

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF NEW KENT, VIRGINIA**

R-10-14

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent in the Boardroom of the County Office Building in New Kent, Virginia on the 10th day of March, 2014.

Present:	Vote:
Ron Stiers	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
James H. Burrell	Nay
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

Motion was made by Mr. Evelyn, which carried 4:1, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA
AND THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO TIMELY PASS A CLEAN BUDGET**

WHEREAS, each year the foremost duty of the Virginia General Assembly is to pass a budget or budget amendments that serve as Virginia's financial blueprint for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is consistently recognized for its sound fiscal management and budgetary practices as illustrated by its AAA bond rating and the strong bond ratings of many local government divisions throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the County of New Kent is currently in the process of developing and adopting its budget for the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the New Kent County Board of Supervisors relies on the timely passage of a budget to allocate funding to local government services and make policy and hiring decisions for the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the almost 20,000 residents of New Kent County depend on county government to provide critical services such as education and public safety; and

WHEREAS, failure to pass a timely budget will result in uncertainty for the New Kent County Board of Supervisors, which receives over 32% of its funding as direct aid from the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the New Kent County School Board relies on the timely passage of the state budget in order to set its budget and make staffing decisions, which includes teacher contracts; and

WHEREAS, interruption of the provision of educational services to New Kent County students will have a significant negative impact on students and families; and

WHEREAS, the interruption of public safety services would likely result in the loss of property, serious injury, or loss of life for New Kent citizens; and

WHEREAS, critical mental health services to New Kent County residents are provided via funds that flow from the state budget through the county; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly adjourned sine die on Saturday, March 8, 2014 without adopting a budget for the two year biennium beginning July 1, 2014;

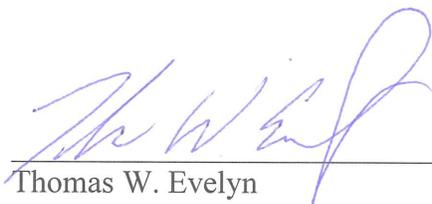
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the New Kent County Board of Supervisors, that the Governor of Virginia and the Virginia General Assembly are urged to pass a budget as soon as practicable to ensure the continued functioning of state and local governments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the issue of Medicaid Expansion under the Affordable Care Act should be decoupled from budget negotiations and considered in a separate legislative session to facilitate prompt passage of a state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of resolution shall be transmitted to the Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and to the members of the Virginia General Assembly so that they may be apprised of the sense of the New Kent County Board of Supervisors in this matter.



Rodney A. Hathaway
County Administrator



Thomas W. Evelyn
Chairman