

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEW KENT WAS HELD ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-TWO BEGINNING AT 6 P.M. IN THE LOWER CONFERENCE ROOM. CHAIRMAN BURRELL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH FOUR SUPERVISORS PRESENT AND MR. SALMON APPEARING A FEW MINUTES LATER.

IN RE: USE OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Mr. Hart presented information and described a sketch of the Administration Building showing present walls and possible changes that could be done as far as space needs are concerned. One of the ideas expressed was to make it more convenient for a builder to get all three required applications for permits at one location, such as at a counter serving the offices of the building official, sanitarian, and planner. Changes would bring the building into closer conformity with the State Fire Code.

As to the former courthouse and jail, the old jail is being used for overflow in Public Safety Department. Use of the former courthouse by the School Board was discussed. If any changes to the former courthouse building are undertaken, it was suggested that removable walls be placed in the former courtroom when offices are created.

The idea of a combined New Kent-Charles City Social Services and Health Department building was introduced. It was suggested that the building be leased from whoever constructs such a building. Another resulting idea was that the number of personnel in the combined building would provide more support to the business community in Providence Forge.

Mr. Ringley expressed his opinion that something should be formalized concerning the partitioning of the existing courtroom in the former courthouse. Several suggestions were made by members concerning ways and means of receiving public comments and getting citizens to participate.

Mr. Ringley suggested a tour of the building during work hours. Members concurred to tour the Administration Building on Monday, October 19 at 2 p.m.

A short recess was called.

CHAIRMAN BURRELL RECONVENED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING FOR A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN.

IN RE: JOINT PUBLIC HEARING, PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE
 PLAN

Mr. T. Marshall Philbates, Chairman of the Planning Commission, called the members to order. Also present were Mr. J. Harold Black, Mr. Louis Abrams, Mr. Stran Trout, The Reverend Milton A. Hathaway, Mr. W. Howard Gammon, and Mr. E. David Ringley, Board Representative. Mr. David W. Frank, Mr. Samuel C. Howard, and Dr. Robert B. Stroube were absent.

Mr. R. J. Emerson, Jr., Director of Planning, said that the Draft Comprehensive Plan is the culmination of 4-5 years of work by the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission, that it is a good land use plan, it can be amended as needed, and should be reviewed every 5 years.

Mr. Larry McCarty of the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission then gave a few opening remarks covering the outline of the draft document.

Mr. Philbates turned the meeting over to Mr. Gammon who opened the joint public hearing.

Mr. Ed Hayes suggested that there is no substantive differences between policies, concepts, goals, strategies, objectives; said the Plan needs definitive objectives in order to accomplish goals.

Mr. Jeff Weeks requested the County to consider a rezoning change of 1835 acres located approximately 3/4 mile east of the courthouse on New Kent Highway from its present agricultural zoning to a planned unit development zone.

Mr. George Philbates spoke against such a development on Route 249 due to the increase in traffic on that highway.

Ms. Diana Abbs expressed concern over the proposed large planned unit development at the James City County line.

Mr. R. J. Emerson, Jr., Director of Planning, addressed some of the questions brought up in public comment. He said that many of the points had been discussed by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission had chosen not to divide the County into development zones, and thus a large amount of the County remains in agricultural status. The subcommittee of the Planning Commission has discussed sliding scale, densities of 1:25, 1:50, and 1:Acre, etc. There are some economic development statements made in the Plan to encourage development at the interchanges. Obviously water and sewer potential thereof would have to be studied further through engineering studies. The future growth map only looks 5 years into the future and shows commercial and industrial growth slated for the entire Route 33 corridor as pressure demands. Information sessions were held to try to answer questions before the public hearing, following set practice by other localities. Touching upon the AFD question, he said that 20 or more counties use the AFD practice; land use may or may not be a better way, but is a more convenient way. Mr. Weeks' proposal is up to the Planning Commission to decide and if the Planning Commission does designate the area within the plans for his development he would have to reapproach the Planning Commission for approval. The Stonehouse development in the eastern end of the County was not recognized by the Planning Commission at this point in time because it is understood that it is 10-15 years away from development in New Kent County.

Mr. Gammon declared the public hearing closed, and the Planning Commission meeting reconvened.

Mr. Black said that comments made by citizens deserve some discussion by the Planning Commission and the Commission needs to discuss how they feel about the area east of the Courthouse and whether it should be included in the Comprehensive Plan. The Reverend Hathaway felt that a little more time is needed to look at recommendations made by the public.

Mr. Gammon moved and Mr. Hathaway seconded to defer action on the Comprehensive Plan until the Planning Commission can further discuss it. Motion passed with all members present voting affirmatively.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Boroughs moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Michael D. Salmon	Aye
E. David Ringley	Nay
Marvin D. Bradby	Aye
Robert A. Boroughs	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye

H. Garrett Hart, III
County Administrator

James H. Burrell
Chairman