

MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK

Regular Meeting
September 1, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened. A Regular Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:02 p.m., September 1, 2020, in the Board Room, York Hall, by Chairman W. Chad Green.

REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Green read the following statement concerning the purpose and the participants of the meeting:

This meeting is called to order. It is September 1, 2020. For the record, this is a meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors, being held by electronic means without a quorum being physically assembled in one place, pursuant to an emergency "continuity of government" ordinance adopted on April 21, 2020, and readopted on June 16, 2020, under Code of Virginia section 15.2-1413, allowing public meetings of this Board, and of other county boards, commissions, and authorities, to meet remotely.

This action was taken because of the health emergency resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, making an assembly of the board and staff and members of the public in one place unsafe because of the highly contagious nature of the coronavirus pandemic. Since this is the first meeting of the month, the meeting will follow the work session format.

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I am William C. "Chad" Green, Board Chair, and I am sitting in the Board Room of York Hall. Other Board members participating are Walter C. Zaremba, Sheila S. Noll, Jeffrey D. Wassmer, and Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr. Other County staff present or participating are Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator; James E. Barnett, Jr., County Attorney; Sarah Vance, Administrative Coordinator, and a small number of senior County staff.

WORK SESSION

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Rossie Carroll, Williamsburg Residency Administrator, provided the Board with a quarterly update. He reviewed the maintenance accomplishments for the quarter which included 1,407 maintenance work orders of which 1,098 have been completed, equivalent to a 78 percent completion rate. The highest number of work orders received were drainage issues. He provided a list of accomplishments for the quarter which included:

- Drop inlet repair at the corner of Leigh Road and Walnut Drive, Glenn Laurel Way, and Landing Road
- Brush cutting on River Point Drive
- Unpaved shoulder machining; grading for 9.46 miles
- Ditching for 7.4 miles throughout the County

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- Machine patching with plant mix for 4.76 tons of asphalt
- County-wide mowing, the third mowing cycle started in August

Mr. Carroll updated the Board on the current ongoing projects including:

- Reconstruction of the existing lanes and an additional 12' wide travel lane and median shoulder in each direction, and ramp acceleration and deceleration lanes on I-64 to be lengthened.
- Bridge rehabilitation or replacement projects on the Colonial Parkway, Lakeshead Drive, and Queens Lake. Project construction is scheduled to be completed in December 2021. Excavation and concrete placement for noise wall footings is underway. Several traffic switches to the newly constructed inside lanes are complete. Traffic shifts to newly paved areas will continue until June 2021. Project construction is scheduled to be completed in December 2021.
- Bridge replacement of the northbound bridge on Route 134 over Brick Kiln Creek project is under construction and transitioned to Phase B in March 2020 with all traffic transitioned to the southbound Bridge with estimated completion of December 2020.
- The Plant Mix project has started with a projected completion date in mid-October.

He then reviewed the following upcoming projects:

- Penniman Road/Government Road/roadway improvements with projected completion in 2021 and scheduled to start construction in 2022.
- SMART18 - Route 17 widening between Route 630 and Route 173 - preliminary engineering is underway to start construction in 2025 and projected completion in 2027.
- SMART18 - Route 171 widening between Route 17 and Route 134 - preliminary engineering is underway and construction is projected to start in 2025 with completion in 2026.
- SMART20 - Route 171 capacity enhancements between Routes 134 and 1740 - preliminary engineering is scheduled to start in December 2023 and construction is projected to start in 2028 with completion in 2028.

Mr. Carroll spoke about some highway safety improvement projects to retrofit signals flashing yellow errors with associated systematic improvements. This work is an on-call contract and two locations in York County have been completed.

Mr. Carroll summarized the VDOT Emergency Response to various drainage issues during the rain event for August 15-16, in which the area had received over 8 inches of rain. The Emergency Response items included clearing pipes and down trees, and performing protective measures for high water on numerous roads.

Mr. Zaremba asked Mr. Carroll about the installation of a streetlight at the intersection of Mooretown and Bulifants Road and also about a crosswalk on Bypass Road. He reminded Mr. Carroll that a resident had been killed when trying to cross the street at Cracker Barrel a few months ago.

Mr. Carroll stated they have a safety project for Bypass Road to install crosswalks and pedestrian signals, so that timing for the signal will allow pedestrians to cross. He noted streetlights are not part of the project, but the pedestrian crossings will also include ADA facilities for connectivity with the truncated domes and will have the push pads as well to assist the pedestrians. VDOT had reduced the speed limit on that section of Bypass Road, and put up the pedestrian warning signs in two locations that are more heavily traveled.

Mr. Zaremba asked about the Mooretown Road/Bulifants intersection.

Mr. Carroll stated he was unaware of any discussion regarding streetlights for that intersection, adding that streetlights are typically not submitted for consideration as a VDOT project unless it is determined that it is a vital issue. He noted that usually streetlights are installed by com-

mercial businesses or through other activities, but that he would check on lighting at this specific intersection.

Mr. Morgan stated they had moved forward with the proffer funds from Arbordale to design the traffic signal and that VDOT had approved moving forward as quickly as possible. He noted that this also includes electrical work to energize the traffic light, but thought there might be an opportunity to include a couple of streetlights at the intersection. He then mentioned a VDOT coordinated County-managed revenue sharing sidewalk project on Bypass Road which they are working to coordinate with the VDOT safety project. When the project is complete there will be a rebuilt sidewalk down the west side of Bypass tying into the new pedestrian crosswalks.

Mr. Zaremba thanked Mr. Morgan for the update.

Mr. Shepperd asked Mr. Carroll if he had heard anything about the causeway between Poquoson and Hampton, the Wythe Creek Project, because he had heard the project was stalled due to the lack of funds.

Mr. Carroll stated they had a meeting last week, noting the project is moving again, but there is some re-design work that has taken place on the Poquoson side. However, he stated that it is anticipated that the project will be advertised in about six months.

Mr. Shepperd asked if they were still going to install a light at Wythe Creek and Carey's Chapel Roads.

Discussion followed on the light placement being administered by VDOT as a SMART Scale Project.

Mr. Shepperd thanked Mr. Carroll for the update.

Chairman Green stated that small potholes are appearing on roadways in the County and he will give Mr. Carroll a more in-depth list and ask if VDOT will repair them prior to cold weather. He asked that VDOT continue to address their ditch and drainage maintenance issues. Mr. Green then asked about the flashing yellow lights in the turn lanes and if there had been increased accidents.

Mr. Carroll stated that typically a year after lights are installed, a study is conducted to see if there has been an increase in accidents, but if a spike should occur earlier the analysis would be performed earlier followed by appropriate resolution. The flashing yellow lights have improved the traffic flow and congestion; however, if specific areas experience an increase in accidents changes will be made.

Chairman Green thanked Mr. Carroll for his presentation.

Mr. Morgan commented on Mr. Carroll's report stating on a positive note we are just over a year from the completion of the I64 project to the north County line. He added that this is a really significant development for York County as well as the region and it is really exciting to see it happening.

COVID 19 UPDATE

Mr. Morgan stated he would provide a brief update regarding COVID-19 to be followed by an update by Mr. Darren Williams and Mr. Kevin Ritchie of the Community Services Department, Tourism Division, relative to actions taken by the department during the pandemic. He then gave a few global updates, stating that the Virginia Health Department announced a leveling off of COVID-19 cases to approximately 750 to 850 reported positive tests a day. He explained that the number was higher than it was at the end of May, but lower than it was around the Fourth of July. As such it appears that the number of cases in Virginia have plateaued. The eastern region is responsible for about a fourth of those cases on a daily basis. Furthermore, he stated since the first case was reported in the County in March we have had 467 individuals test positive and six deaths assigned to our locality. He stated that of the approximately 750 person York County workforce, the County has had 22 positive cases since March from five different departments. He pointed out that the Virginia Department of Health is currently reaching out to localities asking us to initiate planning for vaccine distribution, which could develop into something on the scale of mass polio vaccination. He stated the County is discussing this matter with our regional partners to determine how we plan for this. If all goes

well, a few doses may be available by the end of the year which will likely go to medical and military personnel. He stated the County may possibly see a significant amount of doses available for general use sometime later in the winter. He stated the process would not be easy, but approximately 10 years ago the Peninsula Health District performed an important modeling exercise for the distribution of an anthrax antidote which could serve as a basis for distribution of this vaccine. Currently, several different kinds of vaccines are being developed and considered; however, the first one that might become available will require refrigeration and possibly multiple doses. He advised that more on this matter would be forthcoming, but at least it was positive in that people are starting to talk and think about what vaccination might look like sometime in the next few months. He stated the County continues to cautiously reopen facilities, perhaps more cautiously than many other localities, pointing out the County's number of cases per capita is lower than most surrounding localities. He stated he was pleased to announce that the Parks and Recreation Division offices and the Extension Service were now open and join the ranks of other offices that opened their doors earlier. He stated many of the County functions had continued that do not require a lot of office access. He stated the theme was "if we need to open something for citizen service and convenience we will" and if the County can provide the service by being a little cautious about how many people are in our buildings that is still the first preference. He stated the County continues to work with the School Division which is currently deploying technology, different platforms dependent upon the pupil's age, to every child in the School Division. He stated Superintendent Shandor had reported today that all of the technology purchased for the program is on U.S. soil, but not all has been delivered. However, the program is moving forward rapidly and they hope to have every child who has no other option to have a device when school starts on Tuesday. Meanwhile they will rapidly deploy the rest of the product as it comes in and get everything setup over the next couple of weeks. He stated the County is doing everything they can to support them and know what a challenge that is for the School System as well as the families and the kids that are involved. He stated in terms of CARES Act funding, the Board had received a couple of detailed briefings stating staff would be asking the Board to formally appropriate the second allocation that the County received in the amount of \$5.9 million. He noted a public hearing will be held at the September 15 meeting for the Board to appropriate those funds. He stated staff anticipates another detailed presentation to the Board hopefully at the November meeting by which time they hope to have completed our allocation plan.

Mr. Zarembo made a comment regarding the pandemic and the report released by the Center for Disease Control. He stated they had released a report over the weekend that of the 170,000+ deaths only six percent of the people who died, died as a result of COVID19 and the other 94 percent that died had pre-existing illnesses such as congestive heart failure. He stated the report shed light on just how serious the pandemic is.

Mr. Shepperd asked Mr. Zarembo what was the source of the report.

Mr. Zarembo stated the Center for Disease Control, Dr. Fauci's office.

TOURISM UPDATE CONCERNING ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE PANDEMIC

Mr. Darren Williams, Waterfront Operations Supervisor on behalf of the Tourism Development Office, shared some of the successes, highlights, and coming attractions for the remainder of 2020. He stated that despite COVID-19, it's been a busy time at the waterfront. He stated that they had to adapt to this new environment to give the quality customer service that the public has come to expect.

He shared that relative to the Freight Shed, one of these creative adaptations was the development of virtual showing opportunities for potential rentals. Through several platforms the staff is able to remotely show the facility and answer any questions. The first event hosted was a Yorktown Day Association meeting and then in Phase 3 there was a sweet 16 party that featured staggered arrivals of roughly 100 guests. The Freight Shed continues to see increased interest as 30 showings have been performed and booked 16 events since June. It currently has 29 events scheduled for the remainder of 2020 and we have already booked 31 events for 2021.

Mr. Williams stated that the Riverwalk Landing Pier, another popular attraction at the waterfront, had opened to temporary and overnight boaters on May 15. During this month, the piers hosted 17 overnight stays and welcomed 49 temporary boaters. June through August saw these numbers consistently increase and revenues continued to rise. As we all know, the July

4th celebration was cancelled but to encourage boaters to keep their reservation this year, we offered them priority booking for next year's event. With this offer the piers ended up being busier this July 4th weekend than past years. Additionally, the piers have hosted multiple Mega Yachts this season, including the Ambition. He stated that as we continue to navigate COVID-19, the Historic Yorktown Trolley continues its service, although the operation looks a little different these days. Since the start of operation on June 15, policies and procedures were put in place to ensure the safety of not only our passengers but our drivers as well. These policies and procedures include the required wearing of face masks (by both passengers and drivers), limiting access and egress of the trolley to the rear doors (this is to reduce contact), the installation of hand sanitizing stations on each trolley, running at approximately 50% capacity, and the posting of signage to encourage social distancing. Each Monday morning a contracted company performs electrostatic sanitizing of trolley interiors, which leaves surfaces sanitized for 7 days. To reduce costs, the equipment and materials have been ordered to service the trolley in-house. With all of this said, we continue to see an increased ridership as we celebrate our 20th anniversary. Also, Fleet Services is working diligently to add the newest trolley, Trolley 5, sometime in September.

He stated in a continued effort to ensure visitors are staying safe when at Riverwalk Landing, we have placed hand sanitizing stations throughout the area and have posted COVID-19 best practices reminders at the restrooms. Social distancing reminders with creative signage are posted throughout Riverwalk Landing and the Waterfront.

Mr. Williams stated the Coronavirus has had a devastating impact on the tourism and hospitality industries and it's changed our approach on how we market Yorktown as a destination. Focusing on what's open and more importantly what's safe.

He noted that the **8** offered a grant opportunity. Tourism Development applied in early July and we are happy to report that we are the recipient of a full \$10,000 Destination Marketing Recovery Grant. A marketing plan was developed which includes creating videos, new digital assets, and social media promotions. Some of the grant funding will also allow us to participate in the Virginia Tourism Corporation's Google search and digital banner campaigns.

Mr. Williams stated the big focus, is the state-wide WanderLOVE campaign – inspiring road trips across the Commonwealth. We are keeping our brand awareness in the forefront and serving our local base, while reinforcing Yorktown as the destination of choice. Tourism Development is also participating in the “Life at your Pace”, Visit Williamsburg matching co-op marketing program, maximizing our exposure and reach in the marketplace. These grant and cooperative marketing programs will allow us to saturate the online and social media market with Visit Yorktown messages in addition to ads that will run on TripAdvisor and VTC channels. One of our “bonus” ideas for the grant money was to bring the LOVE letters back to the waterfront. They will remain up through at least September 20th.

Mr. Kevin Ritchie, Event Planner for the Tourism Development Office, stated that COVID has affected County-sponsored and community partner special events which unfortunately led to some large-scale events being cancelled. However, he pointed out that new innovative approaches had been utilized in order to safely continue some special events. For example, he stated during our Farmers Market season, a drive-thru model of Yorktown Market Days was initiated at the McReynolds Athletic complex. They worked closely with vendors to promote their products and communicated instructions successfully through social media and our website. In addition, Mr. Ritchie stated that the spring **Art at the River** was held virtually. A Facebook event took place which included the artists who'd been selected for this year's show. Close to 30 artists took advantage of the free promotion, which included features about their art and samples of their work available for purchase. Several reached out afterwards to say they made great sales and new customers.

Mr. Richie, during the remainder of his presentation, highlighted the following information relative to actions taken by the Division of Tourism during the pandemic and upcoming attractions:

- The Tourism Department had worked with Economic Development to promote Virginia is for Restaurant Lovers' Week. Specifically, we directed people to information about which restaurants were open and who was offering takeout. Public Affairs helped to create a series of printable coloring book pages to highlight and keep in the forefront Yorktown businesses and attractions. The York County Historical Museum created a

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Virtual Bell Ringing for the Fourth of July that we were able to share on our social media pages.

The Tourism Development team continues to work closely with Historic Yorktown businesses and our community partners to make sure residents and tourists are provided updated information. This information is at the top of our homepage, www.visitorktown.org, and an insert will be included in the *Coastal Virginia Magazine*, the annual Yorktown brochure was delayed in order that it might be updated and the Event brochure was reprinted due to canceled or re-scheduled events. He noted that everything comes with a disclaimer during these ever evolving times. Yorktown Market Days returned to the Waterfront on June 13th with social distancing restrictions, masks requirements and implementing modifications based on feedback from the governor's office, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as well as the Virginia Farmers Market Association.

- During National Farmers Market Week, Yorktown joined hundreds of markets across the country to celebrate and the turnout was great.
- The Sounds of Summer concerts were postponed. Tourism Development staff presented 3 virtual real-time concerts in the Freight Shed. Thousands turned in as the music was live-streamed through York County's YouTube channel and the Visit Yorktown Facebook page and promoted through our social media channels, email subscriber list, press releases and budgeted advertising dollars. We want to thank James River Audio, York County Public Affairs, WYCG-TV, and IT for their hard work to present and produce these virtual performances.
- The Pirate Invasion Market happened last month after being postponed from the spring due to COVID. It was scaled back from a 2-day festival to just the extended market. It moved into the lower level of the parking terrace due to heavy rain. This year, the Pirate Treasure Hunt map with stops at participating businesses was virtual and posted on our website, Facebook, and had large signs printed and displayed throughout Historic Yorktown.
- September 12 is the GO Green Market, working with Public Works to promote sustainability and encourage visitors to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Then on September 19 the annual French Market will be held, also rescheduled from the spring.
- In conclusion, Mr. Ritchie stated the annual Yorktown Wine Festival was cancelled due to social distancing challenges and many Virginia vineyards have stopped outreach efforts during the pandemic. They are planning on using this date for a themed market entitled the WanderLOVE Market

Mr. Wassmer reported the Williamsburg Tourism Council is struggling with how best to support the James City and York County and the City of Williamsburg. He applauded York County for taking the lead in the region. He added our staff is up to the challenge as they use creative, innovative ways to keep participants safe while providing excellent tourism experiences.

Mr. Green thanked Mr. Williams and Mr. Ritchie for the exceptional presentation. He asked that after seeing the slides with the mega-yachts, are there any opportunities for the County to become a fuel service or provide this product by means of fuel trucks to increase revenues?

Mr. Williams stated that the Dock Master, James Scruggs, had an agreement with an entity which had the capability to provide boat fuel; however, they are no longer in business. Dock Master James has tried diligently to find another provider unsuccessfully, but he continues to actively pursue a provider.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman Green gave a brief review of the Consent Calendar items and ask if the Supervisors had any questions or needed to pull an item. He then asked Mr. Hall to elaborate on Item No. 3 regarding the purchase of radios.

Mr. Terry Hall, Director of Emergency Communications, stated the proposed resolution would purchase 121 radios for the Fire Department, noting the radios they are currently utilizing exceed 16 years of age and the technology is very dated. He stated as Chairman Green was

aware, York County runs the Regional Radio System out of the Emergency Communications Center, stating it is very important to the operations in the 911 Center that both the dispatchers and Fire personnel can hear clearly. He explained the Fire Department works in noisy environments, noting the new radios are very rugged, have noise canceling microphones, and enhanced audio so that if they are running the jaws-of-life and dispatch needs to communicate with them they would be able to hear. He added the radios have large knobs so that fire personnel wearing heavy gloves can turn the knobs on the radio to communicate during emergency situations. Lastly, he noted that the radios are ergonomically designed specifically for the Fire Department.

Mr. Shepperd moved that the Consent Calendar be approved as submitted, Item Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively.

On roll call the vote was:

Yea: (5) Zaremba, Noll, Wassmer, Shepperd, Green
Nay: (0)

Thereupon, the following minutes were approved and resolutions adopted:

Item No. 1. PPE (PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT) – FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT: Resolution R20-109

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH AIR-CARE, INC. TO PROVIDE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that all procurements of goods and services by the County not previously included in the approved Capital Improvements Program (CIP) in excess of \$50,000, and purchases of goods and services previously included in the approved CIP in excess of \$100,000, shall be specifically approved by the Board of Supervisors prior to the placement of a firm order; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has determined that the following procurement is necessary and desirable, it involves the expenditure of \$50,000 or more, and complies with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this 1st day of September, 2020, that the County Administrator be, and hereby is, authorized to execute procurement arrangements with Air-Care, Inc. to provide personal protective equipment for the fire department at a cost of \$83,400.

Item No. 2. PUBLIC SEWER EXTENSION AGREEMENT – POWELL PLANTATION PHASE 1: Resolution R20-110

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION OF THE COUNTY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM TO A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS POWELL PLANTATION PHASE 1, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE NECESSARY PUBLIC SEWER EXTENSION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, The CHPP, LLC has requested that the County enter into a public sewer extension agreement pursuant to § 18.1-53 (b) of the York County Code to serve one hundred twenty-nine new residential lots; and

WHEREAS, the plan for the proposed project has been reviewed by the County; and

WHEREAS, prior to final approval of these plans and the initiation of any construction activity, it is necessary that a determination be made as to whether the Board will authorize the extension of the public sewer facilities of the County to serve the proposed development; and

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WHEREAS, it has been determined that sufficient capacity exists in the County's existing sewer system to serve the proposed development, or will exist when the facilities proposed by the developer are constructed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of Chapter 18.1 of the York County Code the total connection fee to be paid to the County for the proposed extension to serve this development has been determined to be \$420,800.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this 1st day of September, 2020, that the Board approves the extension of the County's public sewer system to serve the proposed development, Powell Plantation Phase 1, and that the County Administrator be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute a public sewer extension agreement with CHPP, LLC for the proposed extension; such agreement to be approved as to form by the County Attorney.

Item No. 3. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS - PURCHASE OF RADIOS: Resolution R20-111

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS UTILIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that all procurement of goods and services by the County involving the expenditure of \$50,000 or more be submitted to the Board for its review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the age of the current radios utilized by the Department of Fire and Life Safety is fifteen (15) years which surpasses the average life expectancy of portable radios estimated at typically ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, the equipment has passed its useful end of life and needs to be upgraded to provide additional safety to firefighters and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of the radios will be from an existing negotiated contract with Motorola Solutions with special pricing to purchase 120 APX 6000XE portable radios for \$655,357.19; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has determined the procurement is necessary, desirable, and complies with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this 1st day of September, 2020, that the County Administrator be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute a contract with Motorola Solutions for the procurement of portable radios for the Department of Fire and Life Safety.

Item No. 4. APPROPRIATION OF SAFER GRANT FUNDING: Resolution R20-112

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING FOUR FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety sought and has been awarded a Federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant funding in the amount of \$773,606.04; and

WHEREAS, this grant is for the purpose of hiring four additional firefighters; and

WHEREAS, no local grant match/cost share is required; and

WHEREAS, these firefighter positions will improve staffing needs that positively impact firefighter safety as well as service to the citizens, businesses and visitors of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the York County Board of Supervisors this 1st day of September, 2020, that FEMA-awarded SAFER Grant funding in the amount of \$773,606.04 is hereby appropriated in the General Fund, and that the County Administrator or his appropriate designee(s) be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the necessary grant arrangements and to do all things necessary to implement this grant.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. Noll stated that with the schools opening at such an uncertain time, she hoped that the parents and the children will exercise a little patience. She expressed delight that the schools were opening because it was time.

Mr. Zaremba stated he was not sure if the other Supervisors had a chance to look at the agenda for September 15th provided by the County Administrator and the Board Chair.

Chairman Green stated the agenda had not yet been finalized for the meeting on the 15th and staff is still discussing the application for a short term rental in Queens Lake, noting he thought there might be another short-term rental application in the lower part of the County that may also be on that agenda.

Mr. Morgan stated as supplement to Chairman Green's comment, Mr. Zaremba was half right, as all of the public hearings had been posted and advertised. He noted there are seven public hearings and he could read the list if needed. He stated the non-public hearing part of the agenda is reviewed by staff at the end of the week after which he discusses the items with the Chairman, so that agenda would not be set until at least Tuesday of next week.

Mr. Zaremba stated he wanted to talk about the public hearing and the short-term rental application for Queens Lake. He pointed out that approximately a year ago the County staff and the Planning Commission developed a set policy of what a short-term rental applicant needs to do in order to be favorably considered. He stated that the take-away from this was that one size does not fit all, and that the neighborhood input is critical and he wanted to emphasize that to the Board. He stressed that this policy was approved by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. He implored the Supervisors to give strong consideration to the communications that they are receiving concerning the Queens Lake application. He wanted to again emphasize the importance of neighborhood involvement in the decision making process, asking if the Supervisors had not looked at that set of criteria, they should do so as they evaluate the pros and cons when this application is considered.

Mr. Shepperd stated he was a little confused about what Mr. Zaremba was trying to say because every time the Board reviews one of these applications they go to great lengths to understand the situation. He stated since he had been on the Board he had not seen any of these applications go unchallenged to some degree. He asked Mr. Zaremba why the application in his district was causing such concern.

Mr. Zaremba stated he was simply saying that staff and the Planning Commission had formulated a set of criteria that should be considered when the Board approves or disapproves a short-term rental. He asked the Supervisors to please take a look at the criteria for short-term rentals. He added that regardless of how the Board votes on the Queens Lake application he would like to know the rationale behind each of their votes when that time comes.

Mr. Shepperd stated the guidance is pretty broad so he was not sure that gives the Board any justification for a determination one way or another. He stated what the Supervisors try to do is to provide the citizens some sense of understanding of why they voted the way they do. He stated the most important part is to hear from the citizens and noted he was not making a decision on fixed criteria. So until the public hearing was over, he was not going to give a position one way or another.

Mr. Shepperd, in response to Mr. Zaremba's comments regarding the Coronavirus, suggested that Mr. Zaremba go back and read Dr. Fauci's comments concerning the six percent figure. He stated that somehow that comment had gotten misinterpreted by the President and few other folks and Dr. Fauci had clearly stated that the underlying cause of the death of over

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180,000 citizens is the Coronavirus. He stated since Mr. Zaremba had spoken about it this evening he had taken a quick look to see what Dr. Fauci said regarding it and he had very publicly made a statement to that effect and he wanted to point that out. Mr. Shepperd stated Virginia had been very lucky as the other states have almost politicized the Coronavirus response and put a lot of their citizens in danger, both physically and financially. He stated that Virginia had chosen a rational path to come up with a compromise between not shutting down our society completely and also trying to stay safe. He stated one of the big challenges our community was going to face is the school situation in which no one wants their children to come out of 2020 being less smart, less educated. He pointed out that it is costing a lot of money and that some people do not have the money to buy the computers, etc. He expressed his appreciation to the staff for their tremendous work to keep the County operating in a safe manner. He stated he thought the County was marching forward in a very rational manner and he wanted to express his appreciation to his fellow Supervisors, the citizens, and the County staff. In conclusion, he stated that he was proud that the County was able to continue to gradually and hopefully come out of this pandemic and with the pending emergence of vaccination to regain some sort of semblance of normalcy.

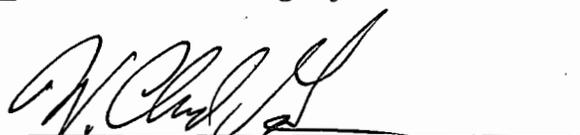
Mr. Zaremba responded to Mr. Shepperd stating the CDC, a plethora of the country's top doctors, published a report which he tried earlier to summarize and Mr. Shepperd has stated that the report is not correct because Dr. Fauci said otherwise.

Chairman Green stated he had a really unique opportunity making the first official sub at the grand opening of the new Wawa across from Walmart. He stated it is a great store with great people and he encouraged everyone to grab themselves something from the Wawa or fill their car up with gas. He thanked the folks at Wawa. He then wished everyone a very happy and safe Labor Day on Monday. He stated the next Regular Meeting of the Board would hopefully be held in person in the Board Room of York Hall on September 15. He reminded everyone that social distancing, masks, and all the guidelines would apply. He advised everyone to stay tuned in as everything is very fluid and subject to change.

Meeting Adjourned. At 6:59 p.m. Chairman Green declared the meeting adjourned sine die.



Neff A. Morgan
County Administrator



W. Chad Green, Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors