

**RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY ALTERNATIVES
TO PROVIDING EMERGENCY CARE IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

Whereas, Riverside Hospital Corporation of Newport News, VA has acquired Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox, VA and renamed it as Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital; and

Whereas, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital has obtained approval from the Virginia State Health Commissioner to construct a new hospital facility in Onley, VA and to close the hospital in Nassawadox, VA; and

Whereas, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital has indicated that some services will remain in Nassawadox, VA but will not encompass the retention of the Emergency Room; and

Whereas, the relocation of the hospital, including the Emergency Room, will negatively impact the current delivery of emergency medical services in Northampton County; and

Whereas, the Northampton County Board of Supervisors wishes to explore all alternatives to improve emergency medical services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northampton County Board of Supervisors establishes an ad-hoc committee called the Emergency and Medical Services Ad-Hoc Committee charged with exploring all options to provide emergency medical services to Northampton County including, but not limited to, the following:

- Establish an Emergency Room;
- Expand Emergency Medical Services (EMS) transport capabilities with associated staffing capabilities, whether through the County Department and/or the Volunteer Stations;
- Any other service offerings that could improve the provision of Emergency Care in Northampton County

Said analysis shall include the benefits and drawbacks of each option with a cost analysis of both capital costs and operational costs with associated staffing analysis and identification of potential service providers for each option and any other relevant issues or concerns.

The composition of this committee shall include a representative from the Board of Supervisors, representatives from the county that have experience and knowledge in the provision of medical services, financial experience and any other relevant areas. The ad-hoc committee shall not exceed seven (7) members. The committee shall have the ability to seek input from individuals that have needed expertise or information to assist in their charge but these individuals shall not become members of the ad-hoc committee. The ad-hoc committee will be staffed by the County Administrator and the Director of Emergency Services.

The committee will develop a final recommendation that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors no later than December 31, 2013.