

MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK

Regular Meeting
February 3, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened. A Regular Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2015, in the East Room, York Hall, by Chairman Thomas G. Shepperd.

Attendance. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Walter C. Zarembo, Sheila S. Noll, Donald E. Wiggins, George S. Hrichak, and Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.

Also in attendance were J. Mark Carter, Interim County Administrator; Vivian A. Calkins-McGettigan, Deputy County Administrator; and James E. Barnett, County Attorney.

WORK SESSION

JOINT MEETING WITH YORK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Members Present: Mark Medford, Chairman; Robert George, Vice Chairman; Barbara Haywood, Cindy Kirschke, and Page Minter.

Also present was Dr. Victor Shandor, Superintendent of Schools; and Dennis Jarrett, Chief Financial Officer.

Chairman Shepperd noted the Board's top priority was the school system.

Mr. Carter indicated staff was very early in the budget process compiling numbers with the requests coming in. On the revenue outlook side, the County was looking at an increase of \$161,000 in real estate/personal property taxes, an increase of \$621,000 in other taxes and fees, a decrease in state funding of \$148,000, equaling a revenue growth of \$634,000. Staff was looking at debt service requirements to see if anything was coming off line to provide more funding. Mr. Carter then reviewed the expenditure side, stating the only thing staff knows at this time is \$540,000 for increased health insurance premiums (employer share). He noted that other expenditure priorities included education, employee compensation, CIP, state actions and impacts, and current services or program increases.

Dr. Shandor next gave his presentation on preliminary information on the FY16 School Division budget, stating his budget would be issued in mid-February. He started out with a recap of the FY10 through FY13 budgets, noting State revenue was down by \$9.2 million (14.2 percent) or \$11.7 million (18 percent) if including the effect of VRS increased costs. No employee raises, step increases, or position re-grades were given during the three-year period. He indicated in FY14 there was a 2 percent raise, but without step increases. During this time state revenue increased by \$300,000, and the total operating budget increased by \$1.2 million. During FY15 state revenue increased \$2.9 million, but \$1.8 million went to the VRS rate increase. The FY15 budget also provided a 3.1 percent raise which included 1 step for all eligible, a scale adjustment, and a new pay plan for teachers. Dr. Shandor then recapped staff reductions between FY10-FY15 with a total of 159 permanent positions being cut. He next gave examples of unreduced cuts to the School District. Dr. Shandor spoke of student achievement and provided examples of their accomplishments, noting York was 1 of only 22 school divisions in the State of Virginia that were fully accredited. He stated increases for FY16 were due primarily to the need for additional teachers because of additional enrollment. Dr. Shandor spoke of revenues, stating there could be an increase of \$869,043 without knowing what the County would be able to provide. The budget priorities for the School Division in FY16 will be staff compensation, transportation, and technology. Dr. Shandor then reviewed areas of reductions that could provide \$1.8 million. In the areas of the three School Division priorities, Dr. Shandor stated compensation for licensed staff would require \$1,016,000; non-licensed staff would require \$525,000; and to restore one step for all eligible staff members who were eligible to have five

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steps restored, licensed and non-licensed, would require \$908,000. For the transportation priority, Dr. Shandor indicated \$700,000 would be needed for vehicle parts and supplies and six replacement buses. Priority 3, Technology, would require \$800,000 for the refurbishment of networks, servers, and to replace the Netscaler equipment.

At this time the Board of Supervisors and the School Board went back over the slides from Dr. Shandor's presentation in order to get clarification on some of the information provided. Areas of clarification included VRS costs, use of budget overages, unrestored cuts, decrease in Federal impact aid, and the threat of sequestration.

Chairman Shepperd asked if the School Board was planning on giving a step increase.

Chairman Medford stated the School Board reset the teacher pay plan this year, and rolled out the new plan. He stated the School Board did not want to stop the reset in the first year.

Ms. Kirschke stated that because of the freeze, many teachers were facing compression.

Discussion followed on the proposed step and scale adjustments for School Board employees and compression issues.

Chairman Shepperd spoke about the School Division's transportation priority, and he asked when was a bus normally changed out.

Chairman Medford stated the recommended time was 14 years or 200,000 miles.

Chairman Shepperd asked if the School Board was requesting funding for 23 buses in FY16.

Dr. Shandor stated the School Division was saying it needed to chip away at this. The normal replacement cycle was seven years, and they had been replacing seven buses each year, which stopped 6 years ago. He noted there had been some savings with fuel lately, and that money would be used to purchase one or two buses.

Mr. Hrichak asked how it was affecting the availability to pick up students.

Dr. Shandor stated there were no significant issues, but they did not want to wake up one morning with 15 buses that could not be put on the road.

Discussion followed regarding bus ridership.

Ms. Kirschke put in a plug for bus drivers, stating they were needed desperately.

Chairman Shepperd moved on to the priority of technology, stating he thought it was on a six-year cycle.

Mr. Jarrett stated they were trying to stay on a five-year refresh cycle. He stated that computers and monitors were 7-10 years old, and this was the train that was driving the equipment need. Mr. Jarrett noted that to fully fund technology, it would cost about \$1.4 million on an annual basis.

Chairman Shepperd stated technology was needed if York County students were going to compete with the rest of the world.

Mr. Zarembo asked how much it would cost if the School Division replaced its entire technology.

Mr. Jarrett stated it would cost \$15-20 million in all buildings and equipment. He noted that part of the investment was set in that the wiring was already done. He stated these dollars were for major pieces of technology; and if these funds were available, the School Division would do a lease/purchase for this infrastructure, as it makes more sense to spread it out on an annual basis.

Mrs. Noll asked about a shared cost with County.

Mr. Jarrett stated that was something to look into continually. He indicated the bandwidth needs were growing exponentially.

Mr. Zaremba stated the value to the students was through the software that educates them. He asked if that was a major cost.

Mr. Jarrett stated there was \$500,000 a year budgeted for software.

Dr. Shandor gave another example, stating the instructional department has an agreement with WHRO for Discovery Education, which is used to a great extent, and that information is tracked. He stated the School Division has to look out at what was best for the teachers.

Ms. Kirschke commended the new superintendent because he was out there talking with parents and groups getting feedback about school programs.

Chairman Shepperd stated this was all a good example of why it was important to go down to visit the schools and watch the technology being used. He stated he had been invited to Tabb Elementary for the reading program, and he was very impressed.

Chairman Medford also noted there were mandates of the state that they must have the infrastructure for in order to support it and maintain it.

Discussion followed on wireless technology.

Mr. Zaremba stated this was a good second meeting, and he thought the two boards should meet again by this time next month or as soon as the two staffs get some of the numbers together.

Ms. Haywood agreed it was a good first start, but there was a long way to go. She stated the Board of Supervisors and School Board owe it to the community to provide the very best in its schools. She noted that technology runs throughout the whole curriculum, and there was also professional development and getting the teachers on board.

Ms. Kirschke thanked the Board of Supervisors for meeting with the School Board. She stated the burden has been placed on the Board, and the School Board appreciates what the Board of Supervisors has done in its support for the School District.

Dr. George indicated he was excited about this new chapter. He stated there was a great meeting with the two Chairs, two Vice Chairs, and Dr. Shandor and Mr. Carter looking for common goals. He noted this was what the community wanted, and the goals overlap and should be the same.

Mr. Hrichak expressed his appreciation for the interaction of the staffs. He stated all this information was foundational on what the two boards would be building their budgets on and to make educated decisions on spending the money.

Chairman Medford stated that common goals were a good output from the joint discussions. He stated the School Board advocates public education, and the Board of Supervisors has many things to balance.

Chairman Shepperd noted communications had been enhanced, and both boards need to press forward. He encouraged members of both boards to visit the schools.

Meeting Recessed. At 7:20 p.m. Chairman Shepperd declared a short recess.

Meeting Reconvened. At 7:24 p.m. the meeting was reconvened in open session as ordered by the Chair.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Carter reviewed the items on the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Hrichak addressed Item No. 3, asking how the contract had changed from the last contract.

Mr. Brian Woodward, Interim Director of Environmental Services, stated Clean Harbor had reduced its unit cost for the disposal of hazardous material, but it was a very small drop in the unit prices, so it was not an appreciable difference.

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

On roll call the vote was:

Yea: (5) Zaremba, Noll, Wiggins, Hrichak, Shepperd
Nay: (0)

Thereupon the following minutes were approved and resolutions adopted:

Item No. 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 6, 2015, Regular Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors were approved.

Item No. 2. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER: Resolution R15-12

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND BRETT A. COWAN, DIVISION OF
ENGINEERING & FACILITY MAINTENANCE, DEPARTMENT OF
GENERAL SERVICES, AS EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

WHEREAS, Brett A. Cowan has been employed with the County since February 12, 1996, and now holds the position of Master Electrician; and,

WHEREAS, the County undertook a project to upgrade the lighting at the Riverwalk Landing Parking Terrace; and,

WHEREAS, as part of a Capital Improvements Program project, and in conjunction with the County's "Go Green" initiative, the Department of General Services replaced the 63 original 150-watt high pressure sodium lighting fixtures at the parking terrace with fifty-five, 50-watt LED fixtures which consume one-third the power of the original fixtures, while providing better quality lighting to the facility; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Cowan played an integral part in the research and product selection of the facility lighting; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Cowan personally performed the installation during the first three weeks in April, 2014, completing the project just prior to the beginning of the busy tourist season at the Riverwalk, with no inconvenience to patrons or merchants; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cowan juggled this project in between his normal daily duties, as well as working on several other renovation projects during this same time period; and,

WHEREAS, the savings to the County for the installation costs was approximately \$6,000, and annual savings should be approximately \$10,000 for the useful life of the fixtures; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Cowan's daily "can do" attitude, exceptional work ethic, and attention to detail are assets to the Department of General Services and York County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors, this 3rd day of February, 2015, that Brett A. Cowan be, and he is hereby, congratulated upon his selection as Employee of the Quarter for the quarter ending December 31, 2014.

Item No. 3. Purchase Authorization: Resolution R15-16

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EXECUTE A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE VIRGINIA PENINSULAS PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY (VPPSA) TO PROVIDE HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL COLLECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that all procurements 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, this expenditure in the aggregate exceeds the \$50,000 'limit'; and the County Administrator has determined that the following procurements are necessary and desirable, they involve the expenditure of \$50,000 or more, and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of February, 2015, that the County Administrator be, and hereby is, authorized to do all things necessary to execute procurement arrangements with VPPSA for an estimated \$90,000 per year as follows:

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Household Chemical Collection Services (estimated)	\$90,000

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Wiggins expressed his appreciation for all the School Board does, and said York County has a wonderful education system. He stated the Board has a budget to go by, and it will likely be another tough year. He stated he looked forward this year to working with the School Board, and he wanted people with children in the school system to know the Board will do all it can do to fund the School District. Mr. Wiggins stated the Board knows why people move to York County, but the Board has other responsibilities to the citizens other than education.

Mr. Zaremba stated that last night he was at the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board (CCCJB) that has representatives from Poquoson, York County, James City County, New Kent, Gloucester, and Charles City County. He stated every police chief or sheriff was present, and also present were the full time staff that runs this program. He stated the mission of the state mandated program was to track juveniles coming out of the jails for their probation and meetings with the court. He stated the director, Jack Fitzgerald, showed a video put on by students at William & Mary that pulled out clips showing the effects of drugs on kids. He stated it was an incredibly piercing program, and he asked to what extent the clip was shown in York County schools. He noted that Mr. Fitzgerald told him they have tried to bring this program into the schools through resource officers or whatever means, and none of the York County schools will touch it because the parents will not agree to it. He stated they did not want the schools educating their kids on the use of drugs because they felt it was their responsibility. Mr. Zaremba noted the program was only about eight minutes long.

Mrs. Noll indicated the County has a TV channel that needs updated programming, and she asked if it could be run on Cable Channel 46. She asked Mr. Zaremba if he thought the program would encourage people to use drugs.

Mr. Zaremba stated the program shows the incredibly serious effects of using different drugs.

Mrs. Noll stated high school students are taken through the court system and then they are taken to the jail where there are displays of paraphernalia, and they talk about the gangs and

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about the drugs. She stated she felt this would be very valuable information to put on TV.

Mr. Zaremba suggested starting a dialog with the School Division.

Mr. Wiggins indicated the Sheriff put on a program several years ago that was similar, but it was as much for the parents as it was the kids. He stated the deputies would talk about the consequences of being hooked on drugs, and at that time the parents brought their children. He stated it did not make sense that they would object to it.

Chairman Shepperd stated he thought the program and putting it on Cable Channel 46 were great suggestions, and he asked Mr. Carter to get it on TV. He stated the Board could talk to the schools about resistance.

Mrs. Noll thanked Mr. Wiggins for being the first person to sign up for a community garden plot. She noted about one-fourth of the plots were already gone, and the ground will be broken March 1 and will be ready for planting.

Chairman Shepperd stated that most everyone has heard about what happened with the recent terrorist treatment of the Jordanian pilot, and any human being with a conscience should be enraged. He indicated the question now is how to participate in protecting this country, and what can be done at the local level. He stated the attendance for churches has dropped, but he stressed that the faith-based organizations could really teach about humanity and everyone's part in the world and how our nation was glued together. Mr. Shepperd stated this was a country based on respect and how we treat each other, and in all religions is an understanding of the value of life and how to treat your fellow man. He stated he felt every local government needed to step up and think about how the community can be protected. Mr. Shepperd suggested that everyone in the community start thinking about their individual faith-based organization because what he was seeing in the world today was not acceptable or human.

CLOSED MEETING. At 7:43 p.m. Mr. Hrichak moved that the meeting be convened in Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) of the Code of Virginia pertaining to appointments to Boards and Commissions.

On roll call the vote was:

Yea: (5) Noll, Wiggins, Hrichak, Zaremba, Shepperd
Nay: (0)

Meeting Reconvened. At 7:48 p.m. the meeting was reconvened in open session by order of the Chair.

Mrs. Noll moved the adoption of proposed Resolution SR-1 that reads:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REGARDING MEETING IN CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the York County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the York County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this the 3rd day of February, 2015, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2)

only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the York County Board of Supervisors.

On roll call the vote was:

Yea: (5) Wiggins, Hrichak, Zaremba, Noll, Shepperd
Nay: (0)

APPOINTMENTS OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIASIONS FOR 2015

Mr. Hrichak moved the adoption of proposed Resolution R15-19 that reads:

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE YORK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS LIAISONS TO VARIOUS BOARDS
AND COMMISSIONS FOR 2015

BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of February, 2015, that it does hereby make the following Board Member appointments to the corresponding boards and commissions:

	<u>Board Appointee</u>
Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance	Walter C. Zaremba
Regional Issues Committee	Donald E. Wiggins
Transportation Safety Commission	Donald E. Wiggins
Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce	George S. Hrichak
Williamsburg Area Destination Marketing Committee (WADMC)	Walter C. Zaremba
Williamsburg Area Medical Assistance Council (WAMAC) Board of Directors	Sheila S. Noll
York County Chamber of Commerce	George S. Hrichak
Youth Commission	Sheila S. Noll
Zweibrücken Student Exchange Program	Sheila S. Noll
Hampton Roads Mayors and Chairs Caucus	Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.
Peninsula Mayors and Chairs Caucus	Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.
Greater Peninsula Workforce Development Consortium	Sheila S. Noll
Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance (HREDA) Executive Committee	George S. Hrichak
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO)	Thomas G. Shepperd (Primary) Sheila S. Noll (Alternate)
Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC)	Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.
Historic Triangle Collaborative	Walter C. Zaremba

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Yorktown Day Association

Walter C. Zaremba

On roll call the vote was:

Yea: (5) Hrichak, Zaremba, Noll, Wiggins, Shepperd
Nay: (0)

REAPPOINTMENT OF YORK COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COLONIAL COMMUNITY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

Mr. Hrichak moved the adoption of proposed Resolution R15-21 that reads:

A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT A YORK COUNTY REPRESENTA-
TIVE TO THE COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE
BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of February, 2015, that Supervisor Walter C. Zaremba be, and he is hereby, reappointed as the York County representative to the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board, such term to be retroactive to January 1, 2015, and expire December 31, 2015.

On roll call the vote was:

Yea: (5) Hrichak, Zaremba, Noll, Wiggins, Shepperd
Nay: (0)

Meeting Adjourned. At 7:50 p.m. Chairman Wiggins moved that the meeting be adjourned sine die.



J. Mark Carter
Interim County Administrator



Thomas G. Shepperd, Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors