A SPECIAL MEETING (RETREAT) OF THE NEW KENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON THE 25th DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SIX OF OUR LORD AT THE ROYAL NEW KENT GOLF COURSE IN PROVIDENCE FORGE, VIRGINIA, AT 9:30 A.M.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Mark E. Hill Present
David M. Sparks Present
James H. Burrell Absent
Stran L. Trout Present
W. R. Davis, Jr. Present

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Trout moved to go into closed session for consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A.7 of the Code of Virginia involving actual or probable litigation. The members were polled:

Mark E. Hill Aye
James H. Burrell Absent
Stran L. Trout Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr. Aye
David M. Sparks Aye

The motion carried.

Mr. Davis moved to come out of Closed Session and made the following certification:

Whereas, the New Kent County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such closed session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, there, be it resolved that the Board hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open session requirements by Virginia law were discussed in closed session to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

Chairman Sparks inquired whether there was any member who believed that there was a departure from the motion. Hearing none, the members were polled on the certification: The members were polled:

James H. Burrell Absent
Stran L. Trout Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr. Aye
Mark E. Hill Aye
David M. Sparks Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: GOALS SETTING

The Board identified the following goals:

Permit Center: to serve public and provide better customer service

Public Safety: firefighters and Sheriff's building

Affordable Housing:

leverage funding into millions of dollars to assist with program

- Chuck Emmons, Director of Quin Rivers, should become a voting member of the Advisory Board
- Habitat for Humanity
- Housing that is needed
- Zoning challenges
- Financing options
- Definition of affordable housing for New Kent County

Economic Development

- Hosting of Friday night Derby event for major players from Richmond area
- Major events
- VCU Department of Advertising: grad student to assist with marketing plan

Parks & Recreation

- review minutes & bylaws that added Youth Association
- fundraising

Public Relations Plans for development

- television shows
- press releases
- web work and information
- economic development work to get more promotion on County

IN RE: CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Board of Supervisors discussed ways to improve customer service. It was agreed that training would be provided for all staff and department directors.

IN RE: HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

The Board reviewed the recent cost breakdowns provided by the architects on the high school project. It was agreed that more information was needed on the items described as "soft costs". There was discussion regarding the need for more public relations work for the project and that the School Board should work to disseminate information to the citizens.

IN RE: GROWTH

The Board agreed on the following:

- the County needed to develop better plans to manage growth
- the County attorney needed to review all legalities of such plans

the need to review proffers and availability to generate fees

The Board reviewed the Statement of Ideals and Objectives developed for the Zoning Ordinance Revision Committee and requested changes regarding the language regarding the comprehensive plan. It was agreed that subcommittees should be comprised of seven members, with three appointees from the district and four at large.

Information from the Accounting & Budget Director regarding proffers was distributed to the Board members for review.

The Board agreed that there was a need to continue to review the needs of the library.

There was a discussion regarding the upcoming vacancies on the Rappahannock Community College Board.

There was discussion regarding the possible use of the old middle school, including use as an alternative school, tech education, and location for college courses.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Trout moved to adjourn the retreat. The members were polled:

Stran L. Trout Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr. Aye
Mark E. Hill Aye
James H. Burrell Absent
David M. Sparks Aye

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.