

**VIRGINIA:**

At a recessed meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Northampton, Virginia, held in Conference Room #2 of the former Northampton Middle School, 7247 Young Street, Machipongo, Virginia, on the 28th day of February, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

**Present:**

|                             |                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Willie C. Randall, Chairman | Samuel J. Long, Jr., Vice Chairman |
| H. Spencer Murray           | Oliver H. Bennett                  |
| Richard Tankard             | Laurence J. Trala                  |

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

County Official's Report:

1. Ms. Katherine H. Nunez, County Administrator, discussed with the Board the state and federal criteria required to be considered during the redistricting process.

Ms. Sandra Benson, Director of Planning, delivered a powerpoint presentation which provided a comparison of 2000 and 2019 population data. Said presentation is set out below:

**Comparison of 2000 & 2010  
Population Data**

Northampton County Board of  
Supervisors  
February 28, 2011

**Comparison of 2000 and 2010 Total  
Population**

| <u>Jurisdiction</u>    | <u>2000</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Northampton County     | 13,093      | 12,389      | - 5.4%                |
| Belle Haven (see note) | 480         | 532         | +11%                  |
| Cape Charles           | 1,134       | 1,009       | -11%                  |
| Cheriton               | 499         | 487         | -2%                   |
| Eastville              | 203         | 305         | +50%                  |
| Nassawadox             | 572         | 499         | -12.8%                |

(Note: These figures are for Belle Haven as a whole; numbers for only that portion in Northampton County are not available).

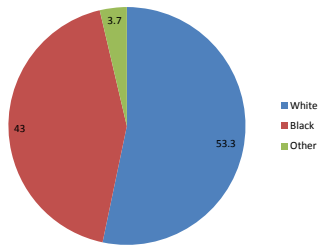
**Comparison of 2000 and 2010  
Northampton Co. Population by Race  
Category**

| <u>Race</u> | <u>2000</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| White       | 6,977       | 7,168       | +2.7%                 |
| Black       | 5,634       | 4,528       | -19.6%                |
| Other       | 482         | 693         | +43.8%                |

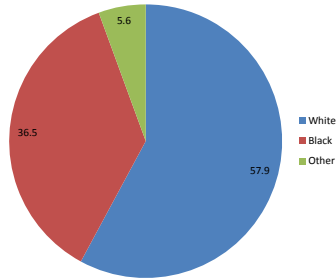
(Note: The U. S. Census Bureau does not consider Hispanic/Latino a race.)

## 2000 & 2010 Racial Percentage Comparison

2000 Percent Total Population by Race Category

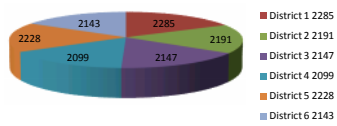


2010 Percent of Total Population by Race Category

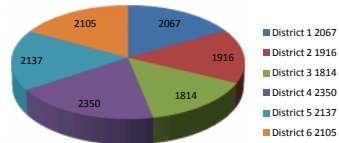


## 2000 & 2010 Population by Voting District Comparison

2000 Total Population by District



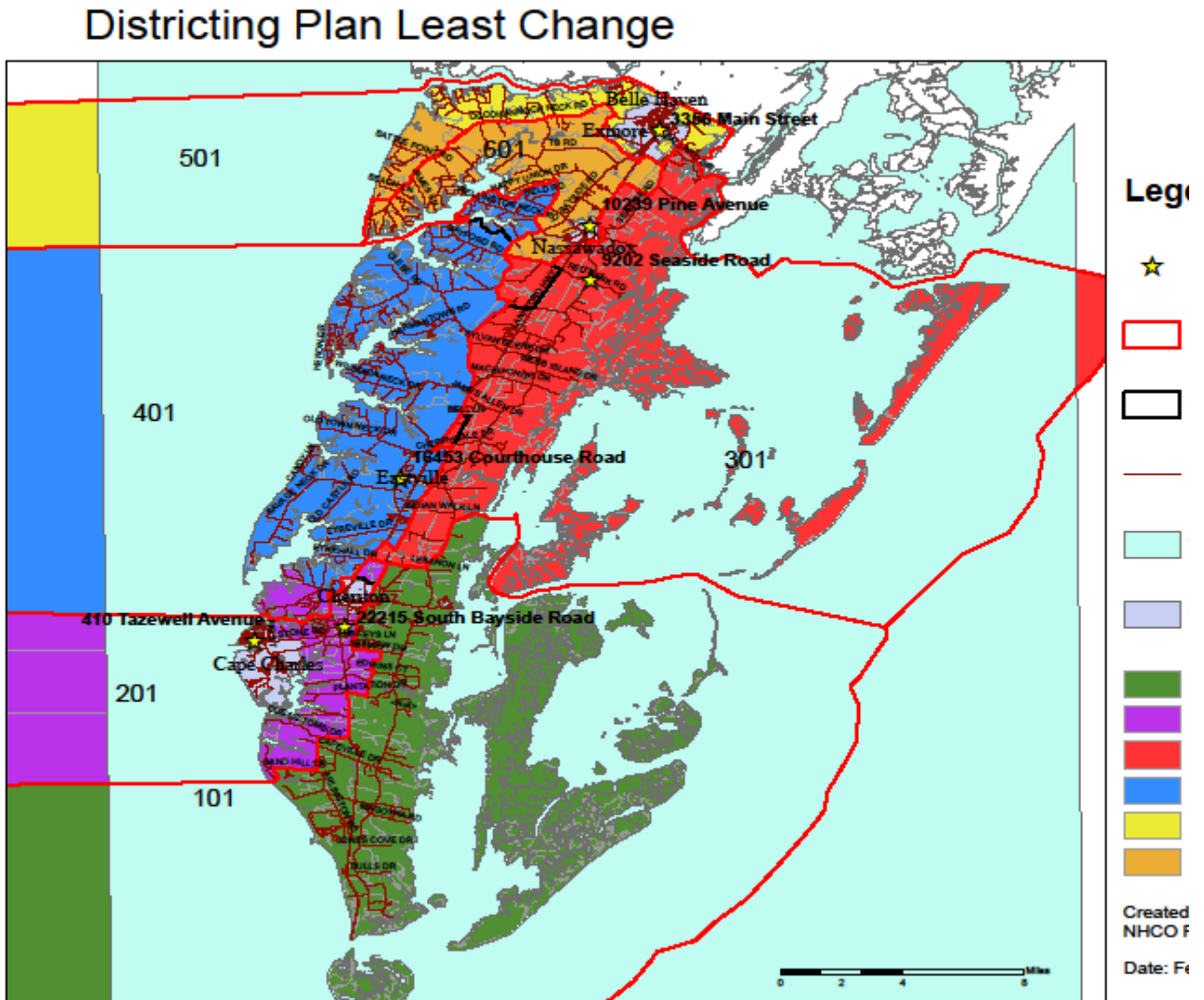
2010 Total Population by District



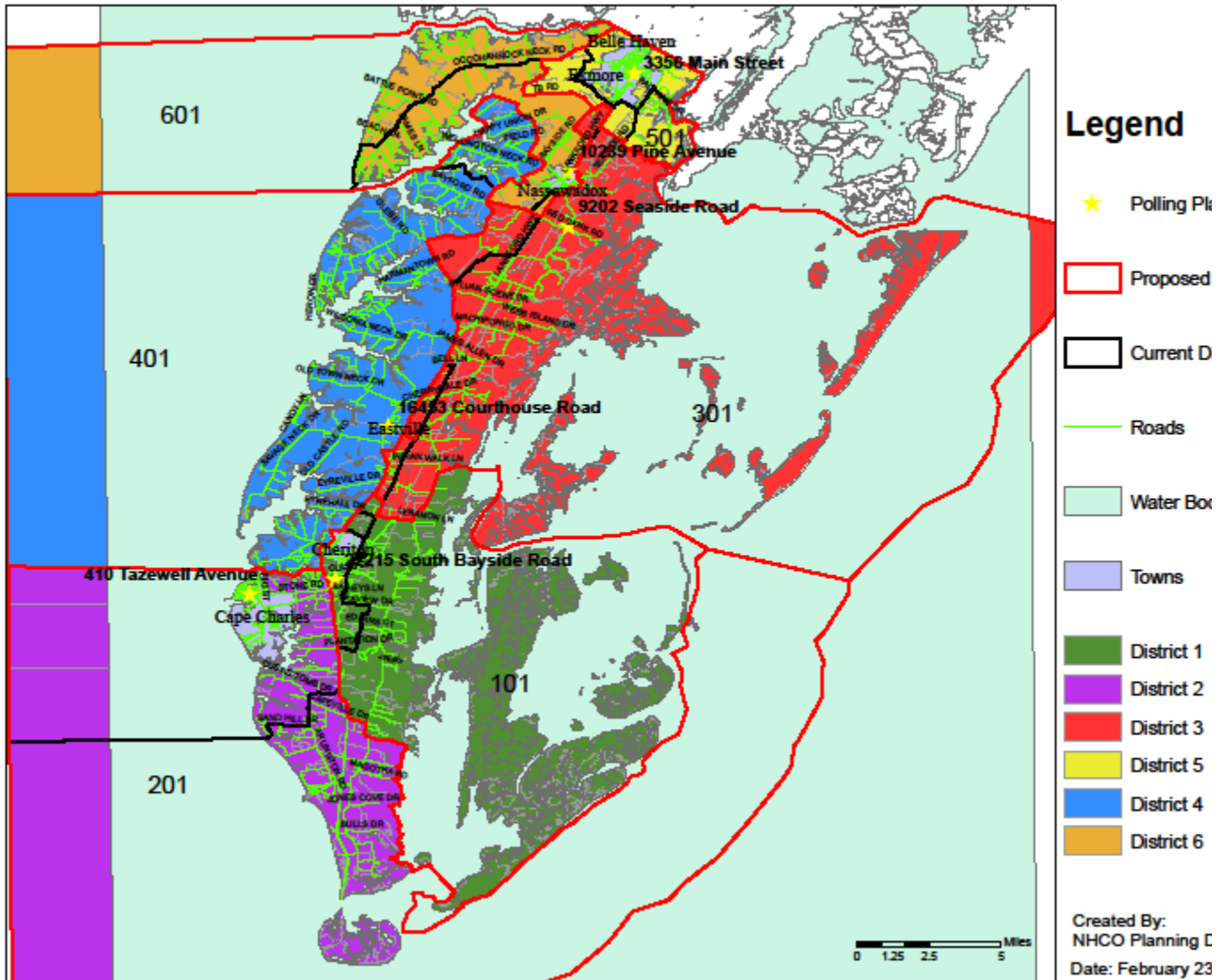
Mr. Long arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Staff distributed maps illustrating four different options which had been developed.

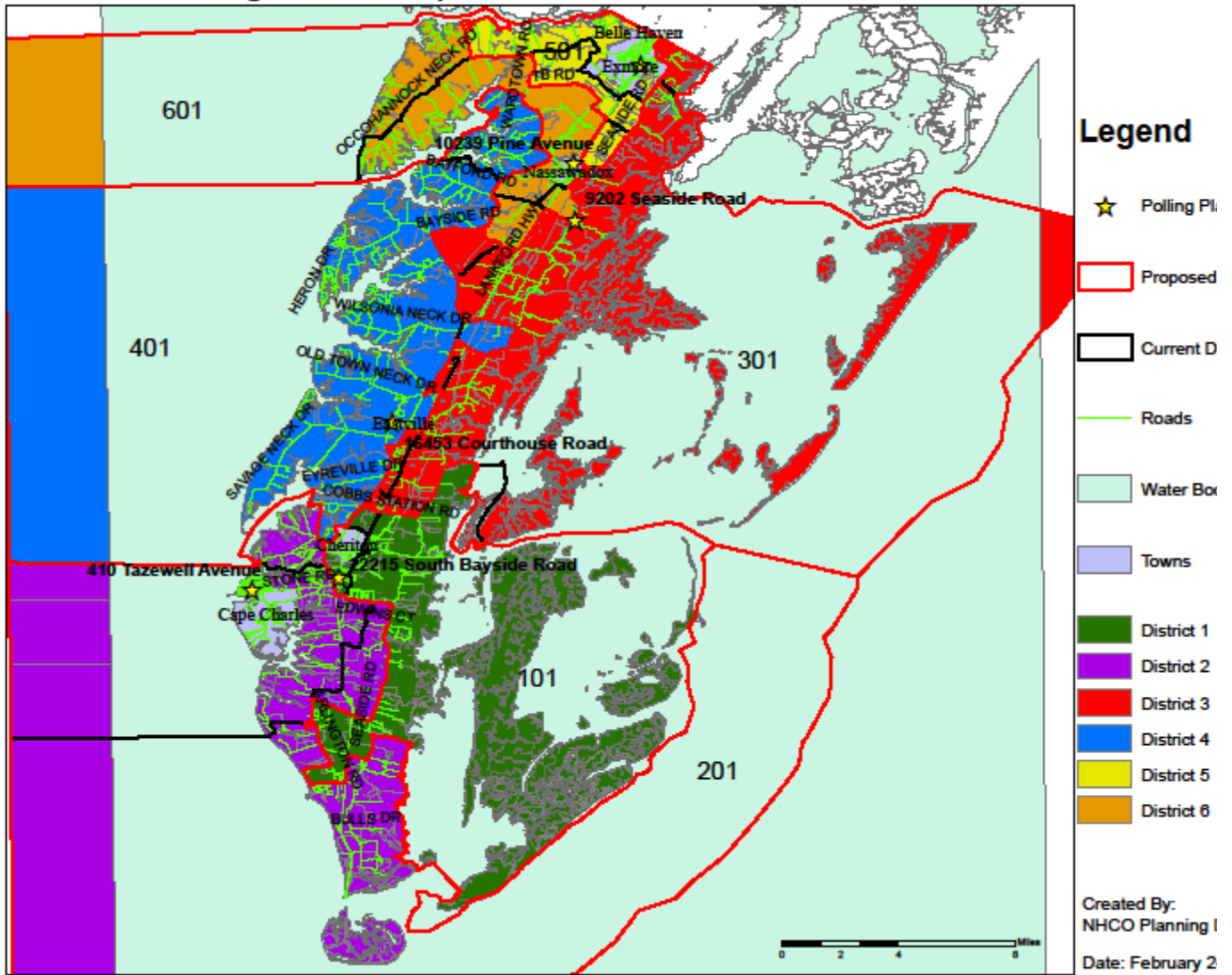
Options #3 and #4 meet the initial “hurdles” as far as equal distribution of population and maintaining three minority-majority districts.



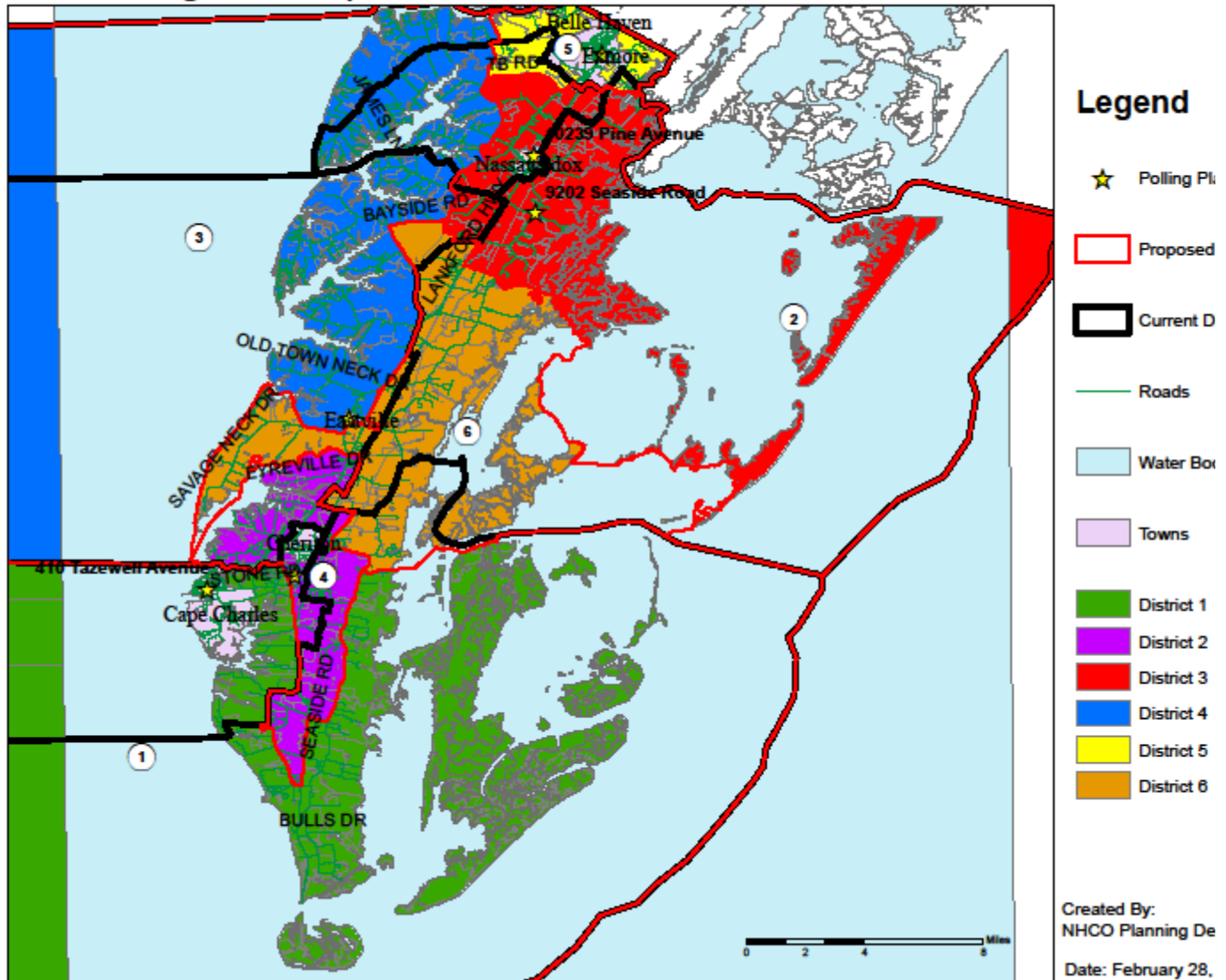
# Districting Plan Option 2



# Districting Plan - Option 3



## Districting Plan Option 4



Mr. Murray questioned whether a plan with five districts had been suggested. The County Administrator replied that no five-district plan had been developed but that staff could do so if directed by the Board.

Mr. Tankard questioned whether the districts could be drawn “color-blind”; that is, without regard to race, since the majority population has decreased in the county but that the

Department of Justice is still asking for 50% of the districts to be minority-majority.

The County Attorney, Bruce D. Jones, Jr., replied that race was one of the issues ten years ago during the last redistricting process. He confirmed that the County does need the blessing of the Department of Justice and that the Department will be focusing on the race issue in his opinion. He said that not every state has to get the blessing of the Department of Justice but Virginia has to because of the Voting Rights Act, enabled because of Virginia's well-established pattern of racial discrimination.

Mr. Murray said that "we ought to deal with the data" and that staff could be asked to develop a plan for the fair representation of the diversity of the County. He said that he "hoped that we are not married to six districts".

Mr. Bennett replied that the idea "sounds good in a perfect world", but that he would not support a plan that does not represent the citizens fairly.

Mr. Tankard asked "could we move beyond 1965?", but Mr. Jones replied that the Department of Justice will say that we have to consider race.

Ms. Nunez questioned the possibility of three districts with two members in each district. Mr. Jones responded that this was considered before, resulting in only one or possibly two minority-majority districts and that the result would always be two-to-one regardless. Mr. Murray stated that he appreciated Ms. Nunez' thinking "outside the box", but wondered if this change would cause a change in the staggered terms ordinance adopted by the Board a few years ago.

Ms. Nunez agreed to have staff develop a five-district plan for review by the Board at its March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Tankard stated that he would like to see a six-district, "color-blind" version. Mr. Randall indicated that he liked option #3 as discussed earlier.



Action Items:

2. Motion was made by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Long, that the Board approve an A-95 Review entitled, “19 Passenger Bus w/ Wheelchair Lift”; applicant – Eastern Shore Community Services Board. All members were present and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Tankard, that the Board enter Closed Session in accordance with Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended:

(A) Paragraph 1: Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body.

*Appointments to Boards/Commissions*

Paragraph 3: Discussion or consideration of the acquisition or disposition of real property for public purpose, or of publicly held property.

*District 4 Waste Collection Site*

Paragraph 5: Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business’ or industry’s interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

Paragraph 7: Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, consultants, or attorneys pertaining to actual or probable litigation, and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the Board of Supervisors regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

*Hospital Certificate of Public Need*

*APVA Proposal*

All members were present and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

After Closed Session, the Chairman reconvened the meeting and said that the Board had entered the closed session for those purposes as set out in paragraphs 1, 3, 5 and 7 of Section 2.1-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Upon being polled individually, each Board

member confirmed that these were the only matters of discussion during the closed session.

Motion was made by Mr. Tankard, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the County Administrator be authorized to offer the assessed value for Tax Map Parcels 58, double circle A, 13 and 14, with a time frame of thirty days, for the purpose of a solid waste collection site for District Four. All members were present and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Tankard, seconded by Mr. Long, that the County Administrator be authorized to send the letter to Riverside Health Systems as presented. All members were present and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed. It was the decision of the Board to send the letter to the main Riverside Board of Directors as well as the local hospital board. It was also the consensus of the Board to allow Chairman Randall to visit with Riverside officials.

Motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the County Administrator be authorized to oppose Riverside’s Certificate of Public Need application and to seek/engage legal counsel in this regard; and to authorize members of the Board of Supervisors to seek community support and others affected by Riverside’s relocation to Accomack County.

With regard to the Administration Renovation Project, motion was made by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Trala, that an additional sixty days, or until to the second Tuesday in May, whichever occurs first, be extended to the APVA to proffer other proposals in the matter of the stabilization of the two old jail buildings. All members were present and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

The Board selected the following meeting calendar:

March 15, 2011 – 6 p.m. – joint meeting with School Board for further discussion of the Capital Improvement Plan

March 30, 2011 – 7 p.m. – joint meeting with the Northampton County Planning Commission

April 20, 2011 – 8:00 a.m. – joint meeting with the Eastern Shore Public Service Authority.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the meeting be adjourned. All members were present and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR