

A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT ISSUE WAS HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND IN THE COURTROOM OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE AT 4:30 P.M. ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

IN RE: HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT PROPOSAL

Mr. Emerson stated the county needed to take over the Parham Landing sewage treatment plant on March 1, 2000. After negotiations with Hampton Roads Sanitation District to try to achieve a contract, it has become evident HRSD is unwilling to operate the Colonial Downs sewage treatment facility, they are only interested in Parham Landing. The price to operate just the Parham Landing facility is much higher than expected. If they (HRSD) do not want to operate both facilities then there is no cost savings to New Kent, it increases the county's costs. Mr. Emerson's recommendation was to move forward and let the county operate the facilities. In a meeting the week before last, the HRSD representative indicated if HRSD were to obtain ownership of Parham Landing, in the future they would want to not only pump West Point to it, but also Gloucester's effluent as well. The engineers who designed the facility say it is expandable, but the biological makeup of the river will only handle so much effluent and the availability of land surrounding the plant limits its expansion. In the long-term, if the Board were to get into an arrangement with HRSD, they would need to be careful to ensure the future growth of the county was not short-changed. The flip side is the water and sewer lines would be extended to the Eltham area quicker. The water and sewer lines are being taken to the Commercial Carrier site because of the grants that were awarded. HRSD would rather pump the sewage from Bluegreen and Delmarva to Parham Landing than develop the facility (Chickahominy) and this is not cost effective. HRSD does not do water, so the county would have to handle that. Also, the sewer line to be run into Bottoms Bridge in the future involves a pump station, which would have to be handled by the county's public utilities if HRSD is unwilling to come past the Route 33 corridor. There is also the potential of another sewage treatment plant being developed in the Kenwood/Greenwood Farms area. The Board discussed the costs of operation - \$457,000/year for HRSD, \$350,000/year for Henrico, and \$300,000/year by the county. Mr. Loving said he would need two wastewater operators to operate both plants. The Board discussed the duties of the wastewater operators and asked Mr. Loving to confirm his ability to have repairs made in the event of an emergency. Mr. Loving said he could have someone respond within four hours with equipment from Mechanicsville Capital Service, which does both pump and line repair and sewer repair. If there's a major break they could shut the plant down and store the effluent until repaired. It was the Board's consensus to go with Mr. Emerson's recommendation to have the county operate the sewage treatment facilities.

IN RE: STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Emerson reviewed the need to appoint a Board of Equalization at the March board meeting. The School Board has requested a joint meeting with the Board, and it was Mr. Emerson's understanding the Board wished to meet prior to this joint meeting. He said he would poll the

Board for available dates and work on setting up these meetings. Mr. Emerson suggested the Board may want to delay the Western End Overlay District work session until after the budget sessions. The Water Rate and Sewer Rate Study rough draft has been received, work still needs to be done on this – such as how to include generators on the systems (finance or pay cash). Also, the connection fees need to be looked at. The information will be ready for the budget discussions. Mr. Emerson handed out a proposed budget calendar to the Board members. He and Lisa will be meeting with the department heads and constitutional officers next week. The Board will also be contacted about available dates to meet with the department heads and constitutional officers. The Board discussed possible meeting dates – Ms. Cerza will call and poll the Board members on this. Mr. Emerson felt Mrs. Ringley's idea of quarterly work sessions was a good idea and after the budget the Board may want to consider doing this. Mr. Emerson said the report on electronic board package was still being developed. Currently it was in a readable form, but the average board package takes 3-5 hours to scan in and uses 4 zip disks at a cost of \$10.00 per disk. Mr. Stanger is still working on fine tuning this. The Board recessed the meeting at 5:00 p.m.