

Legislative Agenda 2013

New Kent County Board of Supervisors

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**Part I. 2013 Legislative Agenda Action Items**

1.1 Gaming

Study the impacts of expanding the options for gaming in the Commonwealth as a revenue source for transportation and resource protection infrastructure. The State is facing increasing levels of unfunded infrastructure needs for which a non-taxpayer-generated revenue source such as expanded gaming options at the existing pari-mutuel horse track could provide a substantial contribution. Studying the potential options available to determine positive and negative impacts, financial feasibility and the estimated revenue streams would allow decision-making to occur with full knowledge of the benefits and costs that could accrue.

1.2 Broadband

The Board urges the Commonwealth to assist private providers in their efforts to deploy affordable access to high speed internet services (“Broadband”) to residents and businesses in underserved and rural areas. State assistance should include economic incentives as well as statewide budgetary and statutory policies that facilitate broadband-deployment.

1.3 Manufactured Housing

Study how the State can more effectively monitor and enforce the quality of manufactured housing. Also how the State can enact regulations that better protect the consumer of manufactured housing from poor quality and construction. Manufactured housing is an important part of our local housing market and provides affordable housing options to our residents. This is a significant investment for our residents, one that should be better protected by local and State legislation.

**Part II. Position/Legislation Supported By the County**

- 2-1. The County supports the constitutional amendment restricting the use of eminent domain in the Commonwealth.
- 2-2. The County supports full funding for all legislation mandated for localities by the General Assembly that has a cost associated with it. Also, in the event that funding is no longer provided by the Commonwealth at a future time the mandate would sunset and no longer be binding on the localities.
- 2-3. The County supports legislation increasing funding to the Virginia Department of Transportation in an amount sufficient to allow VDOT to resume regular maintenance of state-owned medians.
- 2-4. The County urges the General Assembly to increase funding for the Virginia Tourism Corporation to promote tourism in Virginia.
- 2-5. The County urges the General Assembly to address critical transportation infrastructure needs by using a statewide approach rather than a regional or local approach.
- 2-6. The County supports planning for a commuter rail system from Richmond to the Peninsula to connect urban centers for commuters and provide transportation alternatives.
- 2-7. The County supports legislation that incentivizes regional cooperation and service delivery to promote efficiency, mitigate inequities, and overcome barriers that result from Virginia's unique local government structure.

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