

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD A WORK SESSION PRIOR TO THE
REGULAR MEETING ON THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR TWO
THOUSAND ONE OF OUR LORD IN THE OLD COURTHOUSE AT 4:00 P.M.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Burrell made a motion to go into closed session for discussions relating to the acquisition (or sale) of real property for public use pursuant to §2.1-344(a)(3) of the Code of Virginia.

The members were polled:

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

The members came out of closed session at 5:11 p.m.

Mrs. Ringley made a motion to come out of closed session and stated:

Whereas, the New Kent County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting 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 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, therefore, 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 meeting requirement by Virginia law were discussed in closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

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

IN RE: PRESENTATION - Gary D. Mitchell, Director of Planning discussed with the Board several issues associated with the ISTEAs sidewalk grant project.

In connection with the ISTEAs grants previously awarded to the County, Mr. Mitchell had several issues to discuss with the Board. He stated he had received a suggestion from the Historic Commission asking the Board to consider exposed aggregate concrete sidewalks around the Old Courthouse building. There presently exists non-aggregate walk which will connect with the new proposed sidewalk. The additional cost for this exposed aggregate sidewalk is \$800.

The second issue was whether or not to place a concrete walk around the gravel parking lot between the Middle and Primary Schools at a cost of \$5,740. There would also be the option of not putting in the walk along Rt. 249 in front of the gravel parking lot. This would lower the cost by \$1,400 (\$5,740 - \$1,400 = \$4,370).

Mr. Mitchell recommended the inclusion of the additional sidewalk around the gravel parking lot as well as the cross-walk originally bid. This would increase the project by \$5,740.

There was discussion by the members as to safety and other issues but the consensus of the Board was to accept Mr. Mitchell's recommendation. Mr. Burrell made a motion to go with the aggregate walk around the Old Courthouse and to keep both the front and rear sidewalks between the Middle and Primary Schools. The members were polled:

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

When completed, the sidewalk will go from the High School to the Post Office. Mr. Emerson reminded the members the total cost for this project is \$96,420 plus engineering costs, 20% of which is the County's portion. The bottom line is the County has about \$30,000 exposure in the project.

IN RE: PRESENTATION - Mr. Emerson discussed the budget.

Mr. Emerson told the Board members he had their budget books waiting for them in the Board room. He stated he was still working on revenues. He asked the Board members to set a date to be available for an all day budget work session. They agreed on Friday, March 23, 2001, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

IN RE: PRESENTATION - Mr. Emerson discussed the Regional Economic Development Group.

Mr. Emerson discussed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding of the regional economic development group with the Board. At this point, New Kent's contribution to the effort would be approximately \$139,738. Mr. Emerson felt the rough spots had been worked out and the MOU was nearing its final stages. He would like to put the MOU on the April Consent Agenda if the members agreed to that. The goal of the group is to begin operation on July 1, 2001. Mr. Emerson stated the group would be operating out of the New Kent County Administration Office initially but then maybe rent space at some point in the Bottoms Bridge area.

Mr. Davis inquired about voting numbers on the group. Mr. Emerson stated each locality would have 4 people, with the votes being weighted -- New Kent 3, Charles City 2 and West Point 1.

As it stands now, for a locality to withdraw it would have to be agreed on by all the participating localities and the withdrawing locality would have to be fully paid up for that year. The issue of a locality wanting to join after the group has been started was discussed. That will have to be worked out when the time comes.

IN RE: CONTINUATION OF THE MEETING TO THE BOARD ROOM

Before continuing the meeting to the Board room, Chairman Lipscomb stated a lady from American Farmers Trust would like to come make a presentation to the Board at some point. The members were amenable to her visit.

Mrs. Ringley stated Jack Ward from Byrd Airport would also like to come talk to the Board at some point.

Mr. Emerson reminded the Board members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting on March 15, 2001, 10:00 a.m. He urged the Board members to attend this meeting to voice New Kent's concern that it had not been consulted in regard to the weigh station issue.

Chairman Lipscomb continued the work session to the regular meeting at 5:50 p.m.