

A REGULAR MEETING WAS HELD BY THE NEW KENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN NEW KENT, VIRGINIA, AT 6:00 P.M.

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thomas W. Evelyn called the meeting to order.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Thomas W. Evelyn	Present
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Present
Patricia A. Paige	Present
Ron Stiers	Present
John N. Lockwood	Present

All members were present.

IN RE: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Paige gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Evelyn welcomed all who were present as well as those joining on the internet.

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows:

1. Minutes
 - a. December 14, 2020 Regular Session Minutes
 - b. January 12, 2021 Regular Session Minutes
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. Approval of Agreements for Replacement of Well #2 at the Colonies Water System
3. FY21 Supplemental Appropriations
 - a. Animal Shelter Donations, \$1,122.20.
 - b. Gifts & Donations to Fire/EMS, LK and ML Cooper, \$100.
 - c. Funds Received from VRSA Insurance, Sheriff - Claim # 02-20-35186-1-AP DOL 12/25/2020 (\$8,275.17); Claim # 02-20-33301-1-AP DOL 12/22/2020 (\$475.43), Fire and Rescue - Claim # 02-20-35170-1-AP DOL 12/24/2020 (\$2,319.44) and General Services - Claim # 02-20-35144-1-PR DOL 12/17/2020 (\$1,623), \$12,693.04.
 - d. Veterinarian Expense Restitution Received, \$252.
 - e. Sheriff Extra Duty - Colonial Downs 11/20/20 - 12/12/20, \$3,449.47.
 - f. Funds Received for VCU Transportation, \$37,703.
 - g. Funds Received for Charles City Radio Project Billing, \$15,144.21.
 - h. Pine Fork Park Bond Interest, \$2,125.33.
 - i. Sheriff Asset Forfeiture Funds, \$1,995.
 - j. School Year End Transfer, \$702,063.49.
 - k. School Year End Transfer, \$203,397.72.

- l. Close completed COVID-19 Projects for reallocation and request funds for projects over budget, Fund Balance Used - \$594.95.
- m. VDEM-LEMPG Grant, \$27,932.

- \$1,710,635.90 - Total
- (\$60,692.92) - Total In/Out - General Fund (1101)
- (\$741,891.82) - Total In/Out - Capital Projects (1302)
- (\$203,397.72) - Total In/Out - Schools (2205)
- (\$702,658.44) - From Fund Balance - General Fund (1101)
- (\$1,995.00) - From Fund Balance - Asset Forfeiture Sheriff (1150)

- 4. FY21 Interdepartmental Budget Transfers
 - a. Administration - From Reserved for Contingency - \$11,206 - to Salaries & Wages Regular (\$9,500), to Wages-Overtime Regular (\$900), to FICA/MEDICARE (\$796) and to Worker's Compensation (\$10), \$11,206.
- 5. Treasurer's Report: Cash as of December 31, 2020, \$71,756,975.78 including escrow funds.

Mr. Tiller moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and that it be made a part of the record. The members were polled:

C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
John N. Lockwood	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Tiller moved to go into closed session pursuant to section 2.2-3711A.5 of the Code of Virginia for a discussion involving Project Solstice, a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in locating its facilities in the County. The members were polled:

Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
John N. Lockwood	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

The motion carried.

Mr. Tiller moved to come out of closed session. The members were polled:

Ron Stiers	Aye
John N. Lockwood	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

The motion carried.

Mr. Tiller moved to certify by roll call vote that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion to go into closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session. The members were polled:

John N. Lockwood	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: CITIZENS COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Evelyn opened the citizens comment period and provided brief instructions on procedures. He called John Wilgus of 8653 Chestnut Hills Road, New Kent to the podium. Mr. Wilgus expressed appreciation for the Board's recent adoption of a resolution (R-05-21) approving an agreement with VDOT to authorize the County to remove advertising signs along roadways. He reported he lived approximately two miles west of the Courthouse and had counted 17 signs on his way to this meeting. He had hoped the County would do something to address this issue and he understood the next step in the process would be to have VDOT officials sign the agreement. He also noted he was glad to see the County had issued a request for bids for trash pickup throughout the County on a regular basis. He noted how much could be done would depend on the cost and suggested certain roads, such as Route 618, which were known to be problem areas should be given priority. He again expressed his appreciation for the resolution and the request for bids and stated these would go a long way toward improving beautiful New Kent County.

Mr. Evelyn thanked Mr. Wilgus for this comments and noted he and his fellow Board members agreed completely. He was hopeful these actions would help clean up the litter issue and make the County look better soon.

Mr. Rodney Taylor of 4512 Summer Camp Court, Moseley noted he was also a New Kent County property owner and wished to share information about a new scholarship established at the VCU (Virginia Commonwealth University) School of Business. This scholarship would be available to a first-generation student in the School of Business beginning this fall. He announced the scholarship would be named after New Kent's own Oraphine Watkins Crump. He noted Mrs. Watkins' story was a story of many firsts and by establishing this scholarship, her legacy would continue to live on through the lives of the scholarship recipients. The \$5,000 scholarship would be awarded annually to a sophomore and again each year until they graduated so long as they met academic standards. He encouraged Board members to pass this information along to any VCU freshman in the School of Business who may be interested. More information on the scholarship could be obtained from the VCU School of Business Foundation. Mr. Taylor also announced additional financial support was being sought. He reported he and four other VCU MBA Alumni representing various companies and various business sectors had come together to take an active role in helping the next generation of business leaders. He stated they were not rich but did feel it was important to support this effort. The five's parents had all attended

college and they wanted to help a student who was trying to achieve the professional paths they each had enjoyed but without the same kind of family support. He noted this was the same example set by Mrs. Oraphine Crump who was committed to educational excellence. He was pleased to announce the scholarship was receiving some press. He had been interviewed by WTVR the previous Friday and the story would be aired soon. They had also received their first commitment from a corporate sponsor, Virginia Premier (health plan provider). They hoped the support would continue to grow so that more than one student could be awarded a scholarship. He thanked the Board for their time.

Mr. Evelyn thanked Mr. Taylor for sharing this information. He noted there was no question Mrs. Crump was a great lady who had influenced many kids in New Kent County. He noted it was his understanding Mr. Taylor would be on next month's Board agenda for a formal presentation on the scholarship and he thanked him again for speaking.

Ms. Paige reported she had known Mrs. Crump her entire life and knew she would be so proud of this scholarship. She reported Mrs. Crump was a lady who could get things done and who knew how to get people motivated. She thanked Mr. Taylor for his efforts and noted the community was supportive of education in New Kent County.

IN RE: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – RESIDENCY
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

VDOT staff were not present. Residency Administrator Marshall Winn's written report had been provided. A variety of work including pothole repair, shoulder repair, erosion repair, grading roads, pipe/ditch cleaning, tree removal/pruning/cleanup, mowing, sign repair/replacement, debris removal and trash/litter pickup had been completed. Crews had also begun snow preparations and had brined primary routes ahead of an impending snow storm. 65 work requests had been received with 85 completed. Two afterhours callouts involving emergency pothole repairs and railroad crossing work were reported. The project development report indicated a Route 155 shoulder widening project was currently in utility relocation and was expected to go out for advertisement this year. Pending studies included a speed study on Route 30 (Old Stage Road), a corridor study on Route 60 in the Bottoms Bridge area, a traffic study on Route 1370 (Patriots Landing Drive), a traffic study on Route 273 (Farmers Drive) and a traffic study at Route 106 (Emmaus Church Road). A sound study had been completed on Route 1371 (Patriots Landing Place) and I-64. A sound barrier would be considered if the I-64 widening project from Exit 205 to Exit 211 was funded. The report noted no funding was currently in place.

IN RE: APPOINTMENTS – DELEGATED BY DISTRICT

Mr. Evelyn moved to appoint Rose Schooff as District One representative to the Heritage Library Board of Trustees to complete a four-year term ending June 30, 2024. The members were polled:

C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
John N. Lockwood	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: APPOINTMENTS – NOT DELEGATED BY DISTRICT

There were no appointments not delegated by district.

IN RE: APPOINTMENTS – REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointments to regional boards and commissions.

IN RE: ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Mr. Lockwood reported that unfortunately the jake brake restriction bill in the House of Delegates had died in committee. He had been looking forward to being able to use this in New Kent but the failure of this bill would make it more difficult to enforce without some state statute in place. VDOT was conducting speed limit studies in the Barhamsville area as well as the stretch of Route 30 connecting New Kent and James City Counties. He was hopeful some progress could be made in these areas soon. Noting Board members were dealing with an incredible amount of water and flooding, he asked residents to be patient. VDOT and the County had been working on some of the larger flooding issues and he encouraged residents to clear leaves or other debris that could impede the flow of water from ditches in front of their homes. Clogged driveway culverts often caused water to flow over the roadway and with cold temperatures, this could result in black ice. He again urged residents to pitch in and help if they were able.

Ms. Paige reported she had the pleasure of being a part of a recent food drive sponsored by New Elam Baptist Church. Approximately 1,600 thirty-pound boxes of food had been distributed to the community. New Elam had hosted similar events numerous times since the start of the pandemic and she thanked them for being a good community partner. She reminded everyone that February was Black History Month. She noted Mrs. Oraphine Crump, who had been mentioned earlier during citizens comments, had been the first African American female to serve on the New Kent County School Board. She stated New Kent was a county full of history with African Americans being the first in many capacities. She reported William Beasley out of Second Liberty Baptist Church had been the first African American Justice of the Peace and Board of Supervisor prior to Reconstruction. She again noted there had been many firsts in New Kent County and encouraged everyone to celebrate and learn about all of the positives that had come out of this great county.

Mr. Stiers gave a shout out to VDOT Superintendent Joe Tarry. He reported a sink hole had recently been discovered after hours in a street in one of our communities. Mr. Tarry and staff had worked until approximately 2:00 a.m. in cold temperatures. He noted VDOT was often knocked around for not doing things but this was one example of them being needed in an emergency and they had come through. He thanked them again for their response.

Mr. Tiller reported he had attended the recent ground breaking ceremony for the new school. He stated this had been a long time coming and was moving in the right direction. He offered kudos to New Kent Schools for organizing this ceremony and moving forward.

Mr. Evelyn echoed Mr. Tillers comments and noted all five Supervisors had attended the ground breaking for Quinton Elementary School. He and many parents would be very excited to see this new school open in 2022 with teachers and students in attendance.

IN RE: STAFF REPORTS – DOMINION ENERGY RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway distributed copies of a right of way agreement between the County of New Kent and Virginia Electric and Power Company doing business in Virginia as Dominion Energy Virginia. He had received this agreement from Heartland Construction (contractor for Quinton Elementary School) earlier in the day. The agreement was to bring power to the elementary school property and the last page was a map depicting the easement location. The contractor had asked if approval could be expedited to avoid delays and keep construction moving forward. A motion authorizing him to execute the agreement on behalf of the County would be needed. He entertained questions.

Mr. Evelyn asked if the easement would be on the property line. Mr. Hathaway drew attention to the map and noted the property line was the center line of the 50 foot ingress/egress shared with Journey Christian Fellowship. Dominion was requesting an easement from Journey on the east side of the 50 foot right of way and extending the length of the property. The map also depicted where Dominion would bring power from the Journey property to the new school. Mr. Evelyn asked Mr. Hathaway if he was aware of any issues with the Journey property. Mr. Hathaway indicated he was not aware of any issues. The contractor had indicated they did not know how to get in touch with representatives from Journey and had forwarded a separate agreement to be signed by them. They had asked if the County could assist with reaching out to them and he had forwarded the agreement to Rev. Greg Pulling.

Mr. Tiller moved to authorize the County Administrator to execute the Right of Way Agreement between the County of New Kent and Virginia Electric and Power Company for electrical service to the new elementary school. The members were polled:

Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
John N. Lockwood	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: STAFF REPORTS – COVID CALL CENTER UPDATE

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway reported New Kent had opened a COVID Call Center on Tuesday, February 2nd. There had been a lot of activity and he expressed appreciation to Executive Assistant to Administration Krista Eutsey for heading up the center. 735 residents had been registered thus far and New Kent was working with the Chickahominy Health District to set up vaccination clinics on a regular basis starting in March. The registration list from New Kent's Call Center as well as the state's registration list would be used to schedule individuals for these clinics. He indicated the registration process had been very successful, the County had been receiving a lot of positive feedback and residents very much appreciated being able to speak with a person to get registered.

Mr. Evelyn asked for an update on when the County may be receiving vaccines so they could move forward with executing clinics. Mr. Hathaway reported New Kent was working with the Chickahominy Health District on the possibility of a weekly or biweekly clinic in New Kent. The vaccination distribution was based on population and New Kent's allotment would be approximately 250 vaccines per week. The goal was to begin clinics in early March and details would be published when dates and locations were confirmed. Mr. Stiers asked if

those who were registering with the New Kent Call Center would be contacted to schedule appointments once New Kent had set clinic dates. Mr. Hathaway confirmed. Mr. Lockwood asked if those who had registered through the Virginia Department of Health should also contact New Kent's Call Center and would the two lists be merged. Mr. Hathaway reported one of the first questions asked of those calling the New Kent Call Center was "Have you registered with the state?" and if they had not, call takers would register them on both lists. He noted it was important to register for both lists as those on the state list would be contacted by the Virginia Department of Health for appointments at regional vaccination events such as those being held at the Richmond Raceway. Mr. Lockwood asked if the regional events would be pulling from New Kent's 250 vaccinations per week allotment. Mr. Hathaway indicated it was his understanding they would not but noted he was not sure. He deferred to Fire Chief Rick Opett. Chief Opett reported the VAMS (Vaccine Administration Management System) at the state level would soon be replaced with a new system. Once a vaccination site and date were set for New Kent, plans were to then compare the state data base to the New Kent data base and then schedule appointments. Chickahominy Health District Director Dr. Thomas Frank had reported New Kent was doing very well in terms of vaccinations with 3,018 New Kent residents having been vaccinated. This was 13% of the County's population compared to the state average of 10.5%. Chief Opett noted word was getting out about the New Kent Call Center and the two lists would be married together when the time came to begin scheduling local clinic appointments based on priority codes. Mr. Lockwood reported people in the community were very pleased with the customer service received through New Kent's Call Center and appreciated the opportunity to speak with a human being. He thanked all who were involved in providing this service. Mr. Evelyn agreed and noted the Board and County staff had felt they needed to do something to help residents. He expressed appreciation for the proactive stance being taken and stated it was nice for callers to get to speak to someone who could help them get registered. He thanked staff for everything that had been done thus far. Chief Opett reminded everyone the Call Center number was 804-966-9677 and the lines would be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. This information was also available on the County's website and Facebook page. Mr. Stiers asked if the 3,018 who had been vaccinated were all teachers, first responders and 65 and older. Chief Opett reported they had all been priority codes 1a or 1b or were 65 or older and noted a significant number of New Kent residents from the VAMS list had been called for a recent event at the Richmond Raceway.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – RVAFLYERS, LLC – OFFICE SPACE LEASE

Airport Manager Duane Goss asked the Board to consider a lease agreement for office space at the New Kent County Airport to provide a flight training school. RVAFLYERS, LLC was owned by Joshua Das who had approached him about the possibility of offering flight training at the New Kent County Airport. Mr. Das had obtained a New Kent County business license, had registered with the State Corporation Commission, had drafted a business plan and had also drafted a strategic plan for COVID-19 in accordance with CDC and County guidelines. He asked the Board to consider approving the request for a lease for office space at the Airport. He entertained questions.

Mr. Evelyn opened the public hearing. There being no individuals wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Paige moved to approve the proposed lease between New Kent County and RVAFLYERS, LLC for the purpose of providing a flight training school at the New Kent County Airport. The members were polled:

Ron Stiers	Aye
John N. Lockwood	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Evelyn called for any other business.

Mr. Lockwood noted he did not have any other business but did wish to express his appreciation to his wife for sending him a text message informing him that he needed to speak up and turn on his microphone.

IN RE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS/ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evelyn announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021 and the next work session would be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building. The Budget Retreat previously scheduled for February 12, 2021 had been moved to 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021 at the Providence Forge Recreation Center, 9900 Carriage Road, Providence Forge.

Mr. Tiller moved to adjourn. The members were polled:

John N. Lockwood	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.