

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF NEW KENT
VIRGINIA**

R-09-17

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent in the Boardroom of the Administration Building in New Kent, Virginia, on the 13th day of March, 2017:

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

Motion was made by Mr. Tiller, which carried 4:0:1, to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
PROPOSED ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE**

WHEREAS, New Kent County, Virginia is a growing locality with more than 20,000 residents in the Commonwealth's Greater Richmond Area; and

WHEREAS, the New Kent County Board of Supervisors and County administration place a very high priority on the availability of clean, reliable and affordable energy for the people and businesses of our locality; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors and County administration recognize that the energy infrastructure serving the Commonwealth, particularly the interstate natural gas pipeline system, is in need of expansion and strengthening; and

WHEREAS, the current pipeline system in Virginia frequently operates at or near capacity, subjecting natural gas customers to supply constraints as well as price spikes and volatility; and

WHEREAS, this infrastructure weakness affects the ability of localities throughout Virginia, including New Kent County, to attract new business prospects that require assurances of the secure and reliable availability of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline would provide a new, direct link to the Commonwealth to the abundant and economical supplies of natural gas now being produced in the Appalachian Basin; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline would be capable of delivering 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day to markets in the Southeast, including Virginia, with the new capacity helping to stabilize energy prices and benefit consumers and localities throughout the Commonwealth; and


WHEREAS, the increased supplies of natural gas and greater price stability would greatly enhance the prospects of Virginia localities, including New Kent County, to attract new business and job opportunities for our working men and women; and

WHEREAS, a study by ICF International has shown that operation of the pipeline would produce annual energy savings of approximately \$243 million per year for Virginia consumers, including those in New Kent County; and

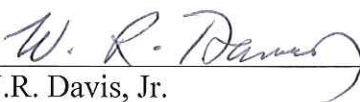
WHEREAS, the draft Environmental Impact Statement recently issued by the staff of the Federal Emergency Regulatory Commission has conclusively demonstrated that the project can be built and operated in a manner that protects the environment; and

WHEREAS, operation of the pipeline would support the continued improvement of air quality throughout Virginia, including New Kent County, by supporting the use of lower-emissions natural gas as a fuel for electric generation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of New Kent County, Virginia supports construction of the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline and respectfully urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve the project after completion of its thorough and timely review process.



Rodney A. Hathaway
County Administrator



W.R. Davis, Jr.
Chairman