

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 26th day of October, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Richard L. Hubbard, Chairman (<i>late</i>)	Oliver H. Bennett, Vice Chairman
Larry LeMond	Laurence J. Trala
Granville F. Hogg, Jr.	

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman.

The County Administrator led the Board in a discussion relative to certain county-owned properties as identified below with the accompanying Board consensus votes:

(1) Block of Buildings Across the Street: This property is vacant. A proposed sales agreement had been negotiated with Mr. Eyre Baldwin and was provided to him in February 2015. No further contact has been made. It was the consensus of the Board to issue a Request for Proposals for sale of these properties.

(2) Two Old Jails: These two buildings are vacant. They were returned to the County's control in May 2015 following the Town of Eastville's default in the lease. A demolition RFP has been prepared as directed by the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to issue a Request for Proposals with options for both demolition as well as purchase of the properties. The Board also asked that the Town of Eastville and the historical society, both of whom have expressed interest in the past, be contacted and informed that the RFPs would be released.

(3) Former Middle School: This property is currently in use by the Extension Service and Parks & Recreation. It currently serves as the District Four polling place and County archives. Noting that this property would involve lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to hold this topic for a future meeting, especially since it would be some time before available funding would be known (following completion of the EMS garage project). The Board agreed with Mr. Hogg's suggestion to have RFPs prepared to determine the condition of the roofs.

(4) Farmland Behind Kiptopeke Elementary School: This property is currently being farmed as reported to USDA for the last two years with harvests of wheat and soybeans. It was

the consensus of the Board to issue an RFP for lease of this property.

(5) Farmland Adjacent to Hare Valley Waste Collection Site: This property is currently being farmed as reported to USDA for the last two years with harvests of barley, corn, soybeans and wheat. It was the 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 tower site.

(6) Farmland Behind Eastern Shore Regional Jail: This property is the site of the drainfield location for the County complex and is mown monthly as part of the County's annual grounds maintenance contract. It has apparently been used as farmland for the last two years as reported to USDA with harvests of wheat, soybeans, corn and barley. Based on security concerns, it was staff's recommendation that this property not be leased for farmland. The County Administrator agreed to provide the Board with a copy of the drainfield layout as well as a cost for the mowing.

(7) Old Home Demonstration Club Picnic Area: This area is vacant and overgrown. The Board solicited buyers several years ago but there was no interest. It was the consensus of the Board to issue an RFP for sale of this property.

(8) Former Bayview Greenbox Site: This property is vacant. Noting the small, narrow confines of the site as well as the presence of a perennial stream, the Board was not certain of any responses but agreed to issue an RFP for the sale of the property anyway.

(9) Former Cheapside Greenbox Site: This property is vacant and overgrown. The Board solicited buyers several years ago, but there was no interest expressed. It was the consensus of the Board to issue an RFP for sale of this property.

(10) Former Exmore-Willis Wharf School Site: The school building was demolished by order of the Board last year and the property is now vacant and is starting to be overgrown. In fact, a complaint was received this year in reference to the tall grass on the site. If the County retains ownership, it will have to be added to the annual grounds maintenance contract for mowing. It was the consensus of the Board to issue an RFP for sale of this property.

(11) Former Golf Course Leased Area at Landfill: This 76 acre tract is adjacent to the active landfill property. It was leased between 2006 – 2013 to the local Golf Association but has since been transferred back to the County as well as the two modular units currently being used for storage. Due to the presence of nearby monitoring wells and the activities associated with the landfill site, it was the consensus of the Board to let this area "go natural". Mr. Hogg suggested the planting of pine trees. Mr. Trala thought that the site would be "perfect for solar panels".

(12) Backside of Current Cheapside Waste Collection Site: The rear portion of the site has been cited as a possible location for a cell or broadband tower. It was the consensus of the Board to issue an RFP for possible lease as a tower location. Supervisor Hogg said that he would like to see a comprehensive plan developed for county-wide tower placements.

(13) Community Development Block Grant

The County Administrator noted that each locality is authorized to apply for CDBG funding and can have \$2.5 million “open” at any one time. The Board’s most recent CDBG project was the Culls project. Ms. Nunez noted that a planning grant application (which is not tied to the \$2.5 million cap) may be forthcoming from the Ad Hoc Emergency Care Committee for broadband/cell tower placements. The Board may also receive a construction grant application from Eastern Shore Rural Health. She urged the Board to think about possible project applications prior to December when the State meets with potential applicants.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Mr. Trala, 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:

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

Drummond Property

All members were present with the exception of Chairman Hubbard and voted “yes.”

The motion was unanimously passed.

After Closed Session, the Vice Chairman reconvened the meeting and said that the Board had entered the closed session for those purposes as set out in paragraphs 1 and 3 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. LeMond, seconded by Mr. Trala, that the Board accept and the County Administrator be authorized to execute that certain Real Estate Sales Agreement between the County, George R. Drummond, and Drummond Paint Company for purchase of property at Machipongo. All members were present with the exception of Chairman Hubbard

and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed. Said Real Estate Sales Agreement is on file in the Office of the County Administrator.

Chairman Hubbard arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Recess

Motion was made by Mr. Trala, seconded by Mr. LeMond, that the meeting be recessed until 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2015 in the auditorium of Northampton High School, 16041 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, in order to conduct a joint public hearing with the Northampton County Planning Commission. All members were present and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was recessed.

_____CHAIRMAN

_____ COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR