

A REGULAR WORK SESSION WAS HELD BY THE NEW KENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE 30TH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, NEW KENT, VIRGINIA, AT 9:00 A.M.

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Stiers called the meeting to order. He welcomed citizens, staff, School Superintendent Dave Myers and School Board members.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Thomas W. Evelyn	Present
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Present
Patricia A. Paige	Present
Ron Stiers	Present
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Present

All members were present.

IN RE: COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, OFFICE OF EMS (OEMS) RESCUE SQUAD ASSISTANCE FUND GRANT (RSAF)

Fire Chief Rick Opett reported that a Specification Notice from the Federal General Services Administration had gone into effect on July 1, 2015. This notice required changes in ambulance cot retention systems including patient compartment seating and the mounting/retention of equipment and litter fasteners. As a result, any ambulance purchased on or after July 1, 2015 would be required to meet the new cot retention system standards. Chief Opett indicated this cot retention system would help lift the stretcher into the ambulance and secure it into position reducing the incidence of EMS provider back injuries. These systems would cost approximately \$37,000 per ambulance and New Kent was scheduled to receive three ambulances requiring these upgrades later this year. The Commonwealth of Virginia was offering localities an opportunity to apply for an 80/20 match grant to assist with the costs associated with this federal mandate. New Kent's 20% match was estimated to be approximately \$21,677.66. Chief Opett asked the Board to consider authorizing him to apply for the July 2016 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant and request assistance with funding for cot retention systems in three ambulances.

Mr. Evelyn moved to authorize the Fire Chief to apply for the July 2016 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant. The members were polled:

Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE OF ABANDONED WELL LOTS

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway noted the County had completed a water interconnection project in 2015 in which water systems for Kenwood Farms, Greenwood

Estates, Deerlake and Quinton Estates had been connected to the County water supply. Several wells once serving these subdivisions were no longer needed and had been abandoned in accordance with local and State regulations. The County was responsible for maintaining the properties although it no longer had any use for them. Mr. Hathaway reported the County had received proposals for the purchase of three of the abandoned well lots from adjoining property owners. Two of the offers had been for \$1,200 and the third had been for \$690. He recommended, if the Board was interested in disposing of the properties, that the lot owners be required to consolidate the properties into their existing lots by Boundary Line Adjustment. The Board would need to conduct a public hearing and approve the final sale of each of the properties. Mr. Hathaway asked the Board to authorize him to work with adjacent property owners to negotiate the sale of these properties.

Mr. Evelyn expressed some concerns regarding the offers received and noted they were well below assessed values. Mr. Hathaway pointed out the well lots were less than half an acre and, if the Board agreed, it would be his intention to reach out to all adjoining property owners so they all could have the opportunity to submit proposals.

Mr. Davis asked if the Greenwood Estates well lot would be a buildable lot. Mr. Hathaway noted this lot could possibly be buildable but he was recommending the lots be sold to adjoining property owners with the requirement to consolidate the properties to prevent the creation of another buildable lot. He suggested if the Board did not wish to require the consolidation, the well lots should generate higher prices. Mr. Evelyn suggested the lots should be appraised. He further suggested it would not be reasonable to expect higher prices if the buyers would be required to consolidate the lots but if the well lots remained as separate parcels, the prices should be higher. Mr. Davis indicated he was concerned about how adjoining property owners would feel about the sales.

Mr. Evelyn asked what had been past practice in regard to the sale of well lots. He pointed out a well lot behind the Food Lion on Route 249 had been sold for assessed value several years ago. Public Utilities Director Larry Dame noted prices had varied and there had been one or more instances where offers had been rejected because they had been too low.

Mr. Davis asked if staff was sure the County had no future use for the properties. Mr. Dame indicated consideration had been given to retaining the lots for possible use in the event sewer service was extended into these communities. This had been ruled out as an option due to the fact the lots were high ground and lower land would be preferred. Mr. Dame reported the County would be retaining two abandoned well lots for which they may have future use. Mr. Davis asked if the lots could possibly be used in the event natural gas became available to these communities. Mr. Dame indicated he was not familiar with the requirements for natural gas. He reminded the Board, if they chose not to sell the lots, the County would continue to incur maintenance expenses including the cost of mowing the grass once or twice a week during the growing season. Mr. Evelyn suggested the County should move forward with entertaining offers from adjoining property owners. He suggested they be contacted by letter and provided information on the assessed value of the lots. Mr. Hathaway indicated, if the Board was agreeable with moving forward to sell the lots, he would provide information to adjoining owners and bring any offers back to the Board. He also suggested closing costs should be the purchaser's responsibility.

Mr. Tiller moved to authorize the County Administrator to receive proposals for the sale of abandoned well lots in the Greenwood, Deerlake, Kenwood Farms and Quinton Estates Subdivisions. The members were polled:

C. Thomas Tiller, Jr. Aye

Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: WHITE MILL COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AGREEMENT

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway noted the County had approved the purchase of a new emergency radio communications system in May 2015. This new system would require the installation of additional equipment on several towers the County was currently leasing as well as the addition of new equipment on a tower the County was not leasing. Mr. Hathaway reported staff had been working to finalize the necessary tower leases. The lease agreement for the White Mill tower, which was owned by SBA Towers II, LLC and located at 11221 White Mill Road (off of Mount Pleasant Road) in Providence Forge, had recently been received. Mr. Hathaway pointed out the lease's monthly rental cost of \$2,700 would include approximately fifty square feet of tower space for equipment as well as additional ground space. He also reported the first shipment of equipment for the radio project was scheduled to arrive later in the day, construction was expected to begin within the next two weeks and the project was on schedule for a July turnover.

Mr. Stiers asked for the term of the lease. Mr. Hathaway noted the lease would be for five years and could be renewed for four additional five-year terms. Mr. Davis suggested the County could build a tower for the rental cost associated with this lease. Mr. Hathaway indicated the County had considered building a tower but had decided leasing was the best option. He noted the County would have to purchase property on which to build a new tower, the owner would be responsible for all tower maintenance and the timing of the arrival of the new equipment had not allowed for sufficient construction time. He also indicated staff was continuing to work on several lease agreements for space on other towers including one in the Quinton area. Mr. Evelyn asked if the lease amount would increase with each renewal. County Attorney Brendan Hefty pointed out the terms of the lease agreement included an increase of five percent annually. He also noted the lease would renew automatically unless either party gave the other notice they no longer wished to renew. Mr. Hathaway indicated these terms were the same as those contained in other County tower lease agreements.

Mr. Davis asked what was holding up the lease on the Quinton tower. Mr. Hathaway noted structural analysis had been completed but had not originally taken into consideration the need for ice shields to protect the equipment. Once adjustments were made for this, the County could move forward with finalizing the lease agreement. Mr. Davis asked if towers along I-64, which were owned by the State, were an option. Mr. Hathaway indicated the County did not have any access to those towers.

Mr. Davis moved to authorize the County Administrator to sign the proposed lease agreement with SBA Towers II, LLC for the placement of radio equipment on the White Mill Communications Tower located at 11221 White Mill Road, Providence Forge, Virginia. The members were polled:

Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye

Ron Stiers

Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: FY 2017-2022 SECONDARY SIX YEAR PLAN

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway noted it was time for the Board to take its annual look at the Secondary Six Year Plan (SSYP) for secondary roads. He reported the County received yearly state and federal allocations to fund proposed secondary road improvements and had received \$88,591 for FY16 which had been allocated to a resurfacing project on Stage Road and a road widening improvements project on Dispatch Road. He had been advised by VDOT that, although the FY17 allocation had not yet been finalized, New Kent's allocation was projected to be \$95,292. He indicated the Board would be taking a look at the list of existing projects and determining if they were accurately ranked. There were currently three projects on the list including Dispatch Road (Rt. 613), Henpeck Road (Rt. 655) and Stage Road (Rt. 632) as well as several special funding projects. Mr. Hathaway reported the Dispatch Road project, which would address site distance and road alignment issues approximately .39 miles south of State Route 675 (Arrowhead Road), was fully funded at an estimated cost of \$1,311,244. Work on this project was expected to begin in the summer. Improvements to Henpeck Road, involving the reconstruction and surface treatment of an area located between Old Roxbury Road (Route 640) and .2 miles north of Longview Drive (Route 1206), were estimated to cost \$2,975,839. Mr. Hathaway pointed out that only \$86,600 had been allocated to this project leaving a deficit of \$2,889,239. The Stage Road project, which was a rural rustic road project including an area from Polish Town Road (Route 634) to Homestead Road (Route 620), was fully funded at an estimated cost of \$65,000. Mr. Hathaway noted VDOT had listed work on this project to begin in 2018 and he planned to check to see if it could possibly be expedited.

New projects being recommended for inclusion in the six year plan included:

- Stage Road – Staff was recommending the addition of a new project for Stage Road involving surface treatment from Homestead Road to Ropers Church Road. Staff was also recommending the entire projected FY17 allocation of \$95,292 be earmarked for this project.
- Pine Fork Road – Mr. Hathaway noted New Kent Parks and Recreation was planning for a new park facility and, since six-year plan funding could be used for entrance improvements, staff was recommending the addition of a project for entrance improvements needed for the new Pine Fork Road Park. Staff was also recommending the \$86,600 previously allocated to the Henpeck Road project be reallocated to this project.

Mr. Evelyn (Board representative to the New Kent Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission) suggested this Pine Fork Park project could be helpful to staff as they explored grant options for the new park. Mr. Tiller expressed concerns regarding moving the current Henpeck Road project funding to the proposed Pine Fork Road project and suggested if the County continued taking away from Henpeck, the project would never be completed. Mr. Evelyn indicated he understood Henpeck Road was in need of repairs but pointed out, at the current annual funding level, it would take thirty-four years for the County to receive sufficient funding to move forward with this project. He suggested it would be better to use the funding for smaller more easily funded projects than to continue allocating to larger projects and possibly never get the opportunity to use the funding.

Mr. Hathaway suggested if the Board was in agreement with the two proposed projects, that consideration be given to scheduling a public hearing at the May 2016 regular meeting to receive input from the public.

Ms. Paige moved to schedule a public hearing on the FY 2017-2022 Secondary Six-year Plan during the May regular Board meeting. The members were polled:

W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: PROPOSED GOLF CART ORDINANCE

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway reported the County had received requests from residents in various neighborhoods to be permitted to drive golf carts on public roads within their subdivisions. He indicated he had been looking into the requirements of establishing an ordinance allowing this. Section 46.2-916 through 46.2-916.3 of the State Code contained provisions giving the locality the ability to regulate golf carts and utility vehicles on designated public streets where posted speed limits were twenty-five miles per hour or less. A draft ordinance which would allow communities to apply to have their streets approved for golf cart use had been included in the meeting package. Mr. Hathaway pointed out the proposed ordinance would require that a community Home Owners Association (HOA) or group of residents make application to the County and pay a \$250 application fee to cover some of the required public hearing advertising cost. Mr. Hathaway also noted the process required an application to VDOT and the installation of signs at the HOA's expense which would alert automobile drivers that golf carts and utility vehicles may be in use.

Mr. Tiller asked if subdivisions would be required to apply street by street or if an entire subdivision could submit one application. Mr. Hathaway noted the entire subdivision could submit one application. He also indicated the proposed ordinance had been drafted in a way to require community buy in and to prevent one individual from applying for a designation that would impact the entire community.

Mr. Davis moved to schedule a public hearing for the May regular Board Meeting to consider an ordinance that would regulate the use of golf carts and utility vehicles on public streets and highways. The members were polled:

Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: DISCUSSION ON ROCKAHOCK CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP)

Community Development Director Matthew Smolnik indicated he had received a request to discuss the possibility of amending the Rockahock Conditional Use Permit (CUP). He noted item 17 of Resolution R-19-06 (R1), which had been adopted by the Board on May 22, 2005, set limits on the number of overnight stays at the campground and the suggestion was to consider an amendment that would allow year-round camping. He also pointed out that item 20 of the resolution required a daily log book of campers be kept and submitted to Community Development at regular intervals. Mr. Smolnik indicated there was a great deal of work in progress on the property including the construction of patio homes.

Mr. Stiers noted for the record that he had made this request and not Rockahock owner Randy Caldwell. He indicated he did not support limiting the number of overnight stays and suggested this type of limitation had been removed from State Code several years ago. Mr. Davis suggested these requirements had been put into place to facilitate improving the environment at Rockahock and Mr. Caldwell had done a great job in that regard.

Mr. Evelyn asked about septic systems to serve the previously mentioned homes under construction. Mr. Smolnik noted drain fields were being installed to service multiple units. He also reported the owner was looking into the possibility of constructing a waste package plant. Mr. Davis suggested Health Department requirements would limit the number of new homes constructed on the property.

Mr. Smolnik shared a copy of a December 12, 2014 letter in which Mr. Caldwell had been cited for several zoning violations. He indicated no daily log book had ever been submitted to Community Development and this and many other violations noted in the letter had never been addressed. He asked, from a Zoning Administrator's standpoint, how the overnight stay limits could be lifted when there were still many unresolved violations. He further asked, from an Economic Development standpoint, what should be done with the zoning violations when the owner had made significant improvements in the community. He indicated he would appreciate guidance from the Board in this regard. Mr. Stiers suggested he had been told Mr. Caldwell was working with the County on the zoning violations. Mr. Smolnik noted he had been working on one of the violations which involved a RPA (Resource Protection Area). He also noted there had been unpermitted construction on the property for some time but that was no longer the case.

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway indicated, if the Board was interested in considering amending the CUP, the request would need to be heard by the Planning Commission first. Mr. Davis agreed it would be good to have the Planning Commission review the possibility of any amendments in light of the current zoning violations. Board members also expressed concerns over the impact year-round residency may have on the County school population.

Ms. Paige asked if staff was suggesting Mr. Caldwell bring the noted violations into compliance before the Board considered the suggested amendments. Mr. Hathaway indicated it would be his recommendation that the violations be addressed first. Mr. Evelyn suggested some of the proposed amendments may be a moot point if Health Department requirements would limit further expansion. Ms. Paige noted it was her opinion the owner should bring the violations into compliance before the Board gave consideration to any amendments. She further suggested granting these amendments with the existing violations would give the appearance the Board was rewarding noncompliance.

Mr. Stiers reminded everyone that he had requested this discussion and not Mr. Caldwell. He also suggested the Board should check State Code for limits on overnight stays in campgrounds. Mr. Davis suggested it would be better for Mr. Caldwell to make the request if this was something he wished to pursue. Mr. Tiller agreed and suggested the Board

should be sure Mr. Caldwell was interested in the suggested amendments. County Attorney Brendan Hefty indicated State Code allowed the Board of Supervisors to make amendments to CUPs without the owner submitting an application but suggested requiring an owner application would be the best practice. Mr. Davis suggested Mr. Caldwell be contacted, and if this was something he wished to pursue, that he be invited to the next work session for discussion with the Board. Mr. Evelyn suggested the Health Department should be consulted before the Board had any further discussion on the subject. Ms. Paige agreed the Health Department should be consulted first and zoning violations should be addressed.

Mr. Stiers called for a brief recess at 10:18 a.m. The Board reconvened at 10:29 a.m.

IN RE: FY 2017 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway suggested there had been good discussions during the recent Budget Retreat and indicated he had emailed Board members additional information on budget options since that meeting. He distributed handouts which included two additional options providing additional funding for schools. The third option (Option C) was based on an \$0.84 tax rate and included an additional \$400,000 in funding for schools, five new firefighter positions and a two percent cost of living adjustment for County employees. The fourth option (Option D) was based on an \$0.83 tax rate and included an additional \$340,000 in funding for schools, three new firefighter positions and a one and a half percent cost of living adjustment for County employees. He asked the Board if they wished to consider setting an additional meeting date to further discuss the budget.

Mr. Davis requested clarification regarding the two percent state-funded cost of living adjustments for the Department of Social Services, Registrar, Electoral Board and Constitutional Officers. Mr. Hathaway noted these increases would be effective December 1, 2016 and only included the directors and officers. All other staff in these departments would receive the same increase as County employees.

Mr. Evelyn reported he had received numerous phone calls regarding a recent social media post made by a School Board member which had suggested school funding would be cut. He indicated he had been very upset by the posting and wished to address the Board and the public in this regard. He noted the Board had met on March 18th for the Budget Retreat and had met with School Board members and staff as well as representatives from various County departments. He indicated the meeting had lasted for seven hours and many budget options had been discussed during that time. He confirmed there had been some discussions regarding taking funding from schools but there had also been other discussions regarding giving funding to schools. He pointed out that today's work session was the first time the Supervisors had met since March 18th and there had been no discussions regarding school funding since that time. He indicated he had thought the Supervisors had a good working relationship with the School Board and cited several examples including the collaborative effort to open the Bridging Communities Regional Career and Technical Center. He distributed a spreadsheet depicting the County's annual operating transfers to schools dating back to FY 2010. Mr. Evelyn suggested the County had often stepped up to the plate when the State had not. He pointed out the spreadsheet indicated the County had consistently tried to meet the schools' financial needs. He indicated he believed the Supervisors had funded the schools to the best of their ability and noted his agreement with the need for teachers to be paid better. He again indicated he felt there had been a good relationship between the boards, the County Administrator and the Superintendent but believed that good relationship had been tarnished by this posting.

Mr. Stiers indicated the March 18th meeting had been a long day and it had not been the appropriate time to set a tax rate or make any final decisions regarding the budget. He reported he had suggested the Board move forward with advertising a tax rate of \$0.84 so they could continue to have time to discuss budget options and then decide if the equalized rate of \$0.83 would be sufficient or if they would need the increase to \$0.84. Mr. Stiers indicated he had also been distraught to see the social media posting suggesting the Board of Supervisors did not support schools. He suggested the individual who had posted this information should apologize. He stated for the record that it was his desire to keep the tax rate at the \$0.83 equalized rate and noted he felt the County could adequately fund all departments at this rate.

Mr. Davis pointed out the schools had previously reported they would be getting \$1.4 million more in funding over the previous year. He suggested figures shared by the School Board at the March 18th meeting depicted a five percent raise for school employees. He further suggested no one else would be getting such a raise and pointed out it was called a budget and, regardless of the amount of funding, "you make it work".

Mr. Evelyn cited the Chromebook initiative as another example of the Supervisors working with the School Board. The County had contributed \$300,000 for Chromebooks in FY16 and had made commitments to contribute an additional \$200,000 and \$100,000 in FY17 and FY18 respectively. He suggested he would have better understood the social media posting if it had come closer to final budget adoption but emphasized the Supervisors had not made any final decisions.

Mr. Stiers addressed New Kent Schools' Executive Director of Finance and Budget Haynie Morgheim who was in the audience and asked if the schools' CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) request for bus replacement was only one bus. Ms. Morgheim indicated the figure was for three buses. Mr. Stiers indicated he had recently learned that Gloucester County was purchasing buses for \$81,500 each and asked why New Kent's buses were much more expensive. School Superintendent David Myers indicated Virginia schools purchased buses from State contract so the prices should be the same for all counties. He suggested capacity as well as special needs options may be the cause for the difference in price.

Dr. Myers requested the opportunity to address comments made by Mr. Davis regarding five percent raises. He indicated what was being proposed was an across the board three percent raise, some of which would go toward teacher salary scale decompression with the goals being to achieve a spread of one and a half percent between steps. He suggested this would be necessary to attract and retain teachers. Some of the other proposed compensation increases were to cover anticipated increases in health insurance rates. He reported that out of 32 surrounding divisions, New Kent was second from the bottom in teacher salaries. State-wide New Kent ranked 118 out of 132. He suggested the Board had been very supportive of schools and the two boards had enjoyed a good working relationship. He indicated the proposed salary increases were something they were doing for their employees in an effort to get them on a better scale and to help keep pace with surrounding localities. He noted with County revenue expected to increase between \$1.8 and \$2 million dollars, the School Board had felt an increase of \$400,000 was reasonable.

Mr. Davis suggested the Board of Supervisors' record indicated they had been conservative. He agreed the County would be receiving "new growth money" and indicated he felt "new growth money should go to new services." He pointed out that historically the County had given approximately half of new growth money to schools. He asked if higher pay would make better teachers and suggested the compressed salary scale had been the School Board's own doings. Dr. Myers suggested the compressed salary scale had been caused by

the recession seven years ago and many localities had already taken actions to correct their scales. Mr. Davis suggested the Supervisors would do what they could to keep the decompression funding in the budget. Mr. Evelyn noted some surrounding localities were starting teachers on a scale five to six thousand dollars higher than New Kent which was a big difference. Dr. Myers indicated the School Board was trying to move teachers to a better place and also noted paraprofessional and secretarial scales were below surrounding localities.

Ms. Paige reported she had been making calls and visits to various departments to discuss the budget and she held up her budget booklet and noted it had become her nighttime reading material. She stated she understood the importance of being good stewards and saving for the future. She noted she would like to see the tax rate set at \$0.84 so the extra penny could be set aside for future projects such as schools or firehouses. She suggested a one cent increase now would be far better than a 15 to 20 cent increase years down the road. She further suggested all departments needed to realize the Supervisors were trying to be good stewards and recognize that County schools deserved just as much consideration as the Sheriff's Office, the Fire Department or any other department. She added that the Supervisors wished to fund the various departments at a level that would allow them "to run in a smooth, budget conscious fashion." She agreed the Board should set another meeting date to continue discussions on the budget.

Mr. Stiers suggested the County was experiencing growing pains and cited recent statistics indicating New Kent had moved from the ninth to the fifth fastest growing County in the Commonwealth. He indicated the County had projects in the pipeline including the HCA (Hospital Corporation of America) emergency room and the Love's Travel Stop. He also noted a recent report from Department of Social Services Director Jon Martz had indicated approximately twenty percent of New Kent's population was depending on Social Services.

Mr. Davis suggested the Board move forward with setting another date to discuss the budget. After some discussion, the Board decided to set the meeting for April 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Administration Building. Mr. Hathaway asked Board members to contact him with any questions or requests they may have for additional information.

IN RE: PROPOSED DIASCUND CREEK "NO WAKE" ZONE

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway reported a property owner in the Colonies had contacted him regarding the possibility of establishing a "No Wake" zone for a portion of Diascund Creek. He distributed information supplied by the owner in which he indicated he had the support of twelve other owners in the area. Mr. Hathaway indicated he had also included a draft ordinance to establish a process for creating "No Wake" zones. He asked the Board to consider setting a public hearing to receive comments on this subject and noted the May regular meeting would be the earliest it could be scheduled.

Mr. Davis moved to schedule a public hearing for the May regular Board Meeting to consider a proposed ordinance establishing a No Wake Zone for a portion of Diascund Creek. The members were polled:

C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: BROADBAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway reported the Broadband Advisory Committee had recently met for discussions on telecommunication planning consultant services proposals. The County had received a \$75,000 telecommunication grant and Mr. Hathaway noted he was pleased to report the Broadband Committee was recommending a \$57,500 contract with Design Nine, Inc. He indicated grant requirements had the Committee on a tight schedule which included having a broadband plan in place by the end of June. Mr. Hathaway reported Design Nine, who had done work for Prince George and Charles City Counties, had a good knowledge base of the area and had indicated they would have no problem meeting the June deadline. He asked the Board to consider authorizing him to sign a contract, in a form approved by the County Attorney, with Design Nine, Inc. for telecommunication planning consulting services.

Mr. Evelyn moved to authorize the County Administrator to sign a contract, in a form approved by the County Attorney, with Design Nine, Inc. for telecommunication planning consulting services. The members were polled:

Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Evelyn moved to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A.3 of the Code of Virginia regarding the acquisition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining or negotiating strategy of the County involving the Heritage Public Library. The members were polled:

W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried. The Board went into closed session.

Mr. Evelyn moved to return to open session. The members were polled:

Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

Mr. Evelyn moved that the Board 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 on the certification:

C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Stiers announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016 and the next work session would be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. Both meetings would be held in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building. The Board would also be holding a budget meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 in the County Administration Building.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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

Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.