

A WORK SESSION OF THE NEW KENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FOUR OF OUR LORD IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 6:30 P.M.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Mark E. Hill	Present
D. M. "Marty" Sparks	Present
Stran L Trout	Present
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Present
James H. Burrell	Present

Chairman Burrell called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Sparks moved to go into closed session for discussions relating to prospective business or industry pursuant to §2.2-3711A.5 of the Code of Virginia and to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A.1 of the Code of Virginia involving the hiring of a prospective employee. The members were polled:

Mark E. Hill	Aye
D. M. "Marty" Sparks	Aye
Stran L Trout	Aye
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye

The motion carried. The Board went into closed session.

The Board emerged from closed session. Mr. Trout made the following certification:

Whereas, the New Kent County 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 Burrell whether there was any member who believed that there was a departure from the motion. The members were polled:

D. M. "Marty" Sparks	Aye
Stran L Trout	Aye
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Aye
Mark E. Hill	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye

The motion passed.

Mr. Hill moved that the Board consent to the hiring of L. Alan Harrison for the position of Public Works Director. The members were polled:

Stran L Trout	Aye
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Aye
Mark E. Hill	Aye
D. M. "Marty" Sparks	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye

The motion carried.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

County Administrator Gary Christie reported that there were two time-sensitive grants that he wanted to discuss with the Board. The Sheriff's office is working on an application for a competitive Criminal Information Records Improvement grant wherein the State would provide \$150,000 and each of five localities (New Kent, King William, King & Queen, West Point and Charles City) would make a \$10,000 match. There was discussion whether this would be of benefit for New Kent and questions about what was included. The Board requested that the Sheriff come to the next meeting in order to provide additional information. Mr. Christie reported that the application is due April 16, and the Board suggested that work proceed on the application.

Mr. Christie reported a similar situation with an application for a grant through the Virginia Outdoor Foundation. This application is also due April 16 and requires a 50/50 local match of a minimum of \$50,000. Funds must be used for outdoor recreation and must be used in one place. There is \$45,000 currently in the CIP budget for the Quinton Community Park. Mr. Sparks suggested that the Board finish its budget deliberations before making any decision. It was suggested that staff continue working on the application.

Ed Allen, Jr., Athletic Director at the High School, addressed the Board concerning the weight room project. He indicated that he'd like to put this out for bid in mid-May and that he has received an unofficial estimate of \$55,000 which he believes is a little high. This would consist of a 40' x 60' metal building to which a field house could be added on in the future. The Board of Supervisors and School Board previously committed \$15,000 each (toward the restroom

project) and he has been able to raise an additional \$10,000. He asked that the Board of Supervisors, in their budget process, consider making up the difference, up to a maximum of \$10,000. He does not anticipate that he will need that much, between raising additional funds and the donation of materials and labor. He stated that if the cost of the weight room exceeds \$50,000 - \$52,000, he will cancel the project and return all of the donations. He described the safety concerns with the set up of the current weight room. The proposed new weight room will not be able to serve as a locker room for visiting teams. He indicated that the School Board had approved this project at their meeting tonight. He hopes that the project could be completed by the end of this summer.

Mr. Hill moved to appropriate up to \$10,000 for the high school weight room, if needed. The members were polled:

W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Aye
Mark E. Hill	Aye
D. M. "Marty" Sparks	Aye
Stran L Trout	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye

The motion carried.

Mr. Trout asked if the proposed new position of head dispatcher would be paid for with 911 funds. There was discussion as to whether the head dispatcher would routinely answer calls, or just in the event of absences or vacancies. The Board requested that these questions be clarified by the Sheriff at the next meeting. There was also discussion regarding increasing the 911 tax from \$2.42 to \$3.00.

Mr. Christie reported that the schools have run into some problem with the health department regarding the septic drain fields at the elementary and primary schools, and it does not appear that bids for the renovation work can be advertised this weekend. He suggested that this might be a good time to have one of the pre-qualified engineering firms look at the proposed sewer districts at 106 and 155 and advise the County whether the Courthouse area could be tied into the 155 service district or should be a separate service district. There was discussion whether to contact one of the engineering firms that has not had any County business, or work with R. Stuart Royer. Mr. Christie indicated that he would start with Draper Aden and see if he can work something out.

IN RE: BUDGET

The Board reviewed the proposed budget.

IN RE: MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board agreed to meet again on Thursday, April 8, 2004, to continue work on the budget.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The members were polled:

Mark E. Hill	Aye
D. M. "Marty" Sparks	Aye
Stran L Trout	Aye
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.
