

THE SPECIAL MEETING (RETREAT) OF THE NEW KENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINE OF OUR LORD AT 9196 HILL FARM ROAD, LANEXA, VIRGINIA, AT 5:00 P.M.

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IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

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IN RE: ROLL CALL

Thomas W. Evelyn	Present
David M. Sparks	Present
James H. Burrell	Present
Stran L. Trout	Present
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Present

All members were present.

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IN RE: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Chairman Davis brought up a suggestion that fees dealing with the burial of dead animals and fowl currently in the County's Fee Schedule should be deleted since the County did not provide those services, to which there was no objection. Other fee-related items brought up for discussion included consideration of a reduced fee for licenses for spayed or neutered dogs and the fee charged for attorney review of documents.

Mr. Davis reported that he had reviewed with the County Attorney his recent performance evaluation results.

For the record, Mr. Trout expressed his objection to excluding staff from the Retreat.

There was discussion regarding the need to make appointments to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee so that they could begin work in order to meet the deadline set forth in the Charter that was recently adopted.

There was discussion regarding the economy and the proposed economic stimulus program. Board members expressed their satisfaction with the way that staff was developing the FY09/10 budget. They talked about the School's budget and the pressures that would likely be put on the County to help them deal with education funding cuts. There was discussion regarding the challenges in future budgets and some of the options that may have to be considered in order to deal with ever-decreasing revenues.

There was discussion on how to reassure New Kent citizens and it was suggested that an open letter to the citizens from the Board be published in the local newspapers to explain what the County was doing and planned to do to deal with the financial crisis. It was agreed that Mr. Trout would draft something for consideration by the rest of the Board members.

There was a discussion regarding the status of real estate tax collections.

Board members talked about the cost of the proposed reclaimed water line, the demand for reclaimed water as compared to the amount that could be produced, whether the project was a viable option for the County at the present time, and its impact upon pending and

future groundwater withdrawal permit applications. There was also discussion regarding the possible need for legislative assistance with some of the groundwater withdrawal issues.

Board members commented upon some of the recent changes in the County's environmental, planning and zoning ordinances, as well as those that were due to be considered in the future.

There was discussion regarding efficiency and the viability of cross-training employees to help out in other departments.

One of the Board members suggested streamlining the plat review process to make it less costly and more customer-friendly.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming payment due on the Farms of New Kent CDA bond, as well as some issues regarding zoning classifications of property within the Farms of New Kent Planned Unit Development.

The Board talked about the expense of assuming the cost of deputies if Compensation Board funding was reduced or grants ended. They also discussed delaying replacement of vehicles, school buses, and other expenditures.

There was discussion regarding hours of operation at the convenience center, as well as the idea of mandatory recycling.

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IN RE:           ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Burrell moved to adjourn the meeting. The members were polled:

Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
David M. Sparks	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Stran L. Trout	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.