

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD AN INFORMAL MEETING ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND OF OUR LORD AT DAVID'S WHITEHOUSE RESTAURANT, PROVIDENCE FORGE, VIRGINIA AT 6:30 P.M.

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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

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IN RE: DISCUSSION WITH SENATOR BILL BOLLING

The Board members met and had dinner with Senator Bill Bolling, Senator from the Fourth Senatorial District of Virginia, to discuss upcoming legislation involving New Kent County.

Senator Bolling told the Board members the Commonwealth of Virginia had already spent \$17 million of next year's budget and explained it would be a tight year financially for the Commonwealth.

The Board members addressed the following issues with Senator Bolling:

1. A. Taxation: The Board requested Senator Bolling's support of VACo's 50/40/10 formula for the distribution of income tax revenues to be returned to localities. This formula provides 10% of the available funds distributed equally to counties and cities; 40% of available funds distributed based upon where the wages were earned; 50% of available funds distributed to counties and cities based upon residence of the tax payer.  
  
B. Admissions Tax: The Board requested Senator Bolling add New Kent County to the Section of the Code of Virginia which allows for collection of admissions taxes to events within localities. Senator was quick to point out he normally does not introduce tax matters.
2. Parks and Recreation: The Board requested Senator Bolling's continued support for the planning, development and maintenance of passive recreation facilities at Crawford State Forest.
3. Virginia Department of Transportation:  
  
A. The Board requested Senator Bolling's support for the transfer of the VDOT maintenance facility property on Poindexter Road to the County of New

Kent as soon as reasonably possible for the construction of a fire/rescue facility. Senator Bolling requested Mr. Emerson send a letter to Senator Bolling stating the location of the properties and giving the money figures being discussed.

B. The Board requested Senator Bolling's support of investigation into the possibility of prohibiting tandem trailers or trailers in excess of 48 feet from traveling State Route 60. Senator Bolling requested Mr. Emerson send a letter to Senator Bolling stating the concerns of the Board of Supervisors.

C. Eltham - West Point Bridge -- The Board inquired as to what the specific plans were for the bridge. Senator Bolling stated VDOT has funding for four lanes. He thinks VDOT's biggest obstacle will be the permitting process. Senator Bolling also stated it is unlikely the General Assembly will override the CTB's decision.

4. Virginia Racing Commission: The Board requested Senator Bolling's support in opposing any legislation placing further restrictions on the operation of Colonial Downs and request his sponsorship of a bill allowing towns the opportunity to conduct a referendum on the location of off-track betting facilities, the same as counties and cities.
5. Planning and Community Development: The Board advised Senator Bolling New Kent County opposes the proposed changes to the uniform Statewide Building Code that were reviewed by the Virginia Housing Study Commission. The proposed changes would substantially reduce the power and control of local governments in Virginia over zoning and land use decisions. Also, please advise Senator Bolling the County is in opposition to several of the new regulations proposed by the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department that would disallow any encroachment into the 100 ft. resource protection area. In the event the General Assembly endorses the new CBLAD regulations, the County requests the Legislature also provide funding for additional staff to enforce the new restrictions.
6. Education and School Funding: The Board encouraged Senator Bolling to continue support of additional funding for the construction of new school facilities. As you are aware, New Kent County is facing an approximate expenditure of \$25 - \$30 million to replace aging school facilities. It would also be helpful if the General Assembly would provide more funding towards salaries and benefits for schoolteachers and staff.
7. Human Services: The Board discussed with Senator Bolling the Board's concern regarding pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly and low income who do not have access to insurance for prescription medication. The Board indicated to the Senator the County supports in concept the passage of last sessions' carryover bill regarding pharmaceutical assistance. New Kent County also supports additional funding for staffing and office space for local social service departments.

8. Constitutional Officers: The Board requested Senator Bolling's support of full funding by the State for Constitutional Officers and noted the County's opposition to any increase of the local share of funding for these offices.

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IN RE:           ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Burrell adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.