

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON  
THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND ONE OF OUR LORD IN  
THE BOARDROOM OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 6:00  
P.M.

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IN RE:            INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Burrell gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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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

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IN RE:            CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Emerson presented the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: approval of the minutes from the March 12, 2001 work session and the March 12, 2001 regular meeting; refund of \$40 to Pamela Horsley for a cancelled Parks and Recreation class; refund of \$90 to Melissa Stump for Parks and Recreation class cancellation due to conflict; \$80 refund to Kathy Evers for Parks and Recreation class cancellation due to conflict; \$40 to Amy Kling for cancelled Parks and Recreation class; appropriation of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant No. 01-D1160L99 - \$2,802; appropriation of additional State Compensation Board revenues for the Sheriff's Office - \$3,538.95; appropriation of additional funds allocated by the State to be used for administration expenses - \$2,812; appropriation of additional funds to General District Court - \$4,350; total supplemental appropriation \$14,123.86, a total of \$9,211.46 money in/money out; \$4,912.40 from general fund balance; Finance Report showing monthly expenditures for March 2001 of \$2,117,039.14; and Treasurer's Report showing total cash as of February 2001 of \$15,790,004.60. Mr. Burrell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The members were polled:

Mrs. Ringley	Aye
Mr. Burrell	Aye
Mr. Raynes	Aye
Mr. Davis	Aye
Mr. Lipscomb	Aye

The motion carried.

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IN RE: CITIZEN'S COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Lipscomb opened the Citizen's Comment Period. Mr. Mark Hennaman spoke about the issue of the possibility of the weigh station being relocated into New Kent County. Mr. Hennaman is opposed to the idea, stating the additional burden on the local courts would cost the taxpayers of New Kent. He ended by saying he hoped the Board of Supervisors would adamantly oppose the relocation of the scales to New Kent.

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IN RE: ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Mrs. Ringley reported only that she had attended a recent meeting of the Senior Connections. She expressed her appreciation to the Board for this appointment and stated the Senior Connections Board is a "working" board and she will keep everyone apprised of the status of the work of the board.

Mr. Davis thanked the citizens who had attended the Vision 20/20 meeting at the High School. He appreciates the input from the county citizens.

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IN RE: STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Emerson had no staff reports.

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IN RE: RESIDENT ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Rob Prezioso, Resident Engineer from VDOT, updated the Board of Supervisors on projects which have been accomplished within New Kent County and other tasks which are scheduled to be completed. Mr. Prezioso stated the Rt. 606 project had been advertised and he expected bids later in April. VDOT is looking at a July finish for Rt. 676 near the airport and reports the project is going well. The Rt. 60/240 project bids would be received in April and Mr. Prezioso thought the job would be contracted by June. As usual, VDOT continues with pothole patching, trash pick up, tree limbing and ditch pulling within the County. Mr. Prezioso told the Board the week of April 9 was *Work Zone Awareness Week* and asked for the support of the County in keeping an eye out for VDOT workers and helping to keep them safe.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Prezioso about the status of Polish Town Road and Brown's Avenue. He also asked if VDOT could put up a "stronger" sign to attempt to control the trash/litter problem on Farmers Drive. Mr. Prezioso stated they were still working on the two roads and he would check on a new sign. Mr. Davis told Mr. Prezioso he would have the Clean County Committee contact VDOT. Mr. Burrell stated there was a litter problem on his road as well. Mr. Raynes asked Mr. Prezioso to check on the new railroad crossing on Colony Trail. It has recently been changed and needed to be re-worked. Mrs. Ringley stated she had a constituent call her to say they were very pleased with the contractor's work on Ashland Farm Road. Mr. Lipscomb told Mr. Prezioso

Hopewell Road was in need of some maintenance, Hwy 249 east of Poindexter Rd. had a pothole in need of repair and also asked Mr. Prezioso to check into whether the 6 year plan of VDOT included paving the 2 sections of Rt. 608 which were currently not paved.

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IN RE:           PRESENTATION – By Mr. Thomas Hawthorne regarding the issues surrounding the weigh station presently located in Henrico County.

Mr. Tom Hawthorne, District Administrator, Richmond District, of the Virginia Department of Transportation spoke to the Board about the study currently underway in search of a new location for the weigh station currently located in eastern Henrico County. Mr. Hawthorne stated the 1999 General Assembly had directed VDOT to undertake a study dealing with the relocation of the weigh station. Phase I of the study has been completed. This phase took a dictated set of criteria (which included requirements (east of Henrico County) of 1.5 miles of interstate with a maximum grade of 2%, 5 acres of land and a minimal bypass access) and looked for sites meeting this criteria. There were 6 sites located -- 1 in James City County and 5 in New Kent County. Mr. Hawthorne stated Phase II has not begun. This will involve informational meetings in New Kent and James City County sometime during July and August 2001. After this VDOT will present a specific cost analysis, an environmental impact statement on each site and 2 or 3 viable alternatives to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Mr. Hawthorne stated the intent of phase I was certainly not to “not involve the public.” He apologized to the Board of Supervisors if they had felt deliberately left out of the process. Mr. Jim Cline, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, was present with Mr. Hawthorne. In response to questions from the Board about increased citations and increased work on the County court systems, Mr. Cline and Mr. Hawthorne stated there were approximately 3,500 citations per year given at the weigh station. The Board emphasized how this would overload our already busy courts. The Board discussed with Mr. Hawthorne how they felt there were no really good reasons to move the scales. The scales seem to be operational and to move them would obviously cost a lot of money -- money the Governor is already saying we do not have. The Board also stated their feelings the study group should have included the possibility of leaving the scales where they are in their study. Mr. Hawthorne said he could not speak to that issue and reiterated the fact that VDOT is reacting to directions from the General Assembly.

Mr. Raynes suggested Mr. Emerson write a letter from the Board to Governor Gilmore expressing the feelings of the Board with respect to the way the situation has been handled as well as the opposition to the move just “to get it out of Henrico County.” Mrs. Ringley asked Mr. Hawthorne who the citizens of the County needed to contact to voice their opposition to the move. Mr. Hawthorne responded it would be either DMV or VDOT -- he was not sure which one.

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IN RE:           PRESENTATION – By Mr. Steve Miles, Board Chairman of the Greater Richmond Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Miles addressed the Board regarding Meals on Wheels coming to the New Kent area. Mr. Miles explained Meals on Wheels is a non-profit agency serving not only elderly people but disabled people as well. Meals on Wheels serves any age people with a

disability, not just the elderly. Applicants are asked to pass a screening which includes an income test, an evaluation with regard to prescription drug costs not reimbursed and “other” income.

Meals on Wheels has researched the local area and will begin by serving 30 residents in New Kent on October 1, 2001. Mr. Miles was at the Board meeting to encourage and recruit volunteers. He asked the Board members to please encourage their constituents to volunteer in the Meals on Wheels effort. Six volunteers are needed per day and Mr. Miles suggests that volunteers work in teams of two people. There will be an informational/outreach meeting for Meals on Wheels on **May 15, 2001, 6:30 p.m.** at St. Peters Church.

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IN RE:           PRESENTATION – By Ms. Lisa Guthrie, Executive Director of the Virginia League of Conservation Voters, and Ms. Margaret Heinrich, Director of American Farmland Trust.

Ms. Guthrie in her capacity as Executive Director of the Virginia League of Conservation Voters, stated her agency had worked with many non-profit agencies in many different areas. She has enjoyed her work with American Farmland Trust and introduced Ms. Heinrich who made a presentation to the Board about the work American Farmland Trust does. American Farmland Trust is a private non-profit organization established in 1980 and dedicated to conserving agricultural resources. They assist state and local governments, private groups, public agencies, and individual landowners in meeting their farmland protection goals. American Farmland Trust is one of the few national organizations focusing on directly expanding the capacity of local government through outreach and education, fiscal and policy studies, strategic resource identification, task for facilitation, rural preservation program development and grassroots education.

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, based in Culpeper, Virginia, is concentrating its efforts in key regions of the Commonwealth, including the Eastern Shore, Southwestern Virginia and the Richmond metropolitan area. The Mid-Atlantic staff works with citizen activist groups, established organizations like the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, and the local policymakers. By providing informative studies, as well as technical information on the tools available to localities, regional staff are able to help communities make decisions about growth and the future of local agricultural enterprises.

The Board members thanked Ms. Heinrich for her very interesting presentation.

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IN RE:           APPOINTMENTS – The Board will continue to make appointments to various committees.

Mr. Raynes moved to appoint Duane Goss as District Four’s representative to the New Kent County Airport Commission for a one-year term ending December 31, 2001.

The members were polled:

Mrs. Ringley	Aye
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Mr. Burrell	Aye
Mr. Raynes	Aye
Mr. Davis	Aye
Mr. Lipscomb	Aye

The motion carried.

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IN RE: MEETING SCHEDULE – The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held Monday, May 14, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. A work session will be held prior to the regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the courtroom of the Old Courthouse.

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IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lipscomb adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.