

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW KENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN OF OUR LORD IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN NEW KENT, VIRGINIA, AT 7:00 P.M.

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Evelyn called the meeting to order.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Thomas W. Evelyn	Present
David M. Sparks	Present
James H. Burrell	Present
Stran L. Trout	Present
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Present

All members were present.

IN RE: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

IN RE: REDISTRICTING

Before the Board for consideration was Ordinance O-08-11 amending, restating and readopting Articles I, II and III of *Chapter 26, Elections*, of the New Kent County Code to re-establish the boundary lines of all election districts and voting precincts based on the 2010 Census population data to reapportion the County in accordance with Article VII, Section 5 of the Virginia Constitution and Section 24.2-304.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Assistant County Administrator Bill Whitley reviewed with the Board that the Census information had been received in February 2011; the Board had subsequently adopted a set of Redistricting Goals; staff had prepared four plan options, which were presented to the Board at its March 14 meeting; four community informational meetings were held in various parts of the County to provide opportunities for citizens to receive information and submit input regarding the plan options; staff had met on two separate occasions with local African-American community leaders; and on April 11 the Board had directed staff to advertise Plan Four for public hearing.

County Attorney Michele Gowdy advised that, after adoption, the information would be submitted to the Department of Justice for pre-clearance in written form, along with the new and former ordinances, population and demographic information, maps, and an explanation of the changes. She reviewed the general changes to each of the districts, noting that in the proposed Plan, District 1 had moved east and north; District 2 had moved south and east; and District 3 had expanded both north and south. She indicated that the biggest changes were to District 4, which would gain population in the center of the County and would no longer extend to the eastern end of the County, and to District 5, which would encompass the entire eastern County boundary and would no longer contain portions in the center of the County.

She confirmed that she would be asking for an expedited review and would expect to receive comment within sixty days. She noted that the proposed ordinance included both

the election districts and voting precincts, pointing out New Kent could continue to use existing precincts, with the precinct at Providence Forge Recreation Center moving from District 5 to District 4, and the precinct at Ebenezer Baptist Church moving from District 4 to District 5.

There was review of the maps and an explanation regarding some Census blocks with zero population.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing. There being no one signed up to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

It was clarified that the community informational meetings had been held in the Boardroom, Forestry Center, George Watkins Elementary School, and Fire Station 3 in Eltham. Board members spoke about how there had not been much input from the public but there had been ample opportunity for public participation.

Mr. Whitley also reported that New Kent would remain undivided between State and House of Delegates districts in the State redistricting plan recently approved by the Governor.

Mr. Burrell moved to adopt Ordinance O-08-11 amending, restating and readopting Articles I, II and III of Chapter 26, Elections, of the New Kent County Code to re-establish the boundary lines of all election districts and voting precincts based on the 2010 Census population data to reapportion the County, as presented. The members were polled:

David M. Sparks	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Stran L. Trout	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

The motion carried.

The Chairman and other Board members thanked Mr. Whitley, Ms. Gowdy, MIS Director Jonathan Stanger, and other staff for their hard work on the redistricting process.

IN RE: MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board discussed possible dates and times to hold a closed session for evaluation of the County Administrator, and agreed to set that meeting when it met on May 5 for a budget work session.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. The members were polled:

James H. Burrell	Aye
Stran L. Trout	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
David M. Sparks	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.