

VIRGINIA:

At a recessed meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Northampton, Virginia, held at the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, on the 27th day of June, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

H. Spencer Murray, Chairman	Granville F. Hogg, Jr.
Larry LeMond, Vice Chairman	Robert G. Duer
Oliver H. Bennett	

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

With the concurrence of the Board, the Chairman asked that the County Administrator provide an “after action” report on the recent menhaden spill along the bayside of the County during her regular July 12th report.

County Administrator’s Report: County Property Discussion:

As a follow-up to the October 2015 work session where many of these properties were discussed, the County Administrator shared with the Board the following memorandum. Board action is shown relative to each property as follows:

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Northampton County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Katie H. Nunez
County Administrator

DATE: June 20, 2016

SUBJECT: Surplus Property Disposition

Last fall, the Board held a discussion at its October 2015 work session relative to certain County properties and some decisions were reached by the Board. Based on our workload, we have not been able to proceed with the requisite advertising and before we proceed, now that our schedule has lightened, we want to reconfirm the Board's intention on these properties. We are only targeting these properties which were identified as potentially being surplus property by the County. A spreadsheet and supporting documentation is enclosed for each identified property.

Sale of Property

(1) Old Home Demonstration Club Picnic Area. While the Board is in receipt of a draft "lease with option to purchase" document from Mr. Hogg, it was the October 2015 consensus to issue an RFP for sale of this property. Confirm?

Supervisor Hogg indicated that he still had an interest in this property and would be abstaining from discussion on the matter. The Board confirmed the October 2015 consensus to issue an RFP for sale of this property.

(2) Former Bayview Greenbox Site. The Board asked that an RFP for sale of this property be issued. Confirm?

The Board confirmed the October 2015 consensus to issue an RFP for sale of this property.

(3) Former Cheapside Greenbox Site. The Board asked that an RFP for sale of this property be issued. Confirm?

The Board confirmed the October 2015 consensus to issue an RFP for sale of this property.

(4) Former Exmore-Willis Wharf School Site. The Board asked that an RFP for sale of this property be issued. Confirm?

It was the consensus of the Board to discuss this property with the Northampton School Board at the joint meeting scheduled for August to determine if there is a need expressed by the School System to retain this property.

Lease of Property

(5) Farmland Behind Kiptopeke Elementary School. While the Board is in receipt of a draft "lease with option to purchase" document from Mr. Hogg, it was the October 2015 consensus to issue an RFP for lease of this property. Confirm?

Supervisor Hogg indicated that he still had an interest in this parcel and would be abstaining from discussion on this matter. The Board confirmed the October 2015 consensus to issue a RFP for lease of this property.

(6) Farmland Adjacent to Hare Valley Waste Collection Site. Please confirm the earlier consensus of the Board to issue an RFP for lease of this property, bearing in mind that there has been an expression of interest from Verizon Wireless for a lease of an approximate 10 ft. x 10 ft. area for a cell tower site.

The Board confirmed the October 2015 consensus to issue a RFP for lease of this property.

Other

(7) Block of Buildings Across the Street. Does the Board wish to include these properties in the scope of work to be developed by the ad-hoc committee (referenced below)? It was the October 2015 consensus of the Board to issue an RFP for sale of these properties. What is the Board's pleasure?

It was the consensus of the Board to wait until the charge to the Ad Hoc Court Green Committee, which was referenced at the last meeting and contains representatives from the Town of Eastville and the Historic Society as well as Chairman Murray and Vice Chairman LeMond, has been developed and approved by the Board.

(8) Two Old Jails. At its meeting of June 14, 2016, the Board discussed the creation of an ad-hoc committee to develop a master plan for these buildings.

See response to item (7) above.

(9) Former Middle School. The Economic Development Director and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board were tasked to solicit a feasibility study for this property, which is in progress now. Depending on the results of that study, and deliberations by the Board, the location of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service's Offices may be affected. Very preliminary discussions have been held relative to their relocation to the former Sheriff's Office at Willow Oak; said discussions can be furthered in the joint meeting with the School Board at the August work session. It was the October 2015 consensus to hold this topic for further discussion at a future work session and to have RFPs prepared to determine the condition of the roofs. That process is beginning. What is the Board's pleasure?

In light of the recent Board actions to solicit a feasibility study for this building as well as RFPs for roof repair/replacement and tree removal, it was the consensus of the Board to delay further discussion on this property until the August joint meeting with the School Board.

(10) Former Golf Course Leased Area at Landfill. It was the consensus of the Board in October 2015 to let this area “go natural”, given the presence of nearby monitoring wells and the activities associated with the on-site active landfill operation. The County has been approached by US Fish & Wildlife Service to discuss the Wise Point boat ramp and its commercial operations and whether the County might play a role in its future management. As part of these discussions, we informed Fish & Wildlife that the County owns approximately 160 acres within the wildlife preserve including the County-owned firing range. There is a meeting scheduled for the end of June to discuss these properties including the possibility of a trade or financial remunerations that would include relocating of the firing range to somewhere else in the County.

The Chairman indicated that he and Supervisor Hogg have been working with the US Fish & Wildlife Service, who want to eliminate their management of the Wise Point Boat Ramp. It was further noted that the Sheriff has procured cost estimates for construction of a new firing range at the former golf course leased area at the landfill which range from \$175,000 - \$300,000.

(11) Backside of Current Cheapside Waste Collection Site. Please confirm the earlier consensus of the Board to issue an RFP for possible lease as a cell tower location.

The Board confirmed the October 2015 consensus to issue an RFP for lease of this property as a possible cell tower location.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Mr. Duer, seconded by Mr. LeMond, 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.

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 that purpose as set out in paragraph 1 of Section 2.1-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Upon being polled individually, each Board member confirmed that this was the only matter of discussion during the closed session.

Supervisor Bennett asked if there was anything that the Board could do about the

abandoned garage building at the intersection of Lankford Highway and Sylvan Scene Drive. Other Board members mentioned various derelict structures and were informed by the County Administrator that the part-time Code Compliance Officer will begin his duties next week.

Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned.

_____CHAIRMAN

_____ COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR