

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD A WORK SESSION PRIOR TO THE
REGULAR MEETING ON THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR TWO
THOUSAND ONE OF OUR LORD IN THE OLD COURTHOUSE AT 4:00 P.M.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Julian T. Lipscomb	Present
Rebecca M. Ringley	Present
Dean E. Raynes	Absent
W. R. "Ray" Davis Jr.	Present
James H. Burrell	Present

IN RE: QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS
 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mrs. Barbara Gregory, Clerk of the Circuit Court was the first to address the Board. She stated the tax sales on the lots at Woodhaven Shores was between \$2,700 - \$2,800. She also asked for the County to cover the salaries for her employees through June of 2001 while her department changed their method of paying salaries. The County would be reimbursed by Mrs. Gregory's office each month.

Mr. Jones, Treasurer, reported his office had a very successful tax season. Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Crump and his staff and Mr. Emerson and his staff for the support they gave to the Treasurer's Office during this busy time. He reported a 92% collection rate in real estate, a 78% personal property collection rate, an 87% decal collection rate, and public service collection was 100% for an overall collection rate of 89%. He reported he had a plan for getting that percentage to higher levels. He reported penalty collections thus far of \$15,990.45. His collection plan is to send second notices on February 5, 2001, final notices on March 12, 2001 and collections actions will begin on April 1, 2001. Mr. Jones stated he thought some of the Board members had received calls regarding Treasurer's liens his office had put on some bank accounts. He stated if someone owed taxes and stated they were not paying all of the taxes or the penalty on their accounts, he would initiate a Treasurer's lien on their bank account.

Mrs. Ringley said she had received a call complaining that the Treasurer's Department had put a lien on someone's bank account and they complained the Treasurer's Office was closed for the holidays and the person could not get in to ask about it or to clear it up.

John Crump, Commissioner of Revenue, reported his office desperately needs a real estate system. He is concerned as to whether his office should wait until the County gets its web site up and running or to buy a system for his office. He stated it is difficult to respond to budget requests before knowing the cost. Also, Mr. Crump is very concerned about the salary supplements, stating he has one or two people ready to leave if they do not get raises. He stated the Governor has cut the Commissioners of Revenue by \$3 million this year. Mr. Emerson stated this was because for a long time the General

Assembly had viewed Commissioners of Revenue and Treasurers as doing more local work than state work; therefore, the State does not feel a need to heavily fund these positions. Mr. Emerson reminded everyone that Robinson Farmer Cox Associates was in the process of conducting a compensation study for the County.

Sheriff Howard came in in time to talk to the Board. He told the Board Mr. Gregory was still in Court and would not be able to attend the meeting. He reported the new radio system is up and running but still has many bugs to be worked out. He encouraged the Board not to pay the final invoices until all radios were up and running perfectly.

Sheriff Howard also reported Haxall Ward, of Verizon E-911 service, had asked Sheriff Howard to write a letter to Verizon stating the system was up and running nicely. Sheriff Howard stated he cannot do that until we have a true emergency situation and the E-911 system is truly tested. He also stated Ms. Ward would make a presentation to the Board hopefully at the February meeting.

Mr. Davis inquired about a 9.9% calling card (connection) fee being charged by Verizon. He wanted someone to check into the fee, determine what it was for and see if any of the money was coming back to the localities.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Burrell adjourned the work session to the regular meeting at 5:40 P.M.