

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 28th day of December, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Richard L. Hubbard, Chairman

Oliver H. Bennett, Vice Chairman

Larry LeMond

Laurence J. Trala

Granville F. Hogg, Jr.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Consent Agenda

(1) Consider approving an A-95 Review entitled, "FY 2016 Accomack-Northampton Economic Development Planning Assistance"; applicant: ANPDC

(2) Consider adopting a Joint Resolution creating an agreement between the County of Accomack, Virginia, and the County of Northampton, Virginia, to jointly promote the management and protection for the Shore's navigational needs within the Counties of Accomack and Northampton and the establishment of the Eastern Shore Regional Navigable Waterways Committee.

A JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA, AND THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, VIRGINIA TO JOINTLY PROMOTE THE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION FOR THE SHORE'S NAVIGATIONAL NEEDS WITHIN THE COUNTIES OF ACCOMACK AND NORTHAMPTON AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EASTERN SHORE REGIONAL NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Counties of Accomack and Northampton have determined to develop a unified voice in working with agencies charged with maintaining the Nation's waterways, particularly the Army Corps of Engineers, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the U. S. Coast Guard, primarily by developing and providing them with a prioritized list of requests for assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Accomack and Northampton have limited funding sources to address the Federal funding for dredging projects and water channel maintenance has become scarce and hard to obtain; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers and Coast Guard have provided significant support and much help in understanding the Federal process for maintaining or closing channels, as well as help in understanding the scoring process for obtaining federal resources, and also help in understanding the condition of our deteriorating Shore waterways, and

WHEREAS, this change in Federal funding is apparently a long-term condition, calling for more local and regional effort and consideration of the area's water transport needs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND AGREED BY THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK AND THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) Name: The County of Accomack and the County of Northampton hereby establish a standing regional committee to be called the “The Eastern Shore Regional Navigable Waterways Committee.”
- (2) That the committee shall be comprised of individuals from both counties, as well as elected officials from both the Accomack and Northampton County Boards, to-wit:
 - Two members of each Board of Supervisors, selected as determined by the respective Board, and
 - Three citizen members from each county, selected as determined by the respective Boards, and
- (3) Terms: All members shall serve three year terms, and are removable earlier at the will of the appointing body.
- (4) Expenses: Any expenses incurred by the body shall be first proposed by the group and approved by both boards, and shall be shared between the two bodies in a ratio equal to the ratio of population at the last decennial U.S. census.
- (5) Budget: The body shall have no authority to expend any funds, but shall recommend to the respective bodies any proposal for needed expenditures to carry out their mission and to the extent possible, ensure that these requests are before the respective boards during their annual budget deliberations.
- (6) Other agencies: It is understood that the waterways are jointly overseen by state and federal agencies. The committee shall have the right to prioritize, meet with, negotiate and seek assistance from any state or federal agency on its own right, without need to seek Board approval on any matter that does not require local funding.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the mission and purpose of the Committee shall

be to study and advise their respective Boards on the follow topics:

- The condition and status of all navigable waterways,
- A listing and prioritization of the Shore's water navigation needs,
- Possible solutions to water transport needs.

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Motion was made by Mr. Trala, seconded by Mr. LeMond, that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All members were present and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

With regard to a memorandum contained within the Board's reading materials from Supervisor-Elect Murray with regard to the annual funding agreement with the State Health Department (part of such funding is the lease payment for the Health Department building in Nassawadox), Mr. LeMond said that this matter does need to be more fully investigated but that the Board has already provided the first two quarters' allocation. He suggested that perhaps the former middle school building could be considered as a location for the Health Department. Mr. Hogg stated that the County needs to assess what it has in order to curb expenses. Mr. Bennett said that the hoped the Board could have further discussion relative to the uses of the former middle school building.

County Administrator's Report

(3) EMS Garage Discussion

Board members discussed a draft recommendation received from EMS Director Hollye Carpenter for construction of a 40 ft. x 80 ft. garage structure. She recommended four bays and the addition of a utility room, medical supply & equipment storage room, and maintenance storage room. No action was taken by the Board.

Closed Session

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

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.

County Administrator's evaluation

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.

Motion was made by Mr. Trala, seconded by Mr. LeMond, that the Board provide a one-time, \$3,500 bonus to the County Administrator, effective immediately, as a result of her annual evaluation. All members were present and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned.

_____CHAIRMAN

_____ COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR