

A BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE NEW KENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON THE 26th DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FOUR OF OUR LORD IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 8:00 A.M.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Mark E. Hill	Present
D. M. "Marty" Sparks	Present
Stran L Trout	Present
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Present
James H. Burrell	Present

Chairman Burrell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

IN RE: JAMESTOWN 2007

There was discussion regarding how New Kent can be involved in the Jamestown 2007 festivities. Discussions included the possibility of establishing a visitor's center at Colonial Downs and asking for assistance from Colonial Williamsburg, the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce and Charles City County, using a part time staff and volunteers. It was reported that a part-time staff person, working 20 hours per week, would cost the County between \$14,000 and \$15,000. The Board will further consider this during the budget deliberations.

IN RE: AFD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mr. Davis moved to nominate and appoint:

George Edward Gregory, Jr. as District One's representative to the representative to the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee to serve a four year term ending December 31, 2007.

Wayne Marks as District Two's representative to the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee to serve a four year term ending December 31, 2007.

Charles Moss as District Three's representative to the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee to serve a term ending December 31, 2006.

Paul Gilley as District Four's representative to the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee to serve a term ending December 31, 2006.

Larry Dzula as District Five's representative to the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee to serve a term ending December 31, 2005.

James Talley as an at-large representative to the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee to serve a term ending December 31, 2005.

George Fisher as an at-large representative to the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee to serve a term ending December 31, 2004.

William E. Mountcastle as an at-large representative to the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee to serve a term ending December 31, 2004.

The members were polled:

Mark E. Hill	Aye
D. M. "Marty" Sparks	Aye
Stran L Trout	Aye
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: EQUALIZATION BOARD

County Administrator Gary Christie reported that the Equalization Board met for training this week and there were questions regarding compensation. It was reported that the Equalization Board intends to have hearings on April 22 and April 29 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Alternate dates for evening meetings are May 6 and May 17. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that members of the Equalization Board shall be paid \$400 for their services, which will include training, hearings, meetings, on-site visits and mileage, payable in 2 installments, the first at the half-way point and the last when hearings have been concluded. Staff was directed to include this on the next Consent Agenda.

IN RE: PUBLIC UTILITIES

Regarding the renovations at the schools, Mr. Christie reported that the architect failed to meet with the Health Department, which will result in a delay in the advertisements for bids.

The Board discussed providing public utilities to Deerlake and the Courthouse area. Mr. Christie reported that Doug Godsey has approval to build 160 homes on residential lots in Deerlake, and has another 120 acres which is zoned A-1 (could result in 8 homes). Alternative septic systems have been installed in several of the homes, which are beginning to have problems. Mr. Godsey has his own discharge permit from DEQ but apparently it would be more expensive for him to build his own plant than to run sewer line to connect with the County's system. He has proposed to run a 4" sewer line to the lift station at Route 106 in order to serve Deerlake. He is not asking to retain any portion of the connection fees – just permission to tap onto the County's line.

There was discussion as to whether to consider paying the difference to have the pipe upsized to 6" and have it installed down Route 249 to Route 612 in order to provide service to the Elementary School (to save money on relocating the septic drain fields) and some of the

businesses in that area. Concern was expressed that if sewer is provided for residential development in Deerlake, it would result in more homes than are currently permitted and also set a precedent for other developments in the County. It was suggested that the County could negotiate with Mr. Godsey to increase the size of his lots and the value of the homes, and reduce the number of homes. Mr. Christie reported that the Elementary School will need its new drain fields before the time that sewer could be installed.

There was discussion about anticipated problems with the alternative septic systems, and whether Mr. Godsey could be persuaded to offer public sewer services to those homes that have installed the alternate systems.

It was agreed that Mr. Hill, Mr. Christie and George Homewood would have further negotiations with Mr. Godsey.

There was discussion about the request from developers for sewer services in the Courthouse area. Mr. Davis expressed his opinion that the development on Egypt Road (zoned residential back in the 1970s) was a big mistake. Traffic will be a problem on this road that is scheduled as a "pave in place". Mr. McNew has been approved for construction of 90 homes on Egypt Road and Mr. Crump has plans to build 66 homes and commercial space on his property. Government buildings and schools are estimated to need only 50,000 gallons per day in sewer capacity. There was discussion regarding whether it would be best to have the developer or the County construct and control the sewer lines, and the request from Mr. Crump for connection fee rebates.

Mr. Sparks suggested that the Board meet again on Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m. and that Mr. Christie try to have someone present from either Henrico or Hanover to give the Board some advice on these issues, and then finish up the evening working on the budget. Mr. Christie indicated that he would try but could not promise that someone could be available at such late notice.

IN RE: BUDGET

The Board members discussed the proposed budget.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The members were polled:

Mark E. Hill	Aye
D. M. "Marty" Sparks	Aye
Stran L Trout	Aye
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.
