

A REGULAR WORK SESSION WAS HELD BY THE NEW KENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN NEW KENT, VIRGINIA, AT 9:00 A.M.

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman W.R. Davis, Jr. called the meeting to order.

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: NEW FIRE HOUSE #5 COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT DISCUSSION – PART 1

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway noted the Board had instructed staff at its May 25th work session to work with Evans Construction to develop a Comprehensive Agreement for the construction of Fire House #5 not to exceed \$2.2 million. He reported that although the parties had been working to develop this agreement, the contractor was not confident the project could be completed within budget using existing plans. He suggested additional design work was needed and recommended the Board move forward with additional engineering and design work not to exceed \$156,000. \$30,000 had previously been approved for site work and a motion not to exceed \$126,000 was recommended. This funding would be included in the \$2.2 million price and the proposed facility (9,600 square feet) would be scaled down if needed to stay within budget.

Mr. Evelyn expressed some concerns and asked for a recap of what had been discussed at the previous work session. Mr. Hathaway indicated the original proposal had been revised to include changes in roof lines as well as construction materials. A rendering incorporating these revisions had been provided at the work session. The contractor had suggested the project could be completed within the \$2.2 million budget with no contingency. Mr. Hathaway reminded Board members that he had suggested at the previous work session that additional funding for contingency as well as a construction manager would be needed. Mr. Davis suggested that no one was happy to hear that the cost of the project would be "pushing the envelope". He also suggested the Board needed more assurances that this project could be brought in under budget. Mr. Hathaway indicated staff agreed and noted the design work was being recommended as a means to identify possible cost savings. Mr. Evelyn asked if the Board would be committed to Evans Construction if they authorized them to move forward with additional engineering and design work. Mr. Hathaway indicated the Board would be committed to Evans for the engineering and design work but not for the construction. The engineering and design work would belong to New Kent and the County could then decide to go with another firm for construction if they wished. County Attorney Brendan Hefty noted the \$2.2 million figure would include design and project costs. The contractor needed to do some redesign work which could mean a reduction in square footage or the loss of meeting space to be sure the project would fit the budget. Mr. Hathaway indicated he was comfortable that the parties could get to the \$2.2

million level but noted the additional design work would be necessary to get there. Ms. Paige asked if the \$2.2 million figure included furnishings. Mr. Hathaway indicated the costs for furniture and fixtures had been included. Ms. Paige expressed concerns regarding who would be responsible for the costs if any changes to design plans were necessary. Mr. Hathaway indicated the cost would depend on who initiated the changes. The County would be responsible for the cost of any changes they requested. The contractor would be responsible for the cost of changes resulting from an error or omission. Mr. Hathaway suggested the Board may want to reserve a small contingency to address any revisions the County may wish to make. Mr. Evelyn asked if the Board could hear the information on Agenda Item 5 (Professional Consulting Services for the Construction of Firehouse 505) and make a decision on that item prior to taking any action on this item. Board members agreed and discussion moved to Agenda Item 5.

IN RE: PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
 FIREHOUSE 505

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway reported Hobbs Management Solutions, LLC was being recommended to provide construction management, quality control consulting and owner representation services during the design and construction of Firehouse 505. Hobbs had extensive experience in both the public and private sector and had been recommended by local contractor David Nice. Staff had met with Jay Hobbs and had received a proposal for services not to exceed \$49,140 (\$90 per hour). Mr. Hathaway suggested these services would be vital to the project especially with using the PPEA (Public-Private Education and Infrastructure Act) process. Mr. Hathaway indicated the architect would work closely with the contractor and the County should also have a representative in the process. Ms. Paige asked if Mr. Hobbs would be involved in the design process. Mr. Hathaway noted Mr. Hobbs had indicated he wanted to be involved in the design process and this was the reason staff was recommending authorizing the contract for services now. Mr. Evelyn asked Evans Construction President Chase Evans if he had any experience working with this firm. Mr. Evans indicated he had not but noted his firm was easy to work with and that he was a big proponent of anything that could facilitate a project.

Mr. Evelyn moved to authorize the County Administrator to execute the proposed contract with Hobbs Management Solutions, LLC for professional construction consulting services for the construction of Firehouse 505 and further moved to appropriate \$50,000 from Fund 7 to cover the cost of this service. The members were polled:

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

The motion carried. Discussion returned to Agenda Item 1 (New Fire House #5 Comprehensive Agreement Discussion).

IN RE: NEW FIRE HOUSE #5 COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT DISCUSSION – PART 2

After a brief discussion, County Attorney Brendan Hefty suggested the Board could authorize the County Administrator to enter into an interim agreement with Evans Construction for architectural and engineering services not to exceed \$126,000.

Mr. Tiller moved to authorize the County Administrator to enter into an interim agreement with Evans Construction for architectural and engineering services not to exceed \$126,000. The members were polled:

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

The motion carried.

IN RE: FINANCIAL ADVISOR AGREEMENT – SECOND ONE-YEAR EXTENSION

Director of Financial Services Mary F. Altemus presented information on the recommended one-year extension of the County's financial advisor agreement with Davenport & Company LLC. Ms. Altemus noted the term of the County's current agreement with Davenport & Company was July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 and the County had the option to extend the agreement for two additional one-year periods. This would be the second extension and cover the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Mr. Davis indicated he had been pleased with the services provided by Davenport and believed the firm had saved the County significantly over the years.

Ms. Paige moved to extend the agreement with Davenport & Company LLC for one year – July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The members were polled:

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

The motion carried.

IN RE: PARKS AND RECREATION AND PLAYFUL CITIES USA UPDATE

Director of Parks and Recreation Kim Turner and Park Operations Supervisor Jason Baldwin were present to share information on the department as well as data received from the annual survey. Ms. Turner reported County Administrator Rodney Hathaway had announced at the Board's previous meeting that New Kent had received the "Playful Cities" designation. Playful City USA® was a recognition program for communities that were taking action to ensure their children received the balanced and active play they needed to thrive. Ms. Turner reported she had learned at a recent meeting that consideration was being given to renaming this "Playful Communities" since many receiving the designation were not cities.

Ms. Turner thanked the Board for the June 5th adoption of a resolution (R-22-17) recognizing July as National Parks and Recreation Month. She reported New Kent Parks and Recreation (P&R) was continuing to see growth in many of its programs and noted that as programs grew, so did expectations and needs. She suggested these expectations and needs would result in future requests for additional capital improvement funds.

Ms. Turner distributed copies of her presentation which included summary results of the 2017 Annual Survey. 50% of survey participants were between the ages of 36-55, 68% were female, 53% indicated their households had youth between the ages of six and twelve, 80% had utilized P&R programs in the last five years and 70% had used the "Inside New Kent" activity guide to learn about programs. The program participation distribution indicated 92% were involved in youth activities/sports, 24% in adult programs, 16% in preschool programs and 5% in senior adult programs. 83% of responders had noted a good or very good satisfaction level with the overall P&R experience and 75% had indicated they thought the knowledge of the instructor, coach or staff was good or very good. Ms. Turner noted this was lower than in past years and indicated it was difficult to find instructors for some programs. She suggested factors could include the requirement of instructors to have liability insurance and the fact that many of them also had other jobs. She reported 80% of fees collected were given to the instructors and the remaining 20% went to the County. These rates had been in place for the past ten years. Huge increases in sports participation were also reported which had resulted in the need for additional volunteer coaches. P&R was also finding it a challenge to retain existing coaches. Increased sports participation had also resulted in an increase in logistical challenges involving gym time and field space. A 94% overall satisfaction rate with youth sports was also reported.

Ms. Turner also reported on the Before and After School program for children in grades K-5. 98% of responders had given the program good or very good ratings in location, cost, quality of staff and activities, snack offerings and issue/conflict resolution. Parents were enjoying the convenience of dropping children off before school and schools were continuing to refer interested parents to the program. Ms. Turner pointed out the Before and After School program was not a daycare program and was closed whenever County schools were closed. She also reported it did not appear the program was hurting business at local daycare providers. Most daycares were reporting they were currently near or at capacity.

One hundred percent of Summer Camp participant responders had rated the program's location, cost, quality of staff, field trip offerings, swim offerings and issue/conflict resolution as good or very good. Participation levels had continued to increase with 109 in 2015, 117 in 2016 and to date 153 for the 2017 camp which had not yet started. Parents were asking for the camp to begin sooner and last longer into the summer. Ms. Turner pointed out Summer Camp was a recreation-based program and was not intended to be used as a daycare. She reported there was currently a wait list for 2017 and her department was partnering/collaborating with other programs such as Arts Alive, Bridging Communities and RCC (Rappahannock Community College) to make the community aware of other available options. Ms. Paige asked for more details on the wait list. Ms. Turner indicated Junior Camp was currently full and a wait list had been started and Senior Camp was almost full. Mr. Davis asked if teenagers were hired to work the Summer Camp programs. Ms. Turner indicated some of the more mature high school students were being utilized but noted the programs relied heavily on moms and dads. She reported there were a number of challenges involving Summer Camp participants including the need to provide staff to administer medications as needed and the proper handling of custody issues.

Ms. Turner reported participation in Adult and Senior Adult programs had been lower in 2016. As a result, rather than asking participants to rate satisfaction levels, they had been asked to indicate areas of interest. Top adult programs included art instruction and classes which received 64%, cooking classes at 47%, open gym programs at 30%, sports leagues at 27% and day trips with 23%. Adults noted barriers to recreation were work and family obligations, the availability of private facilities for various amenities and the availability of better quality facilities elsewhere. Senior adults (55 and older) indicated their top interests

were day travel with 67%, "Lunch Bunch" or "Lunch & Learns" with 50% and sports clubs or open gyms with 33%. Ms. Turner reported gym space was limited in the winter months and suggested scheduling was often done based on what would provide service to the most participants, i.e., the choice of scheduling the gym for fifty kids to play basketball or six seniors to play volleyball. Mr. Davis asked if consideration had ever been given to offering a scaled down New Kent University just for seniors. Ms. Turner indicated that had not been considered but the department was looking at ways to encourage more senior involvement. She had hoped the Senior Café would take off and meet some of the needs of our senior community. Ms. Paige suggested she had at least three communities (in her district) with very active seniors and she would like to get them more involved. Ms. Turner also noted another challenge to be considered when planning activities for seniors was the differing interest levels from age 55 to 90.

Ms. Turner provided an overview of survey responses regarding County parks and facilities. "quality areas" as well as areas of concern or where the need for improvement had been indicated were shared for each facility.

- Quinton Park – Responders were pleased with the overall appearance and cleanliness, field conditions, safety, security and playground accessibility. Suggested improvements included updating bathrooms, improvements to the walking trail, paving the parking lot, fence repairs and the installation of noise barriers at ball courts.
- Quinton Community Center – Responders were pleased with the overall appearance, the room/stage, bathrooms, safety, security and accessibility. Suggestions included updating the kitchen, the overall cleanliness, parking availability and the need for a dumpster. Ms. Turner noted this facility could not host events with more than 75 people due to the limited parking.
- Wahrani Nature Trail Park – Responders were pleased with the overall appearance, accessibility, parking, improved trail signage, maps and new bridges. Improvement areas included overall safety and security, the playground area, bathroom and water access and a pet area. Ms. Turner noted this facility had seen a 25% increase in visits over the past year and suggested Wahrani was the County's "hidden gem".
- Historic School Fields – Responders were pleased with the overall appearance, overall safety and security, overall field playing conditions, field lights and turf. Improvement areas included parking, bathrooms, sidewalk lighting and drainage.
- Historic School Gym – 98% of survey participants had indicated they were pleased with the overall appearance of the facility, safety, equipment, HVAC and interior lighting. Improvement areas included outdoor lobby and sidewalk lighting, lobby bathrooms and overall facility cleanliness. The recent HVAC renovation had been a very good investment which had allowed the department to offer more programs at this facility.
- Pine Fork Park - Survey participants had been asked if they would support a question regarding additional funding for park development (bond referendum or dedicated tax) on the upcoming election ballot. 73% of responders indicated they would, 3% indicated they would not and 24% were undecided. Ms. Turner reported many communities had a "Pennies for Parks" program to dedicate a portion of tax revenue to park development.

Ms. Turner noted 100% of responders had indicated customer service provided by seasonal, part time and full time staff was either good or very good.

Ms. Turner closed her presentation with a list of topics labeled "Current and Upcoming Initiatives".

- P&R had been asked to look into expanding middle school programming. Suggestions had included after school programs, character development and providing positive recreational choices. Ms. Turner noted the current CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) included funds to convert the former band room at the Historic School into a teen café to provide a place for students to work on homework. The department was also focusing on collaborations with schools regarding shared use of facilities as well as student programs and events. P&R was looking at ways to reach out to this age group as well as exploring alternatives for students who did not enjoy sports. Ms. Paige noted the role of school counselors had changed over the years and she suggested students needed to be groomed along the path they should take to transition successfully into college or technical school. She suggested individuals who had experienced career success could be enlisted to speak to students and help them to see their goals were attainable.
- Ms. Turner thanked the Board again for adopting a resolution recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month. This was being promoted by displaying posters throughout facilities and parks as well as a social media campaign.
- Ms. Turner indicated she was excited about the Playful Cities initiative and was glad the Board had decided to support this. She reported attending a recent Playful Cities meeting where she had expressed that New Kent did not have the resources available to many of the larger localities but was excited about being a part of this program. She indicated Playful Cities believed “play is far more than just entertainment and leisure. It’s a fundamental component of a thriving community.” The program also looked at “Playability” which was defined as “the extent to which a city makes it easy for all kids to get balanced and active play.”
- Ms. Turner noted that although P&R was not a mandated program there had been some talk in the general assembly about more state-level control over programs. She suggested the Board’s next Legislative Agenda should include advocating for legislation to support local government regulation of recreation based programs. She noted the current Before and After School and Summer Camps were exempt from state licensure and she was concerned about what state-level regulation could mean to these programs.
- FY18 improvements included renovation of the band room previously mentioned, improvements at Quinton Park and more development on the Pine Fork Park project.
- Possible future FY19 and beyond projects included a community center, outdoor fitness equipment, a launch at Cumberland Landing, a community pool, exploration of a State Forestry partnership and technology upgrades.

Ms. Turner noted it had recently been reported (Weldon Cooper Center) that New Kent was the third fastest growing community in the Commonwealth. Her daughter had asked what this meant for New Kent. She had suggested it would mean school growth, emergency services growth and P&R would also grow. This growth would increase demands on facilities and make the need to coordinate the shared use of schools and public space even more crucial. She also suggested a strategic plan was needed to address the needs of our community. Ms. Turner indicated she knew Ms. Paige wanted P&R to focus more on programs for seniors. Ms. Paige concurred that she felt more was needed in this area and indicated she would meet with some of the seniors in the County to come up with a plan and then meet with P&R to share their ideas. Ms. Turner suggested a strategic plan would be important to determine how best to leverage P&R to accommodate County growth and needs. Ms. Turner also noted a significant shift in expectations and needs of participants. Staff was seeing increases in physical, emotional, behavioral and family support needs and a plan to address those needs would also be a necessity.

Ms. Turner reported upcoming events included National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the Jingle Bell Jog and Grand Illumination scheduled

for Sunday, November 26, 2017. Ms. Turner also mentioned Mr. Davis had recently suggested an activity that could be included as a part of the New Kent County Fair. She asked Mr. Davis to share his suggestion. Mr. Davis indicated he had suggested that several teams be formed to participate in a "friendly competition" of softball on the Saturday of the Fair. He suggested the School Board could have a team as well as Fire-Rescue, the Sheriff's Office and the County. All proceeds from the event would go to the New Kent High School Athletic Department.

Mr. Stiers thanked Ms. Turner and Parks and Recreation staff for the great job they were doing and the programs they were offering. He suggested that many did not realize the amount of effort that went into providing these services.

IN RE: CHANGES IN THE COUNTY'S POSITION ON IRRIGATION METERS

Public Utilities Director Larry Dame reported on a growing call for irrigation meters in places where they were not currently allowed. The Farms of New Kent and Patriots Landing (other than Phase 1) had been the most vocal. It was Public Utilities' policy to not allow irrigation meters beyond what had been promised to existing developments (Phase 1 of Patriots Landing, current infrastructure in Brickshire, the remaining development of Bel Green and the first part of Oakmont Villas). Mr. Dame indicated that with other developments making requests and after speaking with the County Attorney, he felt it was necessary to develop standards and codes to limit the impact of irrigation on the County's future water resources. Mr. Dame indicated things were changing and the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) was cutting back on water allocations. He expressed concerns that with the Bottoms Bridge and Farms of New Kent permits up for renewal in 2019 and the Colonial Downs permit up for renewal in 2021, there could be a significant reduction in available groundwater which could limit commercial expansion on those systems. Mr. Dame provided the following example to show what Public Utilities was currently seeing with existing irrigation meters. He noted the Kentland PUD (Planned Unit Development) was currently permitted at 226 million gallons per year. Of this, only 18,000 gallons of water were permitted per house annually for irrigation. The nearly 550 homes in Brickshire with irrigation meters were averaging 39,000 gallons per year. This equated to 20.8 million gallons used compared to 9.6 million gallons permitted. Mr. Dame also reported several Brickshire addresses had used over 100,000 gallons in a year. Mr. Evelyn asked if the Board could adopt an ordinance giving Public Utilities the authority to turn off the irrigation meter after the 18,000 permitted gallons had been used. Mr. Dame indicated this could be done but noted he wasn't sure that was something the Board would want to get into. He suggested overuse could be better addressed with increased fees. He suggested compliance would be one of the biggest issues the County would face when being considered for permit renewals. He suggested the DEQ would be looking at monthly reports for compliance and pointed out that irrigation water usage at some homes in Brickshire and Patriots Landing was currently exceeding domestic usage. Mr. Davis suggested homes where residents were only paying for water would be more likely to exceed permitted amounts. Mr. Dame agreed and reported it had been proven that in areas where requests for irrigation meters had been denied, users who were also paying for sewer were more conservative water users.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Dame what he would have the Board do to address these concerns. Mr. Dame indicated he would like authorization to move forward with developing an irrigation policy. Ms. Paige asked if he was suggesting a policy to address irrigation in communities that had irrigation versus those that did not. Mr. Dame suggested the County needed to put some policy in place that would stem the current over usage and added that if something wasn't done, he believed there would not be enough water available to support

commercial growth when new permits were negotiated in 2019. Ms. Paige suggested an irrigation policy should govern the entire County and not just select communities. She suggested all residents should be treated the same.

Mr. Dame indicated cost was a good deterrent for overuse of water and presented the Board with a variety of suggestions on ways to reduce the overuse of irrigation water. The following fees and charges were suggested:

- Irrigation Availability Fee - \$1,000 for a ¾" meter
- Irrigation Installation Cost - \$800 for installation and \$300 for the meter
- Inspection Fee – a flat rate of \$75
- Service Fee - \$10 bi-monthly
- Irrigation User Fee – minimum usage charges for 6,000 gallons or less for both domestic and irrigation usage. Rates would increase on a sliding scale based on usage.

Mr. Dame indicated he would like to move forward with the process of putting the necessary County Code changes in place. This would require a public hearing and he would like to have this in place by the end of the year and ready for implementation on January 1, 2018.

Ms. Paige moved to ask the Director of Public Utilities with the County Attorney to move forward with an Irrigation Meter Policy and Code changes as discussed. The members were polled:

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

The motion carried.

Mr. Davis called for a brief recess at 10:30 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS – SCHOOL BOARD ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway indicated the Board had received a written request for an additional \$25,000 in funding from the School Board. The School Board had indicated these funds would be used to partially fund a fulltime staff position for an alternative education program for students who had been expelled from school. The School Board was also requesting the use of one classrooms in the east wing of the Historic School property (building currently occupied by Rappahannock Community College and the Bridging Communities Regional Career and Technical Center). Mr. Hathaway indicated two rooms on the second floor had not been renovated and some funding was available from the 2015 renovation. Renovations would include the replacement of an exterior window wall. Plans had been drawn a year or more ago and were ready to be put out for bids. Ms. Paige asked "how much?" Mr. Hathaway indicated approximately \$440,000 in funding was available. Ms. Paige noted she had been asking for the renovation cost. Mr. Hathaway indicated replacing the window wall would cost approximately \$200,000 and approximately \$100,000 in additional site work was also needed.

The mention of site work reminded Mr. Evelyn of a concern he had noticed on the Historic School campus. He reported a drain pipe between several of the ball fields appeared to be emitting sewage. Mr. Hathaway indicated he was not aware of this but would investigate.

Mr. Hathaway reported the site work previously mentioned included the installation of additional parking spaces and addressed some drainage issues. Ms. Paige asked if the rooms on the second floor were handicap accessible. Mr. Hathaway indicated the rooms were not currently handicap accessible but plans were in place to correct this with a chair type lift on the stairway.

Mr. Hathaway invited School Superintendent Dr. David Myers to the table to answer any questions. Mr. Stiers asked how many students would be involved in the alternative education program. Dr. Myers indicated plans were to not only include long-term suspended and expelled students in the program but to also have a suspension intervention program in place for students with short-term suspensions (less than 10 days). He suggested the program would function as a mentoring program and students wishing to prepare for GED testing would be able to do so through the ISAP (Individual Student Alternative Education Plan) program. He reported long-term suspensions averaged about fifteen each year and suggested that 75 to 125 students could be involved in various components of the program throughout the school year.

Mr. Davis asked why the School Board had decided to no longer use the RASP (Regional Alternative School Program) in King William County. Dr. Myers indicated there had been a number of reasons New Kent had decided to no longer participate. He reported the fact that the program was only offered in the evening and was a fifty minute drive from New Kent had been two big factors. He also noted New Kent's current four by four schedule did not mesh well with the RASP program semester format. He indicated New Kent had not sent students to the program for the past year. Mr. Evelyn asked what the School Board had been doing for these students. Dr. Myers indicated online programming had been used but it had been decided it was not meeting their needs. Mr. Evelyn asked if it was the County's responsibility to educate children who had been expelled and if so, could the County put some financial burden on the parents or guardians. Dr. Myers indicated he was not aware of any school divisions that were doing this and suggested all divisions had some type of program in place to continue providing education to these students. Dr. Myers also reported the School Board attorney had advised them to not charge for these programs. He also suggested that many of the students were coming from disadvantaged situations and were not able to pay. Mr. Stiers asked the age of the students who would be in the program. Dr. Myers indicated students would only come from New Kent High School and New Kent Middle School. Mr. Evelyn suggested these students should do some work such as washing fire trucks or police cars during their suspension. Dr. Myers indicated plans were to have an intervention program in place to assist students with goal setting and to provide character education and drug counseling. Ms. Paige indicated she felt the school systems were "taking on a never ending burden" and suggested students were being sent back into homes where they were not receiving support. School Board Chair Dr. Gail Hardinge joined the conversation and suggested that so much of what schools could and could not do was controlled by legislation. She also pointed out that regulations guiding our schools were constantly increasing. The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) was using test scores, graduation rates and a host of other information to determine each school's accreditation status. Dr. Harding suggested schools were doing all they could to assure student success and there was little they could do for students who were less fortunate. Even though schools were putting structure in place while at school, many students were going back home to limited or no structure. Dr. Hardinge suggested this was "not a one way thing" and noted schools were functioning under legislative and VDOE requirements and they wanted to do what they could to "turn these kids around".

Referencing students who had been expelled, Mr. Davis asked if any of these students were ever expelled again. Dr. Myers suggested there had been only one or two students to be expelled more than once during his time as Superintendent. He suggested schools were trying to give these students supports that would help them not become repeats. He further suggested some of the students had "just made a bad choice" and noted that some were coming "from families with issues that manifest themselves at school". Dr. Hardinge noted New Kent had previously offered a program called The Community That Cares which had worked with expelled and suspended students to help them stay on track and graduate or earn a GED. She indicated there had been some problems with this program and it had been discontinued. Mr. Stiers asked if students in the alternative education program would be riding school buses. Dr. Myers indicated this was something to be discussed and noted he wasn't sure at this point. He did point out that school buses had been used to transport students to The Community That Cares program. Ms. Paige indicated she was aware of three students who had been suspended three times. She reported the parents of two of the three thought their child had not done the act of which they had been accused and had suggested the schools were "just picking on them". Dr. Myers suggested we imagine how much worse it would be if students in these situations did not stay in school and did not graduate. He indicated schools were seeing more and more discipline issues but suggested it would be better for New Kent to be a school system that offered these students interventions. He added that the goal was to help these students set goals, have some accountability, integrate them back into the school setting and have them graduate.

Mr. Davis asked if plans were to have this program up and running this fall. Dr. Myers indicated a fall opening was planned. Mr. Hathaway indicated the alternative education program may have to share space with RCC until the classroom renovation was complete. Mr. Evelyn asked where the funds previously designated for The Community That Cares program had been used. Dr. Myers indicated that some of the funds had covered the cost of transporting students to the King William program. Dr. Hardinge also noted some of the funds had been used to cover the cost of online programs.

Ms. Paige reported Supervisors had received emails from School Board members suggesting activity buses were being cut from the budget as a result of the Board of Supervisors reducing the School Board appropriation by \$25,000. She noted the School Board was now asking for \$25,000 for an alternative education position and asked what the School Board was planning to do with activity buses. Dr. Myers noted activity buses were not mandated and when the School Board had learned of the \$25,000 reduction, staff had been asked to look for non-mandated areas where cuts could be made. He noted the School Board was not advocating giving up the activity buses but suggested there may be a need to reduce the service. Dr. Hardinge noted the activity bus routes ended early in the school year and it may be necessary to end them earlier than in the past. She also noted as Dr. Myers had said that School Board staff had been asked to find non-academic and non-mandated areas where cuts could be made. She suggested the activity bus was a community service; its existence helped create opportunities for students and was a service to parents. Mr. Evelyn asked for the annual cost of running the activity buses. Dr. Myers indicated the activity bus expenses were not budgeted as a separate line item but had been estimated to cost approximately \$25,000 for fuel and salaries. He indicated he did not think activity buses would have to be cut. Mr. Evelyn pointed out the June 15th letter signed by all five School Board members had indicated some activity bus routes had been cut. Dr. Hardinge suggested the Superintendent and the School Board did not want to cut activity buses but they had to find something to cut. Dr. Myers suggested the School Board was operating with a "Budget of Need" and had asked for only what was needed. He noted the School Board did receive extra funding for additional ADM (Average Daily Membership) but pointed

out that with increases in ADM also came increases in costs. He added that \$25,000 would go a long way in helping the School Board establish this alternative education position and noted \$23,000 was already budgeted for this purpose.

Ms. Paige noted she had served on the budget review team and it had become difficult when department requests were more than the budget. She cited the Sheriff's Office who had requested several deputy officer and dispatch positions as an example. The budget team had not recommended funding all of the requested positions and Ms. Paige suggested \$25,000 could fund a dispatch position beginning in January. She added that other County department budget requests had been cut more than \$25,000. She suggested the Board of Supervisors "don't have a clue what you really need" and noted the Board of Supervisors had to look at the needs of the entire County and look to the future as well. Dr. Hardinge asked for clarification regarding Ms. Paige's statement about what the School Board needed. Ms. Paige indicated the School Board had provided only summary budget information at the budget retreat. Dr. Myers indicated the School Board would be happy to meet with Supervisors earlier in the budget process and provide more information to be more transparent. He noted the School Board and he wanted the Supervisors to "feel comfortable with where the money goes." The School Board and the Supervisors had worked well together in the past and he hoped they would continue to do so in the future.

Mr. Evelyn moved to appropriate \$25,000 from the Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund contingency account to the School Board's budget for the purpose of hiring full time staff support for the School's alternative education and intervention program. The members were polled:

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

The motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Davis announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2017 and the next work session would be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, both in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building.

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

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

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.