mission statement and goals will be made available to the press as well as be published in Staff Stuff, Citizens News, and placed on the County's cable channel and web site.

Meeting Adjourned. At 3:03 p.m. Chairman Zaremba declared the meeting adjourned to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2000, in the Board Conference Room, York County Finance Building, for the purpose of conducting a work session.

Daniel M. Stuck, Clerk
York County Board of Supervisors

Walter C. Zaremba, Chairman
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