

**UPCOMING MEETINGS
AND EVENTS**

JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
24	25 <i>Va. Peninsula Mayors & Chairs meeting (Newport News)</i> 6:30 pm School Board budget work session (NKHS media center)	26 4 pm Historic Commission meeting (OCH)	27 8:30 am Social Services Adv Board meeting (HHS) 3 pm Board of Supervisors work session (Boardroom)	28	29	30 8:30 – 11:30 am Annual Rabies Clinic (CH parking lot)

FEBRUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30 am Senior Staff meeting 7 pm School Board meeting (NKHS)	2 6:30 pm Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting (OCH)	3	4	5 11:30 am – 1 pm Winter Wonder- land Social (QCC)	6
7	8 6 pm Board of Supervisors meeting (Boardroom)	9 9 am Plum Point CDBG Management Team meeting (Boardroom) 6 pm Clean County Commission meeting (OCH)	10	11 <i>VML/VACo Legislative Day</i>	12	13
14	15 County offices closed for Presidents Day	16 6:30 pm Planning Commission meeting Boardroom)	17	18 8:30 am EDA meeting (VCC)	19 10 am Board of Supervisors budget retreat (location to be announced)	20
21	22	23	24 3 pm- Board of Supervisors work session (Boardroom)	25	26	27

Changes/additions noted in red
2010 meeting schedules and agendas can be accessed at <http://www.co.new-kent.va.us/monthlycal/monthlycal.php>

NOTABLE NEWS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Administration

- Continuing to work on the next quarterly newsletter scheduled for publication in the January 27 edition of The Chronicle Extra
- Continuing to prepare for the Board's budget retreat
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting to discuss Re-assessment, FY11 budget process, FY11 Administrative Recommended CIP and Draft of Grants Management Policy and Procedures
- Met with Outreach Staff for Senator Warner

Community Development

- The Planning Commission met on January 19, 2010 elected the following officers for 2010:
 - Mrs. Patty Townsend, 2010 Chair
 - Mr. Howard Gammon, 2010 Vice-Chair
 - Mr. Steve Rocha, 2010 Public Hearing Chair
 - Mr. Tommy Tiller, 2010 Vice-Hearing Chair
 - Mr. Edward Pollard, 2010 Representative to the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission

Meetings of Interest:

- MPO TAC meeting
- Public meeting at NK Winery re: FONK PUD Amendment #3
- Planning Commission
- DEQ TMDL Meeting on the Pamunkey River

County Attorney

- County Attorney appeared in New Kent Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court in support of the Department of Social Services.
- Assistant County Attorney continued to work on the procurement manual.
- The County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney reviewed a lawsuit filed against the County in order to prepare recommendations for the Board.
- Staff continued to work on acquiring easements for public utilities upgrades.

Economic Development

- The Economic Development Authority conducted its monthly meeting on January 21. The EDA elected its new officers for 2010 (Paul Robinson as Chair and Charles Davis as Vice Chair) and awarded a business incentive grant to Rockahock Farms to relocate its home-based specialty foods business to a business zoned property on Route 60.
- Staff gave a presentation to the New Kent Chamber of Commerce at its January monthly meeting on current projects in the County.
- Staff is working on the development of a New Kent Visitors Guide and Golf Brochure.
- If any local Business would like to register for the New Kent Business Directory, please go to www.newkentbusinessdirectory.com and complete the registration form.
- The U.S. Census Bureau will be conducting testing throughout the months of January and February at the New Kent Visitors and Commerce Center for persons applying to participate with the 2010 census. For more information on available census jobs call 1-866-861-2010.

Financial Services

- Assistant Director coordinated with Human Resources to develop Local Fiscal Impact for HB992 and HV712
- Destroyed 25+ boxes of records in compliance with the Library of Virginia guidelines
- Director has submitted six local fiscal impact statements to the Commission on Local Government.
 - Batch 1 – HB# 109- Firearms – Repeals local authority to impose a license tax of not more than \$25 on persons engaged in business of selling pistols and revolvers. Also, a recordkeeping requirement for such persons is deleted and the clerk of the circuit court shall destroy any such existing records. (No impact for NKC)
 - Batch 2 – HB# 613- Classifies new investments in machinery and tools for manufacturing, processing and reprocessing, mining, and television broadcasting made after July 1, 2010, as intangible personal property and not subject to local property tax (COR estimated approximately \$300 loss in revenue)
 - Batch 3 – HB# 478- Requires every locality to establish a database of citizen-reported issues and requests for information and the governmental responses to such citizen inquires. Such formats shall be maintained in a format that allows public access via the Internet and the database shall be organized in a manner that allows the information to be searched and sorted. The locality shall establish a procedure whereby the citizen making the inquiry may choose not to have his name appear in the database. (IT estimate \$380,000)
 - Batch 3 (Special) – HB# 992 & 712- Law-enforcement employees; overtime compensation. Requires employers of more than 10 employees to pay overtime compensation at a rate of one and one-half times

an employee's regular rate of pay. Current law requires this of employers of more than 100 law-enforcement employees. (HR and Assistant Dir. of Finance estimate this will cost the County \$23,000)

- o Batch 5 – Fines under local ordinances; Literary Fund. Provides that fines imposed under certain local ordinances dealing with traffic infractions are to be transmitted to the state treasury, and deposited in the Literary Fund, as is the case with fines imposed under state statutes. (Clerk of the Circuit Court was not available to provide an estimate.)
- o Batch 6- HB# 318- Manufacturing facility. Expands the current definition of manufacturing facility to include (i) any facility which is used in the creation or production of intangible property as described in § 197(d)(1)(C)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to be any patent, copyright, formula, process, design, pattern, knowhow, format, or other similar item, or (ii) a facility which is functionally related and subordinate to a manufacturing facility if such facility is located on the same site as the manufacturing facility. This definition is being expanded so that Virginia Code is consistent with the Federal American (Due Jan. 22nd. Have not received estimates from COR)
- o NOTE: The County was encouraged to support “equalizing” the Meals Tax for counties. The bill removes the current cap of 4 percent for counties, allows counties to impose an uncapped rate, and allows counties to adopt or increase the tax by a majority vote of elected members of the governing body. A VACo analysis provided an estimate of \$197,799 in new meals tax revenue for NKC by raising the County's rate from 4% to 6%. The Director wrote Senator Norment encouraging him to vote for this proposed bill.

Meetings of Interest:

- Director and Assistant Director met with the Finance Committee where the Re-assessment, FY11 budget process, FY11 Administrative Recommended CIP and Draft of Grants Management Policy and Procedures were discussed

General Services

Parks and Recreation

- Program highlights this week include the 4th Annual Winter Youth Sports EXPO at Quinton Community Center, January 23, 10 am – 2 pm. This includes promotion of Parks and Recreation Youth Sports Programs as well as Co-Sponsored Youth Sports/Leagues.
- Staff met with the owner of a semi-pro football team that is interested in making the Historic Field its home for the spring.
- Staff participated in a webinar presented by the National Recreation and Park Association on Youth Sports and Liability.
- The landscape project at Quinton Park and the playground project at Wahrani are on schedule at this time.

Information Technology

- Continue working to develop an intranet mapping site.
- Planning installation of a new iSeries server for January 29th & 30th. Working to get new connection to state systems in place.
- Continue working on new virtual environment.

Meetings of Note:

- Attended GIS Coordinators meeting.

Public Utilities

- Met with Consultant and DEQ on water supply plan
- Met with Finance on utility billing