

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Public Service Authority Exploratory Committee was held on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Department of Social Services, Eastville, Virginia.

Members present:

Estelle Murphy, Town of Nassawadox
Ed Gibb, Town of Nassawadox
Norma Spencer, Town of Cheriton
Larry LeMond, Town of Cheriton
Artie Miles, Town of Exmore
Billy Moore, Town of Exmore
Bob Panek, Town of Cape Charles
Chris Bannon, Town of Cape Charles

Member absent:

Samuel J. Long, Jr., Board of Supervisors
Willie C. Randall, Board of Supervisors

Others present:

Katherine H. Nunez, County Administrator
Biff Johnson, consultant
John Warwick, consultant
Matt Leslie, consultant
Mike Ward, legal counsel, Town of Cheriton
David Scanlan, Town of Exmore
Bruce Evans, Town of Cape Charles
Steve Bennett, Town of Cape Charles

Following introductions of all those present, Ms. Nunez, serving as facilitator, noted that public service authorities were the topic of the Board of Supervisors' work session held on February 22, 2010, which "dovetailed nicely" with the ongoing discussions of this group. Additionally, she noted that the County has received notice from USDA that it will be required to provide a moral obligation bond to insure instability and strength to this project. Mr. Warwick commented that the existing PSA has no track record; i.e., no financial history, and therefore the granting agencies would be looking to the County to assume responsibility for the project should the PSA fail.

Ms. Nunez then led the group in a discussion of possible modifications to the existing Articles of Incorporation. Each line of the Articles was discussed by the membership with input being received on possible changes. Some of those in attendance requested a five-member Authority Board with the County proposing a seven-member Board with two representatives appointed by the Northampton County Board of Supervisors and one member each appointed by the five incorporated towns. Following much discussion, it was the consensus of the group that a membership of six members (one county representative and one from each of the current four participating towns {Eastville not included} should be put forth for consideration, with the five members appointing the sixth member, feeling that this was the fairest method of selection. It was noted that similar language is contained in the existing Articles of Incorporation.

Exmore Mayor Moore complimented all in attendance for their cooperation and consensus building efforts.

The next meeting was set for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, 2010, in the Conference Room of the Department of Social Services, Eastville, Virginia.