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#### Part I. 2018 Legislative Agenda Action Items

- 1.1 Green vs. New Kent Board of Education Decision

The New Kent County Board of Supervisors request the adoption of a resolution commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Supreme Court case decision for Green vs. New Kent Board of Education. This case held that freedom of choice plans did not constitute adequate compliance with school board's responsibility to determine a system of admission to public schools on a non-racial basis. The Supreme Court mandated school boards to formulate new plans and steps towards realistically converting to a desegregated system.
- 1.2 Broadband

Request the General Assembly to assist private providers in their efforts to deploy affordable access to high speed internet services ("Broadband") for the benefit of businesses and education in underserved and rural areas. State assistance should include economic incentives as well as statewide budgetary and statutory policies that facilitate broadband-deployment.
- 1.3 Interstate 64 Widening

Request the General Assembly make the widening of I-64 (from Interstate 295 to exit 232 (Lightfoot) a priority; and that the widening occur with aesthetic sensitivity. I-64 is the primary gateway to many commercial and tourist destinations, military installations, and all of eastern Virginia. New Kent asks the Richmond based legislative delegations to develop and pursue a long term, unified strategy to accomplish the widening of I-64.
- 1.4 State Route 60 Resurfacing and Maintenance

Request funding for the resurfacing and maintenance of State Route 60. The condition of State Route 60 through New Kent County is of great concern. Due to the many patches that have been applied over the years and uneven pavement sections, safety issues have arisen as travelers swerve to miss bumps or suddenly slowdown in an effort to avoid damage to their vehicles. As construction work begins on I-64 from I-295 to I-64 exit number 205 traffic is projected to increase

significantly as travelers attempt to avoid congestion and delays on I-64. This will have an adverse impact on the current treacherous conditions of Route 60.

1.5 Funding for Alternatives to Groundwater

Request the creation of an Alternative Water Supply Fund would help businesses and communities meet the new groundwater withdrawal requirements, while reducing the depletion of groundwater supplies. Whether new water supplies come from existing surface water withdrawals, reclaimed water usage, or communities banding together to obtain new surface water withdrawals, the costs will be extremely expensive causing businesses and communities to suffer economically, not only in those regions effected , but to the Commonwealth as a whole.

1.6 Emergency Services Assistance

Over the past five years New Kent has experienced a 45% increase in emergency service transports resulting from incidents within the County. Approximately one quarter of all transports resulted from incidents on Interstate 64. Being a small rural locality, emergency service transports take needed resources away from the County, and on many occasions have left New Kent in a “No Units Available” status. New Kent County request that the General Assembly provide financial aid to localities to assist with the provision of emergency services on Interstate Highways. Aide should be formula based, taking into account highway miles, population, and a locality’s ability to support such services.

**Part II. Position/Legislation Supported By the County**

- 2-1. New Kent supports full funding for all legislation mandated for localities by the General Assembly that has a cost associated with it. Also, in the event that funding is no longer provided by the Commonwealth at a future time the mandate would sunset and no longer be binding on the localities.
- 2-2. New Kent supports legislation that incentivizes regional cooperation and service delivery to promote efficiency, mitigate inequities, and overcome barriers that result from Virginia’s unique local government structure.
- 2-3. New Kent supports legislation that would provide adequate funding for secondary road maintenance.
- 2-4. New Kent supports any legislation which will allow Colonial Downs to maximize its potential to benefit the Commonwealth and New Kent County.
- 2-5. New Kent County supports the Virginia Association of Counties 2018 Legislative program.