

**VIRGINIA:**

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Charles City Government and School Board Administration Building thereof on Tuesday, **December 22, 2009** at 7:30 p.m. in the 234<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth and in the 375<sup>th</sup> year of the County.

PRESENT: Sherri M. Bowman, Chairman  
Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.  
Gilbert A. Smith

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith, that the agenda be amended as recommended by the County Administrator:

Add under item 6:

- e. Fire Department Requests – EMS Stipend Structure and Supplemental EMS Transport
- f. State Budget Cut Update

The motion was carried as follows:

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. that the following consent agenda be approved upon the correction of the following Motions: Motions made for reappointment of Vernon Heath and Joseph Charity to the Recreation Advisory Commission was correctly made by Mr. Gilbert A. Smith and the Motions made for reappointment to the Road Viewers Committee of Byron Cox was correctly made by Gilbert A. Smith and reappointment of S. Garland Christian was correctly made by Sherri M. Bowman.

- a. Approval of the minutes of the November 24, 2009 regular meeting and the minutes of the December 2, 2009 recessed meeting.
- b. Approval of payment to CH2MHill in the amount of \$33,989.92 for landfill professional services for the period of October 17, 2009 through November 20, 2009.
- c. Approval of the requested Appropriations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (January, February & March 2010).

The motion was carried as follows:

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye
Gilbert A. Smith	Aye

RE: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Ms. Jorg Huckabee Mayfield who recently assumed the role of Sandston Residency Administrator temporarily until approximately May of 2009, gave the following monthly report:

Maintenance Activities for Last Month:

- \* State forces conducted litter removal on primary and secondary roads, countywide. Debris was removed from bike trail

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- \* Beaver dams were dismantled on Routes 614, Sturgeon Point Road, 615 The Glebe Lane, and 616 Adams Bridge Road
- \* Grass mowing was completed on the secondary system. Grass was also cut adjacent to bike trail bridges and on slopes
- \* State forces addressed drainage issues and cleared culverts in various locations throughout the county
- \* A shoulder washout was repaired on Route 612, Ruthville Road
- \* State forces installed a driveway pipe on Route 623, Wilcox Neck Road
- \* Pavement repairs were conducted on various secondary roads. Temporary repairs were done using cold patch materials on Routes 613, Sandy Point Rd., 614, Sturgeon Point Rd., 623 Wilcox Neck, 620 Lewis Tyler, 650 Cattail, 609 Barnetts, 623 Wilcox Neck, 615 The Glebe Lane, 612 Ruthville Road, 607 Church Lane, 631 Cool Hill and 630 Samaria Lane
- \* Road grading was performed on non-hard surface roads throughout the county
- \* State forces conducted routine maintenance on primary and secondary road signs throughout the county
- \* State forces responded to a number of customer complaints and calls from the County Sheriff Department
- \* Sandston Residency Maintenance forces responded to the snow event of December 18, plowing and sanding roads, countywide.

Maintenance Activities Planned for Next Month:

- \* Ditch cleaning will begin in January
- \* Washouts on Routes 612, Ruthville Road and 610 Green Oak will be repaired
- \* State forces will continue to grade non-hard surfaced roads, countywide
- \* Litter control will continue on the primary and secondary systems
- \* Sign maintenance activities will continue
- \* Potholes caused by recent rain and snow events will be repaired, countywide
- \* A number of dead trees have been scheduled for removal on Route 625, West Run, 618, Adkins, 609, Barnetts, and Route 5, John Tyler,
- \* Debris removal will continue along bike trail.
- \* Beaver dams to be removed.

Construction Project Update:

The Adkins Road, Route 618, project has been scoped and is moving forward. The scope is generally described as drainage and shoulder widening along Route 618 from the Chickahominy Bridge towards Route 602.

Response to Comments/Requests from November

Ms. Huckabee Mayfield responded to citizen comments and requests from last month.

**Mr. Gilbert A. Smith** brought attention to a dead tree hanging over the road on the north side of Rt. 625. *The dead tree has been scheduled to be removed by a VDOT contractor from Route 625.*

**Ms. Sherri M. Bowman** requested an update on the completion of the Virginia Capital Bike Trail Charles City portions.

Virginia Capital Trail Project Update:

Lamont Benjamin, VDOT Project Manager of the Virginia Capital Trail Project gave the following report.

Sherwood Forest Phase

The 10 mile section of the trail design and location was approved by the Transportation Board in November. VDOT is currently proceeding to obtain needed right-of-way authorizations and they expect to begin construction by late January or early February, 2010. They are pushing to meet a projected fall 2010 advertisement date.

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Charles City Courthouse East Phase (previously part of the Sherwood Forest Phase - a 2 mile section from the Courthouse to east of Parish Hill Baptist Church)

VDOT is moving forward with the environmental study to locate the trail on the north side of Rt. 5. The environmental reviews will take several months. A Public Hearing in the summer of 2010 is anticipated.

Board Comments/Requests

**Mr. Gilbert A. Smith** said he has received several calls from residents about large trucks forcing cars off the road on Rt. 607 near the intersection of Rt. 5 and Rt. 106. He brought attention to the fact that the edge of pavement is breaking up causing the paved road to be narrower. He requested VDOT check into this matter.

**Ms. Sherri Bowman** informed Ms. Huckabee Mayfield that a speed limit sign on Adkins Road near 5041 Adkins Road was in the ditch. In addition, she also advised that there is a sizable pothole on Barnett's Road, Rt. 609, near the Rt. 5 intersection.

Ms. Huckabee Mayfield answered that she would look into all of the matters.

Citizens' Comments

1. A citizen pointed out the work seems to be complete on the Judith Dresser Bridge and asked when the speed limit would be raised.

Ms. Huckabee Mayfield reported that it is VDOT's intention to return the speed limit to 55 mph.

**Mr. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.** asked that VDOT take into consideration a speed limit of 45mph on the Judith Dresser Memorial Bridge as it would be less of a safety hazard for residents turning into Route 645, Chickahominy Bluff Road, just off the bridge.

Ms. Huckabee Mayfield responded that she would have the speed limit issue looked into further and report back to the Board at the next board meeting.

2. A citizen asked why secondary grass mowing is going on this time of year when all the grass is brown and dead.

Ms. Huckabee Mayfield explained that the mowing is done by a prescribed cycle. She did not know why the cycle was just being finished as she is new to the County's VDOT issues and would look into the matter.

3. A citizen asked where there is parking along the Virginia Capital Trail for those wanting to bike the trail.

Mr. Benjamin responded that currently there is a planned project to provide for a few parking spaces in the triangle area near Rt. 640/633. VDOT will have to acquire the parcel in order to develop the project.

RE: US CENSUS BUREAU - CENSUS 2010 REPORT

Brenda Lee Steppe, VA Partnership Specialist with the Census Bureau, advised that it is very important for everyone in the county to be counted in the 2010 Census. She explained that the federal government allocates \$400 billion annually to communities based on the number of residents in each.

She further explained that local assistance is a necessity in counting everyone as local residents were more likely to be successful than an outsider to gain the required census information from their fellow residents.

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Ms. Steppe advised that some people are more difficult to count. The factors that cause inclusion problems are the following: (1) People living in rural areas; Receive their Census form by mail and they may share a house number with several houses so they never get one; (2) Individual's with disabilities; Often those with disabilities need assistance, which may not be available, to complete the Census form; and (3) Children. During the last census done in Richmond, Virginia, 2,000 children were not counted. What that meant for Richmond was the funds that could have paid for 182 teachers for ten years were not received by the city.

She made clear that the information gathered for the Census is confidential and cannot be shared with anyone. She explained that even President Obama will only receive the final statistics derived from the information. All of the confidential information will be sealed for 72 years and after that time it will be released to the National Archives for permanent storage.

Ms Steppe expressed that the Census is easy to do, that it's the first time in history the form is so short, only ten (10) questions total.

Ms. Steppe requested the Board ask the community to form a "Complete Count Committee" of volunteers to be trained by the Census Bureau and then devise a strategy to make sure all residents of the county are counted.

**Mr. Gilbert A. Smith** asked how soon a committee needed to be appointed.

Ms. Steppe advised that the National Census Campaign is to begin January, 2010, the Census Questionnaires will be mailed out in March, 2010 and April 1, 2010 is Census Day. She explained that after April 9 the enumerators will go out knocking on the doors of those that have not responded to the census by that date. How that is handled is to be decided by the Complete Count Committee with assistance from the Census Bureau as needed. So the sooner a committee can be formed and trained the better.

Ms. Steppe explained that the 2010 Census will take an estimated 1.5 million people to complete properly and that it is the biggest job force during peace time in our country. She stressed that there are a number of employment opportunities for the Charles City residents. She introduced, Gail Snyder, the local Census Officer and explained that anyone interested in working the census should contact the Census Bureau at 866-861-2010 to register to take the employment exam.

**Mr. Gilbert A. Smith** suggested that the board members consider who they may suggest for the Census Complete Count Committee and bring those names to the January, 26, 2010 Board of Supervisor's meeting.

RE: FY2009 AUDIT

Mr. Miniclier recognized the Finance Director, Mr. Jay Brown, and the Treasurer, Ms. Cecelia Bradby, for their effort in ensuring that the audit was completed in a timely manner.

Paul Lee with Robinson, Farmer, Cox, Associates (RFC), presented draft Charles City County Annual Financial Report for FY2009. Mr. Lee informed the Board that the audit has thus far gone smoothly and commended the County staff and Jay Brown's work citing that the County has made several positive steps to bring expenditures down. Additionally, the audit was submitted to the State (Auditor of Public Accounts) by the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Mr. Lee said the County has made adequate progress addressing the concerns that had been raised last year including more timely and accurate bank

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reconciliations, the continued use of a consultant to assist in preparing the financial statements per GAAP and GASB standards, and the reconciliation of the special welfare account. Mr. Lee noted that the County's fund balance dropped by an estimated \$300,000 in FY2009. This marks significant improvement from the previous 5 fiscal years in which the fund balance decreased by over a million dollars each year.

Mr. Lee concluded that at June 30, 2009, the fund balance is estimated at \$2.5 million. He noted that the County is in the stages of developing an accounting policies and procedures manual and reevaluating the allocation of specific expenditures across the various departments rather than being charged exclusively to a central department.

RE: APPOINTMENTS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Motion was made by Gilbert A Smith to reappoint Arthur Glenn, 4420 Charles City Road, Charles City, VA 23030, to serve as a District I member on the Economic Development Authority, said term to expire February 25, 2014. The motion was carried as follows:

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye

Motion was made by Gilbert A Smith to reappoint Janet Thomas, 7002 Warriner Road, Richmond, VA 23231, to serve as a District I member on the Economic Development Authority, said term to expire February 25, 2014. The motion was carried as follows:

Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye

RE: APPOINTMENT - RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Motion was made by Sherri M. Bowman to appoint Deanna Motley, 6550 Cattail Road, Charles City, VA 23030, to serve as a District II member on the Recreation Advisory Commission, said term to expire December 31, 2014. The motion was carried as follows:

Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye

RE: SHERIFF VEHICLE LEASE

The County Administrator, John Miniclier, reviewed with the Board the three options quoted by Ford Motor Credit Company for the lease of a 2010 Dodge Charger for the Sherriff's office. Each of the options includes a down payment of \$12,207.84.

Mr. Miniclier pointed out that the County is able to purchase this vehicle off of the York County's contract with Crossroads Motors of Virginia thus eliminating the need to publicly bid.

After a brief discussion and the confirmation by Mr. Miniclier that the Sherriff had given input into this decision, motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith to approve option B (i.e., lease the 2010 Dodge Charger on a 2 year plan at \$22,541.00, with two

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(2) payments of \$5,735.00 at 7.25APR with the total financed amount being \$23,677.84) as presented.

The motion was carried as follows:

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye

RE: BUDGET CALENDAR FOR FY2010 BUDGET PROCESS

The County Administrator informed the Board that he had spoken with the Finance Director and the Information Technician to ensure that the proposed calendar was realistic.

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith, to approve the FY2010 Budget Calendar as presented:

January 8, 2010	Staff Presentations to County Administrator
January 22, 2010	Department Budget presentation to Board 9:00-10:00 Constitutional Officers 10:00-12:00 All Departments 1:00-3:00 Outside Agencies (Contributions) 3:00-4:00 Social Services
January 25 - February 5, 2010	Department meetings w/ County Administrator re: Budget Adjustments
January 26, 2010	Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 8-19, 2010	Budget Review for Board of Supervisors
February 22, 2010	Board of Supervisors comments due to County Administrator
February 24 - March 5, 2010	Additional Departmental meetings with County Administrator re: budget adjustments
March Work Session	Board of Supervisors Work Session & School Board Budget Presentation (tentative)
March 8-19, 2010	Additional Board Budget Work Session (if necessary) Additional meetings with Department (if necessary)
March 23, 2010	Regular Board of Supervisors meeting & County Administrator's Presentation of the FY2011 Budget
March 24-30, 2010	Board of Supervisors adjustments to FY11 Budget due to County Administrator
March 31, 2010	Forward Budget Ad to Newspaper
April 6 or 7, 2010	Advertise Budget
April 15, 2010	Public hearing on Proposed Budget at 7:00 p.m.

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April 27, 2010

Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting & Adoption  
of FY11 Budget

The motion was carried as follows:

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye
Gilbert A. Smith	Aye

RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE LIBRARY ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

The County Administrator explained that to ensure the appropriate funding/expenditure approvals are put in place for payment of the architectural/design costs for the development of the new library in the county it has been deemed necessary to amend the FY2010 budget by amending and appropriating \$180,000 to the current year budget.

Motion was made by Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. to approve amending the FY2010 budget as presented. The motion was carried as follows:

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye

RE: IPR 10/09 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND APPROPRIATION

The County Administrator advised the Board that to ensure the appropriate expenditure approvals have been put in place for the first two homes that are under contract to be served under the Indoor Plumbing Rehab (IPR) 10/09 grant, it is necessary to amend the IPR 10/09 Budget and make appropriations in the amount of \$130,000.

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith to approve the amendment and appropriation as presented. The motion was carried as follows:

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye

RE: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BILL – UPDATE

John Miniclier, County Administrator, brought to the attention of the Board an article regarding collective bargaining published in the NACo CountyNews dated November 20, 2009. Per the article, Congress is considering legislation that would force state and local governments to enter into collective bargaining agreements with their public safety employees, regardless of state and local laws. NACo and other state and public-sector employer organizations oppose this legislation as an overly burdensome unfunded mandate on local governments.

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. stated he would like the county to have a position in opposition to this legislation as he would not like to get in the position where the County is doing collective bargaining with a few employees and not with others.

The Board instructed the County Administrator to pursue the necessary steps through the County Attorney to take a legal position opposed to the legislation.

RE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE - STIPEND PAY STRUCTURE

Referring to a letter received from Chief Officer, A. J. Jones, Jr., of the Charles City Volunteer Fire/EMS dated December 16, 2009 the County Administrator presented a request to update the EMS stipend pay structure as follows:

- 1. Drivers & First Responders 1 to 5 transport calls per month..... \$50.00/month
- 2. Drivers 7 First Responders, 6+ transport calls per month.....\$100.00/month
- 3. EMT-B, 1-5 transport calls per month .....\$150.00/month
- 4. EMT-B, 6+ transport calls per month .....\$200.00/month

The current stipend plan is an hourly rate and is based on the class level of the responder. The EMS believes this flat rate stipend structure will bring in more people willing to work for EMS.

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr., inquired of the County Administrator if the County would have the money in the budget to sustain this new system. Mr. Miniclier responded with an affirmative.

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith to approve the updated EMS stipend structure as presented. The motion was carried as follows:

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye

RE: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT –SUPPLEMENTAL EMS TRANSPORT

The Charles City Volunteer Fire and EMS Department Board met on December 8, 2009 and approved moving forward on the proposal from Emergency Training Systems Inc. to provide EMS supplement to the volunteers. In a letter dated December 16, 2009 CCVF&EMSD submitted to the County Administrator a request for the Board of Supervisors to approve the development of a contract between the county, ETS, and Charles City Volunteer Fire and EMS with the goal being to provide better transport and more adequate EMS coverage to the citizens of Charles City County.

The County Administrator further advised the Board that he has talked with the EDA and let them know the Fire Department has been working on this venture and they have agreed to fund up to \$25,000 for an Autopulse with three requirements: 1) the contract have a thirty (30) day trial written in; 2) the ambulance is inspected prior to purchase and certified ALS by the state; and 3) the OMD authorizes the CCVF&EMSD to operate ALS under his license.

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith to authorize staff and County Attorney to work with volunteer fire department to develop a contract that would allow ETS to provide EMS coverage as envisioned by the CCVF&EMSD, and when contract had been agreed to by all parties it be presented to the Board for review.

The motion was carried as follows:

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye

RE: STATE BUDGET CUTS

The County Administrator reminded the Board of their approval, at the December, 2009 Worksession, of the cuts to Constitutional Offices and other offices caused by the Governor’s state budget cuts as proposed in September, 2009. He then

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presented to the Board Governor Kaine's recommendations for additional budget reductions to the current year budget and his 2010-2012 Budget. They are as follows:

Current Year Budget Amendments

The Governor formally recommended amendments to the 2008-2010 Budget which would implement his September 8, 2009 budget reduction plan. In addition, he recommended the following recommendations:

- 1) '599' Funds – Reduce by another \$2.8 million to reflect additional revenue loss
- 2) Supplant \$109.5 million in General Funds for Sheriffs with Stimulus funds
- 3) Reduce State support for retirement and group life insurance contributions for Constitutional office staff for April-June – saves \$7.8 million
- 4) Furlough Constitutional Officers and state supported local employees for 1 day (eliminate 1 day of state funds) - saves \$2.2 million
- 5) Reduce Jail Per Diem Payments by 5% - saves \$3.6 million
- 6) Supplant General Fund dollars for Dispatchers with E-911 funds
- 7) Eliminate Textbook funding for FY2010 – saves \$79.6 million
- 8) Eliminate another 100 Mental Retardation Waiver Slots  
Last year the General Assembly added 200; this would eliminate all 200.
- 9) Suspend for FY '10 funds for financial assistance for planning, access roads, and special projects at VDOT.

Governor Kaine's Recommended 2010-2012 Budget

- 1) Eliminate the \$950 million reimbursement to localities for Car Tax. Provide for elimination of the Personal Property Tax on personal cars, trucks, motorcycles and replace that revenue with a 1% Income Tax Surcharge – 100% of revenue would go back to localities.
- 2) '599' Funds – reduction of \$35.7 million in each year (about a 20% reduction).
- 3) Eliminate Payments In Lieu of Taxes to localities for Prisons – savings \$1.4 million in each year
- 4) Reduce funds for Regional Criminal Justice Training Academies - \$465,000 in each year
- 5) Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act – 5% reduction in pass-thru funds each year – saves \$2.5 million in each year.
- 6) State Police – delay 116<sup>th</sup> Basic Trooper School until January 2011 and limit it to 50 cadets; delay 117<sup>th</sup> School until January 2012; Postpone the 118<sup>th</sup> School.
- 7) Compensation Board – would be transferred over to the Secretary of Public Safety
  - 1) Ratio for Law Enforcement Deputies – currently 1:1,500 population – would increase to 1:2,000 population
  - 2) Jail Per Diem Rates – Go to:  
State – Responsible - \$12/day  
Local – Responsible - \$4/day

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- 3) In 2009, the General Assembly restored cuts made by Gov. Kaine to Constitutional Officers' budgets; Gov. Kaine recommended reinstatement of those cuts for each year – savings of \$28.6 million
- 4) Career Development programs for Constitutional officers would be suspended – savings of \$5.7 million in each year
- 5) Eliminate State support for Retirement and Life Insurance premiums for Constitutional offices – savings of \$38.8 million in each year.
- 6) Eliminate state support for local office operations for Commissioners of the Revenue, Treasurers and Directors of Finance – savings of \$9 million in each year.  
  
Localities would be authorized to establish local offices of finance that would assume these local duties.
- 7) Circuit Court Clerk – additional 11% across-the board cut – savings of \$3.3 million in each year
- 8) Planning District Commissions – 15% cut in each year
- 9) Enterprise Zone Grants - \$1.0 million reduction in each year
- 10) Continued funding for Rolls-Royce incentives - \$12.8 million-2011; 7.5 million-2012 Language added to permit Prince George County to get up to \$5 million of unclaimed money returned to the Governor's Opportunity Fund for site improvements.
- 11) Proposal to delay use of new Composite Index figures until FY 2012.
- 12) K-12 Funding

	<u>Estimated FY 2010 Funding</u>	<u>Estimated FY 2011 Funding</u>	<u>Estimated FY 2012 Funding</u>
Charles City	\$ 4,952,869	\$ 4,932,271	\$ 4,861,760
Chesterfield	280,485,811	284,817,404	283,534,952
Colonial Heights	12,673,593	12,858,254	12,523,166
Emporia	6,200,297	6,426,532	6,562,118
Dinwiddie	27,814,926	28,776,266	29,541,935
Greensville	10,716,128	10,710,183	10,501,914
Hopewell	24,345,122	25,279,870	25,622,644
Petersburg	29,577,725	28,583,857	27,191,872
Prince George	36,687,607	37,915,151	39,288,542
Surry	3,612,013	3,402,078	3,156,018
Sussex	8,338,963	8,253,082	7,675,248

- 13) Continue the funding ratio for K-12 Support Personnel instituted last year.
- 14) VRS – State employees would contribute 1% toward their retirement benefits in 2011 and 2% in 2012. Currently, Virginia is one of only 5 states in which employees make no contribution toward their retirement. Localities will need to decide if they will require their employees to do the same.
- 15) Increase the Retirement Age from 50 to 55 years old.

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Mr. Miniclier stated that it appeared that there would be an additional \$20,000 of non reimbursement from the state for 2010 and that initial analysis showed non reimbursement from the state would exceed \$200,000 for both 2011 and 2012 budget years.

RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

**Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.** commented that there will be a new Governor of Virginia in office next year and all of this could change.

The County Administrator agreed and stated that the new Governor may have different priorities but that he believes these recommended budget cuts are the kind of cuts that the county should expect.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

1. Mr. Lloyd Carter, Sr. informed the Board that he has been a member of unionized labor for 35 years and that it upset him to hear the Board discussing voting against unionized labor.
2. Mrs. Elnora Robinson inquired if the purchase of the new vehicle for the Sherriff's department was to replace one of the vehicles that was wrecked. She said she noticed the insurance company was paying \$12,000 and the County would be paying the rest.

Finance Director, Jay Brown, responded that the \$18,000 paid by the insurance company on the claim for the totaled patrol vehicle was used to pay the \$6000 remaining on the lien of that vehicle and the \$12,000 remainder would be a down payment on the lease of a new vehicle for the Sherriff's office.

Mrs. Robinson stated we don't have the money to have our police vehicles wrecked in non-sense ways.

3. Mrs. Elnora Robinson inquired if the Board has done anything toward a joint meeting with the School Board.
4. Mr. Sonny Lewis wanted to know if the Sherriff's Office new vehicle came with a maintenance agreement. He stated he is leery of having a lease for a vehicle with a company on the verge of going out of business.
5. Mr. Lewis asked why the Fire Department did not have a Fire Queen this year. He stated that it is a tradition that has run for 25 years and he didn't understand why we didn't have one this year.

There being no further business before the Board it hereby recessed to meet again on Friday, January 22, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. for the Board of Supervisor's Department Budget Presentation Meeting.