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At a recessed meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Northampton, Virginia, held in the Sheriff's Office Training Room, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia, on the 10th day of March, 2012, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:

Oliver H. Bennett, Chairman

Willie C. Randall, Vice Chairman

Laurence J. Trala

Richard L. Hubbard

Larry LeMond

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The Board, County Administrator and staff participated in a Strategic Planning Retreat, facilitated by Mr. Eddie Swain of the Eastern Shore Community College. Topics discussed included the County's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats as well as establishing Strategic Objectives and Major Goals.

The Board selected four Strategic Objectives, their mission statements, major goals and time lines as follows:

(1) Education: Facilitate the development of a quality educational environment that provides for high quality educational and job readiness skills for all Northampton County residents.

A. Develop mutual agreeable goals with the School Board (by June 30, 2014)

1. Universal Pre-K

2. Increase graduation rates across demographic categories

B. Develop a funding strategy for a mutually-agreeable capital improvement plan (by June 30, 2013)

C. Continue funding at or above current per-student levels (annual)

1. Universal Pre-K

(2) Jobs/Economic Development: Create an environment where businesses are welcome and services are available to help them prosper.

A. Create a business-friendly zoning ordinance (by June 30, 2013)

B. Create a system of business incentives (by June 30, 2013)

C. Develop or partner in the development of an Industrial Park (by June 30, 2017)

D. Hire an Economic Development Director (by December 31, 2012)

(3) Infrastructure: Develop an infrastructure system that improves the quality of life of Northampton County citizens.

A. Provide water & sewer to northern and southern nodes of Northampton County in a financially responsible way (by June 30, 2017)

B. Promote broadband availability for business and residents (by June 30, 2017)

(4) Health Care: Provide and support adequate health care facilities, services and coverage for all citizens of Northampton County to the extent possible.

A. Support development of 24/7 emergency care in Northampton County (by June 30, 2017)

B. Strongly support emergency medical services (by June 30, 2017)

C. Partner with Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital on a re-development

plan for their present facilities (by June 30, 2014)

The Board directed the County Administrator to develop action tasks for each of the strategic goals.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Mr. Randall, seconded by Mr. Trala, that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

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