

VIRGINIA:

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Charles City Government and School Board Administration Building thereof on Tuesday, **January 26, 2010** at 7:30 p.m. in the 234th year of the Commonwealth and in the 376th year of the County.

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

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Timothy W. Cotman, Sr., to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was carried as follows:

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

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith that the following consent agenda be approved:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the December 22, 2009 regular meeting.
- b. Approval of payment to CH2MHill in the amount of \$31,014.92 for landfill professional services for the period of November 23, 2009 through December 28, 2009.
- c. Approval of the Budget Amendment to the Asset Forfeiture Account in the amount of \$157.63.
- d. Approval of the Board of Supervisors' Schedule of Attendance of the School Board monthly meetings.

The motion was carried as follows:

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

RE: THE HONORABLE DONALD MCEACHIN, SENATOR – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senator McEachin was present at the meeting to update the Board on current legislative issues. Senator McEachin informed the Board of the following:

1. The 4 billion dollar deficit is manifesting in cuts in education and health care.
2. Did not support the Virginia Trash Tax SB 235: Assesses operator or owners of solid waste management facilities a fee of \$2 a ton of solid waste treated or deposited in their facilities.
3. Governor McDonnell to do away with the car relief tax or freeze it for a couple of years and possibly replace it with a 1% income tax.
4. He will support HB 1416: raises the number of deputies for each county from one per 2,000 population to one per 1,500 population.
5. Wants to raise revenue by freezing the billion dollar tax credits.
6. Supports energy efficiency legislation that would produce economic development and create almost 10,000 jobs.

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7. Currently Virginia has a Voluntary Energy Standard. He hopes to make it mandatory by 2015.
8. Studies on the use of windmills for energy efficiency are underway.
9. He stated he feels it is fool hardy to have only budget cuts without raising revenue and he will seek new avenues of revenue for the state.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS DIRECTED TO SENATOR MCEACHIN

1. Ms. Judith Ledbetter - Informed Senator McEachin that the county is engaged in a fund campaign for the public library and invited the Senator to donate to that campaign.
2. Ms. Judith Ledbetter - Brought to the Senator's attention the stimulus dollars awarded Charles City County and those to sister jurisdictions per capita and that the data makes apparent that Charles City County has been substantially disadvantaged in comparison to other jurisdictions in the Commonwealth. She asked that when the General Assembly goes to determine the upcoming state budget cuts that they take this information into consideration.
3. Mr. Lloyd Carter – Inquired of the Senator if he was familiar with the lack of First Responder issue in Charles City?
Senator McEachin responded that he will have to find out if the First Responder problem is a budget issue or what is the exact cause of this problem. He added that there have been no state taxes raised at the state level for this issue.

RE: BOARD COMMENTS DIRECTED TO SENATOR MCEACHIN

Mr. Gilbert A. Smith expressed appreciation to Senator McEachin for not supporting the Virginia Trash Tax.

Mr. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. requested the Senator be in support of the County regulating our marinas ourselves.

Mr. Cotman expressed concern regarding the Dillon Rule, stating that the county should have the same ability to tax and to assess admissions as cities.

Mr. Cotman impressed upon the senator that we need the reductions of the compensation for our constitutional officers restored.

Mr. Cotman stated that the School Board should be able to decide for themselves when school opens for the school year and HB 565 stating school is not to open before Labor Day is done so for the wrong reasons. *Senator McEachin responded saying there is no bill currently before the General Assembly regarding this issue but when it does arrive to be voted on he will vote against it. He agreed the biggest opposition comes from Busch Gardens and other such businesses as they oppose this issue because they employ teenagers.*

Lastly, **Mr. Cotman** questioned why raising the speed limit from 65 mph is being considered before fixing the roads. *Senator McEachin responded that he will not be supporting that legislation.*

RE: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Ms. Jorg Huckabee Mayfield, the Ashland Residency Administrator and Interim Sandston Residency Administrator, gave the following monthly report:

RE: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CONTD)

Maintenance Activities for the Previous 30 days:

- VDOT state forces conducted litter removal on primary and secondary roads, countywide. The bike trail was monitored and cleared of debris.
- Grass and brush was cut and removed adjacent to bike trail bridges and trail slopes.
- Beaver dams were broken apart on Rt. 617 (Sturgeon Point Road), Rt. 615 (The Glebe Road), and Rt. 616 (Adams Bridge Road).
- State forces continue to address citizen complaints regarding drainage issues such as clogged ditches and full entrance pipes. One such ditch was on Rt. 5 (John Tyler Memorial Highway) at Rt. 636 (Shady Lane).
- State forces made temporary asphalt repairs on the following primary and secondary routes: Rt. 632 (Tyler Mills Road), Rt. 613 (Sandy Point Road), Rt. 614 (Sturgeon Point Road), Rt. 612 (Ruthville Road), Rt. 650 (Cattail Road), Rt. 609 (Barnetts Road), Rt. 625 (West Run Road) and Rt. 106 (Roxbury Road).
- State forces also performed some machining of non-hard surface roads at Rt. 613 (Sandy Point Road) and Rt. 616 (Adams Bridge Road).
- State forces conducted routine inspection and maintenance of highway signs on both the primary and secondary routes in Charles City County.
- At the request of Mr. Smith, a dead tree was removed by a VDOT contractor from Rt. 625 (West Run Road).
- Several additional dead and dangerous trees were removed from the following routes: Rt. 658 (Kimages Road), Rt. 607 (Church Lane), Rt. 609 (Barnetts Road) and Rt. 631 (Cool Hill Road).
- In three out of four weeks in the month of December, VDOT responded to snow events throughout the entire county of Charles City.
- State forces responded to numerous calls from the Charles City Sheriff's Office on issues such as black ice, dead animals, and debris in the roadway throughout the entire county.

Maintenance Activities Planned for the next 30 days:

- Weather permitting, state forces plan to make repairs to a washout along Rt. 610 (Green Oak Road). Also, plan to repair a second washout on Rt. 612 (Ruthville Road). The schedule will depend upon weather conditions.
- State forces will continue to monitor the bike trail for debris.
- State forces and the VDOT tree removal contractor will continue to remove dead trees from the right of way.
- Weather permitting, potholes, litter, and signs will be monitored throughout the county and maintenance performed as necessary.
- State forces will continue to machine non-hard surface roads, as needed, and will remove beaver dams as they are located.
- State forces will continue to respond to weather emergencies as they occur.

Recent Board Requests:

Ms. Sherri Bowman noted that on Rt. 618 (5041 Adkins Road) there was a highway sign lying in the ditch. State forces have located and re-installed the sign.

Second, **Ms. Bowman** stated that there were some potholes on Rt. 609 (Barnetts Road) near Rt. 5 (John Tyler Memorial Highway). State forces located these potholes and made the necessary repairs.

Mr. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. inquired as to why the speed limit on the Judith Dresser Memorial Bridge prior to the new bridge was 45 mph and now is 55 mph. VDOT's Traffic Engineering Division indicates that the 55 mph speed limit was retained as the result of a speed study conducted by VDOT. The 45 mph speed limit was due to the old bridge. VDOT will continue to monitor this location for any changes that may cause this issue to be revisited.

Citizen Requests – Last Month:

A citizen inquired as to why VDOT was cutting grass in December, as it is already dead. State forces were trimming grass and brush around the bike trail and the associated bridges.

A citizen at 5326 Adkins Road (Rt. 618) brought attention to several entrance pipes (his included) were substantially blocked by debris due to recent heavy rains. VDOT investigated and will schedule their contractors to clean these pipes as weather allows.

Board Comments/Requests

1. **Ms. Sherri M. Bowman** requested VDOT do a road survey of Rt. 607 (Wayside Road). She explained that on Rt. 607 in the Colonial Mart area large construction and utility trucks create a road hazard for other drivers especially in the morning hours. She suggested the trucks be prohibited from using this route.
2. **Mr. Gilbert A. Smith** thanked VDOT for the tree removal they have been doing along the roadsides through the county. He also brought to Ms. Huckabee Mayfield's attention there is standing water on Rt. 661 (The Loop Road) at box numbers 3401, 3410 and 3300.
3. **Mr. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.**, expressed appreciation for the review of the speed limit on the Judith Dresser Memorial Bridge. He requested they add a left hand turn land on the west bound side of Rt. 5 just off the bridge to accommodate residents that live on Rt. 645 (Chickahominy Bluff Road). *Ms. Huckabee Mayfield explained that in order to do that VDOT would have to add an additional project to the 2010 project plan and it would be difficult to add any project to the current list due to budget constraints.*

Citizen Comments/Requests

1. William Lewis, 8231 Courthouse Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140, requested that VDOT clear the culvert on Rt. 155 (Courthouse Road) at 8233 and 8132 Courthouse Road, near the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Lewis also asked if anything could be done regarding the huge dip in the road at the railroad crossing in Providence Forge.

2. Benny Bale wondered if VDOT will be repairing the railroad crossing at Rt. 106 (Roxbury Road). *Ms. Huckabee Mayfield explained the railroad crossings are under the jurisdiction of the railroad but she will look into what can be done.*

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3. Almeda Tyler, 7601 Adkins Road, Charles City, asked if anything could be done about the water at the junction of Rt. 618 (Adkins Road) and Rt. 620 (Lewis Tyler Lane). She explained that the water stays there and when it rains it backs up into her daughter's yard.

RE: PEARSON'S APPRAISAL SERVICE, INC. – 2009 REASSESSMENT

Mr. Fred Pearson addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding the process of the 2009 Real Estate Assessment and explained they performed a sales analysis of the sales of property over the past 5 years and also looked at the 2008 sales for trends. The final outcome was an increase in homes/residential property assessed value overall by 18%, land over 20 acres increased 50%, and industrial land assessed value increased 100%.

Mr. Pearson explained that Charles City County is on a five years cycle of assessment and the assessed value is based on the average of those five years. The Real Estate Board of Assessors met with approximately 150 residents that had questions and concerns regarding their new real estate assessment. Currently field checks are been done on some properties, the data entry is complete and it is expected to finalize the assessment in the next few weeks.

Citizen Comments/Requests Directed to Mr. Pearson

1. A citizen questioned why the assessed value is "so high", stating "it is too high for the present market". *Mr. Pearson explained that property values have come down since 2008 but looking at the trend over the last five years the property value is going up.*
2. A citizen asked how the assessments were done; did they look at the properties at all? *Mr. Pearson answered that they do look at some properties but most are based on the trends and locality. He explained that is why they give property owners opportunity to discuss their assessments with the Board of Real Estate Assessors and do follow-up field checks for those disputed properties.*

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Vince Brackett, 7789 Kips Creek Drive, Charles City, VA 23030, asked why hold a public hearing just five days before deciding on the county's budget. *County Administrator, John F. Miniclier, Jr., explained that the Notice of Public hearing will be 30 days prior to the hearing and citizen's will have ample time to address the Board of Supervisors regarding the budget either in writing prior to or in person at the Public Hearing.*
2. Lloyd Carter, 3720 Wayside Road, Charles City, VA 23030, asked what is being done about the insufficient police and EMS service for the county. He shared that his home owner's insurance premium has gone up due to the lack of Fire and EMS emergency service access.
3. Marian Christian, 7550 Courthouse Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140 informed the Board that she has been working to raise money for playground equipment for the elementary schools. She requested the Board include funding for playground equipment. *Mr. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. explained that the Board of Supervisors does not have anything to do with this funding issue and the matter should be brought before the School Board.* Ms. Christian stated she had done so but wanted the Board of Supervisors to be fully aware of the need also.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS (CONTD)

4. Almeda Tyler asked if the Board could change the addresses of Charles City residents that have Providence Forge, Richmond or Williamsburg addresses to make certain Charles City tax revenues do not go to the wrong county. *Mr. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. responded that the different addresses were due to the varying post offices that served the different areas. He explained that the Board of Supervisors had looked into the options to correct this issue and had not yet followed up with this due to the cost involved.*
5. Mrs. Norris, 12717 Tyler Ridge Court, Providence Forge, VA 23140, told the Board of Supervisors that she and her husband had experienced firsthand the lack of EMS service available in Charles City. She asked the Board to find a way to make sure the people of the county are served. *Mr. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. agreed that we all recognize there is a problem and that the Board has been working on it for 20 years. He pointed out that some strides have been made in this area and declared that the Board will continue to work on this.*
6. Richard Bowman, 7301 S. Lott Cary Road, Charles City, VA 23030, said our postal service works and asked if the Board of Supervisors would pursue getting the different post office services all under Charles City.
7. William Lewis, 8231 Courthouse Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140, stated that his home address cannot be found with GPS.

He also stated that he does not understand how his home assessment could go up \$9,000 in a recession when he feels the house is not even worth what it was five years ago.

8. Asante Cotman, 8132 Church Lane, Charles City, VA 23030, addressed the Board of Supervisors and inquired as to where the tax payers' money is going. He suggested the Board get input from the citizens for the county operations budget.

RE: APPOINTMENTS - CENTER FOR LOCAL HISTORY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Motion was made by Sherri M. Bowman to reappoint Ruth Christian, 8730 Samaria Lane, Providence Forge, VA 23140, to serve as a District II member on the Center for Local History Advisory Commission, said term to expire January 30, 2013. The motion was carried as follows:

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

Motion was made by Sherri M. Bowman to reappoint Richard Bowman, P. O. Box 01, Charles City, VA 23030, to serve as a District II member on the Center for Local History Advisory Commission, said term to expire January 30, 2013. The motion was carried as follows:

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

RE: APPOINTMENTS – HOUSING TASK FORCE

Motion was made by Sherri M. Bowman to reappoint Vanessa Taylor, 5401 John Tyler Memorial Hwy., Charles City, VA 23030, to serve as a District II member on the Housing Task Force, said term to expire January 26, 2014. The motion was carried as follows:

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

RE: APPOINTMENTS – YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith to reappoint Bonnie Gardner, 4700 Roxbury Road, Charles City, VA 23030, to serve as a District II member on the Youth Services Citizen Advisory Board, said term to expire January 26, 2014. The motion was carried as follows:

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

Motion was made by Sherri M. Bowman to reappoint Yvonne Bradby, 8640 Little Elam Road, Charles City, VA 23030, to serve as a District II member on the Youth Services Citizen Advisory Board, said term to expire January 26, 2014. The motion was carried as follows:

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

Motion was made by Sherri M. Bowman to reappoint Vanessa Taylor, 5401 John Tyler Memorial Hwy., Charles City, VA 23030, to serve as a District II member on the Youth Services Citizen Advisory Board, said term to expire January 26, 2014. The motion was carried as follows:

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

It was noted by Mr. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr., that the Youth Services Citizen Advisory Board currently has a vacancy for a Youth Member. He directed the County Administrator to notify the School Superintendent that the opportunity for a student to serve on this board is available.

RE: APPOINTMENTS – CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Sherri M. Bowman to appoint Steve Fuhrman, 3400 Adkins Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140, to serve as a District II member on the Complete Count Committee, said term to expire June 30, 2010. The motion was carried as follows:

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

Motion was made by Sherri M. Bowman to appoint Byron Adkins, 13511 The Glebe Lane, Ruthville, VA 23417, to serve as a District III member on the Complete Count Committee, said term to expire June 30, 2010.

RE: APPOINTMENTS – CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE (CONTD)

The motion was carried as follows:

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

County Administrator, John F. Miniclier, Jr. stated that there are approximately 125 Charles City residents with Richmond addresses and over 700 with Providence Forge addresses. It is extremely important these residents be accounted for as residents of Charles City.

RE: APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS FOR 2010

The Board of Supervisors resolved to defer any action on the By-Laws to the next meeting scheduled for February 23, 2010.

RE: STAFF APPOINTMENTS FOR 2010

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| 1. Board of Directors Central Virginia Waste Management Authority | John F. Miniclier, Jr.
John Bragg (Alt) |
| 2. Board of Directors Riverside Regional Jail | John F. Miniclier, Jr.
Jay Brown (Alt) |
| 3. Capital Area Workforce Investment Board | John F. Miniclier, Jr. |
| 4. Central Virginia Health Planning Agency | Jay Brown |
| 5. Charles City County Representative on the Technical Committee | John F. Miniclier, Jr. |
| 6. Charles City County Representative on the Technical Committee Central Virginia Waste Management Authority | John Bragg |
| 7. Comprehensive Youth Services Act Policy Board | Regina Harris
& Jay Brown |
| 8. Emergency Planning Committee | John F. Miniclier, Jr. |
| 9. Emergency Planning Committee (SARA Title III) | John F. Miniclier, Jr. |
| 10. Housing Task Force | Rachael Greenhow
& Jay Brown |
| 11. James River Advisory Council | Vacant
Alfred Crump (Alt) |
| 12. James River Certified Development Corporation | Vacant |
| 13. Landfill Advisory Board | John F. Miniclier, Jr. |
| 14. Middle Peninsula Juvenile Detention Commission | Jay Brown |
| 15. Senior Connections (Capital Area Agency on Aging) | John F. Miniclier, Jr.
Jay Brown (Alt) |
| 16. Southside Virginia Training Center | Jay Brown |
| 17. Virginia Economic Development Association | Vacant |
| 18. Youth Services Citizen Advisory Commission | Stephen Paige |

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith to approve staff appointments for 2010 as presented by the County Administrator. The motion was carried as follows:

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

Gilbert A. Smith directed the County Administrator to do a review on the James River Certified Development Corporation Committee to determine the current status of the committee.

RE: STAFF APPOINTMENTS FOR 2010 (CONTD)

County Administrator, John F. Miniclier, Jr. advised the Board of Supervisors that the status of the Virginia Economic Development Association is being verified and he will confer with Development Director, Christina Greene, for a recommendation of appointment for this board.

RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINTMENTS FOR 2010

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| 1. Capital Area Training Consortium | Gilbert A .Smith |
| 2. Community Criminal Justice Board | Sherri M. Bowman |
| 3. Crater Planning District Commission | Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. |
| 4. Emergency Planning Committee (SARA Title III) | Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. |
| 5. Fire Department Board of Directors | Gilbert A .Smith |
| 6. Metropolitan Air Quality Control Board | Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. & Sherri M. Bowman |
| 7. Metropolitan Planning Organization | Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. |
| 8. Planning Commission | Gilbert A .Smith |
| 9. Recreation Advisory Commission | Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. |
| 10. Richmond Regional Planning District Commission | Timothy W. Cotman, Sr./ John Miniclier, Jr. (Alternate) |

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith to approve board member appointments for 2010 as presented by the County Administrator. The motion was carried as follows:

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

RE: INACTIVE BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

The County Administrator reported to the Board of Supervisors that after researching the status of the Highway Safety Commission it was found to be defunct and inactive.

Motion was made by Sherri M. Bowman to dissolve the Highway Safety Commission due to inactivity. The motion was carried as follows:

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

RE: 2010 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' QUARTERLY WORK SESSION SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith that the following quarterly work session for 2010 be approved.

March 10, 2010	6:00 PM
June 9, 2010	6:00 PM
September 8, 2010	6:00 PM
December 1, 2010	6:00 PM

RE: 2010 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' QUARTERLY WORK SESSION SCHEDULE (CONTD)

The motion was carried as follows:

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

RE: CENTRAL ABSENTEE VOTER PRECINCT (CAP)

The County Administrator explained that State Board of Elections, by the Code of Virginia, § 24.2-626.1, requires each governing body of any county or city to provide for the use of a voting or counting system in all elections. This includes all federal, state, local as well as central absentee precincts (CAPs). It is no longer legal to use paper ballots for in-person absentee voting.

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith that the Board approve advertising a Public Meeting to be held at the February 23, 2010 Board of Supervisor's Regular Meeting where the CAP Ordinance will be open to public discussion.

The motion was carried as follows:

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

RE: BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith to approve recommending to the Circuit Court Judge the appointment of Frederick Fisher, 7000 Westover Road, Charles City, VA 23030 to the 2010 Board of Equalization. The motion was carried as follows:

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

Motion was made by Sherri M. Bowman to approve recommending to the Circuit Court Judge the appointment of Archer Ruffin, 6951 John Tyler Memorial Hwy. Charles City, VA 23030 to the 2010 Board of Equalization. The motion was carried as follows:

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

Motion was made by Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. to approve recommending to the Circuit Court Judge the appointment of Jacqueline Wallace, 20001 John Tyler Memorial Highway, Charles City, VA 23030 to the 2010 Board of Equalization. The motion was carried as follows:

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

RE: GENERAL ASSEMBLY BILLS

There are many bills before the General Assembly that directly affects Charles City as explained by the County Administrator. The Board directed the County Administrator to forward a list of the bills we are concerned about to Senator McEachin and Delegate Morrissey with a letter requesting their support.

Mr. Miniclier requested a member of the Board of Supervisors be a contact with whom he may discuss these issues.

Mt. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. volunteered to be this contact.

RE: MEETING WITH FEDERALLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Administrator, John Miniclier, Jr., brought to the Board's attention the importance of meeting with our federally elected representatives in the month of February, 2010 as appropriations are to be decided in the month of March.

He pointed out that per capita Charles City is one of the lowest in the state in receiving stimulus funds and that our new fire station project is "shovel ready" needing only funds to move forward.

Chairman of the Board, Timothy W. Cotman, Sr., agreed that Virginia is way behind in getting stimulus monies and affirmed we all need to get involved in getting stimulus monies for Charles City.

The Board directed Mr. Miniclier to schedule appointments to meet with as many of our federally elected representatives as possible and get commitments from them to direct stimulus monies toward Charles City.

RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Ms. **Sherri M. Bowman** shared that citizens in her district are concerned about homes on private roads off of main roads and getting EMS service via house numbers.

Mr. John F. Miniclier, Jr., County Administrator, allowed that there are two main aspects involved in this issue. 1) Some numbers are on the wrong side of the road or incorrectly numbered. *Mr. Miniclier explained that the Building Inspector is talking with residents and working on these issues;* and 2) the bigger problem of many houses on private roads with no house numbers. Mr. Miniclier informed the Board that it needs to be determined how many houses on a private drive will be required to officially name the drive as a road.

Mr. Gilbert A. Smith declared that he has been involved in the Fire House project and is very excited to get to the ribbon cutting and ground breaking.

Mr. Smith affirmed that EMS has been working on the contract that would allow ETS (Emergency Training Systems Inc.) to provide EMS coverage and insure 24/7 emergency coverage for residents. Mr. Smith stated that the EMS volunteer program has had more volunteers in the last six months than in the last two years. He spoke to the residents in attendance of the Board of Supervisors meeting and invited them to volunteer, stating the Emergency Planning Committee meets every month on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Mr. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. agreed with Mr. Smith saying it is very important to have those two services for our county.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

1. Elnora Robinson 17511 John Tyler Highway, Charles City, VA 23030, addressed the Board and stated that it bothers her that the Board of Supervisors and the School Board cannot seem to come together and work together.
2. Vince Brackett, 7789 Kips Creek Drive, Charles City, VA 23030, requested the Board of Supervisors get more coordinated so the residents know when meetings are being held.
3. Richard Bowman, 7301 S. Lott Cary Road, Charles City, VA 23030, endorsed Mrs. Robinson's statement about the boards working together.

Mr. Bowman requested the Board of Supervisors consider removing Charles City County from the Crater District to not have the expense of membership. He stated he sees no practicality in being associated with two districts.

Mr. Bowman questioned if it would be possible to consolidate maintenance staff for the county offices. He suggested a review be done to see if possible and how much money it would save the county.

Mr. Bowman inquired as to the need for all the equipment and vehicles being used by the various county offices; i.e., the School Board has a fleet, the County a fleet, Social Services a fleet, and the Sheriff's office a fleet.

4. Steve Fuhrman, 3400 Adkins Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140, concurred with Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Bowman. He called to mind that last year the Board of Supervisors offered the School Board an efficiency study and to-date the School Board has neither accepted nor rejected this offer. He further reminded those in attendance that the Board of Supervisors offered to have two members of the Board meet with two members of the School Board in a small non-public meeting with an impartial moderator. The School Board never responded to this offer. Mr. Fuhrman said he would support the collaboration of the two major boards and major spenders in the county.

There being no further business before the Board it hereby recessed to meet again on Tuesday, **February 23, 2010** at 7:30 p.m. for the Board of Supervisor's Regular Meeting