

THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS WAS HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND IN THE COURTROOM OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE AT 5:00 P.M.

IN RE: ATTENDANCE

All of the Board members were present: Mr. Burrell, Mr. Lipscomb, Ms. Ringley, Mr. Raynes, and Mr. Davis. All constitutional officers were present: Ms. Gregory, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Jones, Sheriff Howard, and John Crump.

IN RE: BARBARA GREGORY – CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Ms. Gregory stated the first delinquent tax sales, in the amount of \$74,000-75,000, have not been claimed. Mr. Cornwell said they will be filing again in six months. The money sits for two years and then reverts to the county.

IN RE: JOHN CRUMP – COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Mr. Crump said the business license renewals went out last week. They have already started receiving responses. Mr. Crump said he and the Treasurer are interested in decal notices being sent to new residents of the county telling them they have thirty days to get their New Kent decal. This would allow his office records to be more up-to-date, and the county would get revenue sooner. Mr. Crump said he could get this information from DMV. Mr. Gregory said some people purchase car registrations for two years, move here in February, and still use the other county's sticker. Mr. Crump said most of the other jurisdictions did this and it seemed to work. The Board discussed this issue. Mr. Cornwell said this change would require changing the County Code by ordinance. Sheriff Howard said if they have a valid county sticker from any jurisdiction, they do not issue a summons. This was brought before the Board several years ago and the former Treasurer did not want to change the County Code to do this. If the County Code is changed it creates an enforcement issue for both the Sheriff and the Treasurer. Mr. Crump said he was interested in this because of the customer service – new residents would not have to come in and have their information keyed by his office and then go to the Treasurer's office to purchase the decal. The Treasurer would send a letter to new residents or new vehicle owners and tell them they have thirty days to purchase their county decal, remit the money to them, and a decal is sent – all via mail. Mr. Crump said he would still like the ability to make refunds without going through the current process. Mr. Cornwell pointed out the refunds were for improper assessments, not improper payment and it's approved by the Treasurer, not the Commissioner. Improper payment has to come to the Board for approval. The definition of "improper payment" was discussed. To make a change the Board would have to adopt an ordinance. Mr. Crump said he was still interested in meeting with the Treasurer and Ms. Dessoffy on a regular basis to develop financial reports on revenue and expenditures. Whenever a building lot is sold or there is a transfer, his staff has to get involved, and it's difficult to keep

up. He will try to keep the Board advised of the number of lots that are being created. He likes his new office space. They have submitted all the planned unit development by the track and sent it to the state a month ago with all the plats they had for Colonial Downs, golf course, and Bluegreen. This will be projected onto the maps his office has.

IN RE: LINWOOD GREGORY – COMMONWEALTHS ATTORNEY

Mr. Gregory discussed the traffic regulations (mainly the speed limit) in the Woodhaven subdivision. Speed limits are established by Virginia statutes because it is a residential area. Some of the residents in Woodhaven are requesting speed limit enforcement. Mr. Cornwell said unless otherwise posted, the speed limit would be 25 mph, and to change that you would have to have a speed study. Sheriff Howard said they currently write summons for DUI, driving suspended, and reckless driving. Mr. Gregory was concerned about the reassessors evaluation of land. He did not feel they had any justification for their evaluations. They evaluated raw farmland at \$3,000/acre (depending on where it's located) to \$2,000/acre. They justified their evaluation on one sale from the Tunstall tract on Route 640 off of Route 60. He felt this was not a fair sale to use. He also discussed other evaluations. Mr. Davis agreed with Mr. Gregory, land has gone up 33 percent and residences 20 percent. Discussion followed on this subject. Mr. Burrell said they would have to take that up with the Board of Equalization.

IN RE: F. W. HOWARD – SHERIFF

Sheriff Howard said the study on the radio system was being forwarded to the Board soon and he urged them to work on it as much as possible. His office is still having problems with losing radio contact. Regarding county decals, they are behind enforcing these due to the closing of the Treasurer's Office during the transition and then the snow. Also, when you have a check detail you can't check just county decals, you have to check everything to be equal with everybody. They have received an \$1,800.00 grant from the Sheriff's Association for traffic enforcement – occupant restraints. He asked the Board to support Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week (February 13-19). Mr. Burrell asked Mr. Emerson to prepare a letter of support for the Sheriff. Regarding Strawberry Hills Race on April 15 at Colonial Downs, he has to bring officers in from neighboring localities and swear them in in the morning to work for the race event only. He asked Mr. Cornwell to check on workmans compensation issues regarding this event. Admissions tax for this event was discussed.

IN RE: HERBERT C. JONES – TREASURER

Mr. Jones said the delinquent tax notices were going out this week (real estate), and they will try to get personal property taxes out next week. He is working with Mr. Stanger on consolidating personal property bills for next year. He encouraged direct deposit because of employees losing checks and the \$25.00 fee to stop payment and issue a replacement check. Mr. Cornwell and Mr. Emerson stated the \$25.00 stop check fee could be charged to the person making the request. Mr. Jones would also like to have a dropbox put into the Treasurer's Office. The current dropbox behind the Sheriff's Office is for the Treasurer's Office and was placed where it is so it could be monitored by the Sheriff's Office camera. The decision to place it there was made by the former treasurer. Mr. Jones said they were \$30,000 short in the decal collection. He has

transferred \$4,000,000 to LGIP. Mr. Jones said he would also like to see a management report, this is commonly done in business and he considers the citizens to be shareholders. Mr. Crump stated he wanted more meetings with the Board to discuss specific issues. Those present discussed this and the consensus was that quarterly meetings with the constitutional officers were sufficient. Mr. Jones said he did not know if he could commit to doing a monthly report for the Board, he could do a verbal report. It was decided the Board would receive the Treasurer's report and approve it a month later.

The Board recessed at 5:44 p.m.