

VIRGINIA:

At the work session meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Charles City County Government and School Board Administration Building thereof on **Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m.** in the 240th year of the Commonwealth and 382nd year of the County.

PRESENT: Floyd H. Miles, Sr., Chairman
William G. Coad
Gilbert A. Smith

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Bill Coad to adopt Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

RE: QUIN RIVERS

Dr. Jack Lanier, Executive Director, of Quin Rivers gave a presentation on what Quin Rivers offer to Charles City County. He stated Quin Rivers, Inc. is a Virginia-based non-profit, 501C3 community action agency that provides community-based support services and leadership to advance the well-being of residents. Programs that are offered in Charles City County are:

- Healthy Families – a nationally recognized, evidence based home visiting model program designed to work closely with over-burdened families who are at risk for adverse childhood experiences, including child maltreatment.
- Housing Counseling – An assistance initiative for individuals struggling with mortgage payments or the inability to manage personal finances effectively.
- Project Hope – A critically important program that assists survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and their families. Assistance includes: individual and group counseling for adults and children, court advocacy, emergency financial services, and crisis intervention.
- Micro-Loans – An alternate for rural, small businesses that may require financing or capital for entrepreneurial start-ups.
- Representative Payee – An approved U.S. Department of Social Security Administration program designed to assist individuals who are in critical need of assistance in managing their personal finances including bill payment.

Dr. Jack Lanier also talked about the Safe Dates Program in the high school that will be expanded to the 7th and 8th graders next year. This program raises awareness of what constitutes healthy and abusive dating relationships, identify dating abuse and equips students with the skills and resources to help themselves or friends in abusive dating relationships.

The Financial Impact in Charles City County from Quin Rivers is a total of \$208,220.00. Dr. Jack Lanier thanked Charles City County for all the support they have given to Quin Rivers.

Gilbert Smith stated we take a lot of things for granted because it is not happening to us or in our household. He thanked Dr. Lanier for coming out and letting the County know what Quin Rivers offers and for what they are doing in the County.

Floyd Miles thanked Dr. Lanier for all the services they provide to the County.

RE: PROMOTING VIRGINIA TOURISM

Jack Berry, Richmond Regional Tourism, gave a presentation on Tourism. He stated Richmond Virginia is the leading state in Tourism. With Charles City County right beside Richmond along with the bike trail tourism is knocking at our door. The County also has Upper Shirley Vineyards that recently opened that will be attracting tourist. Mr. Berry stated tourism just doesn't happen before visitors come; they have to know what is available.

Martha Burton, Petersburg Area Tourism, gave a presentation on how Petersburg is promoting tourism. Petersburg falls under the Richmond Regional umbrella. They want people to help promote; they use a web-site www.petersburgva.org and they also advertise in the Virginia Travel Guide.

Virginia Tourism Corporation, Steve Galyean, presented on how Tourism helps the city/county. Tourism brings in money that helps businesses/restaurants that helps pay salaries.

Virginia Tourism Corporation's Business Development Incentives

Steve Galyean gave a presentation on The Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) Marketing Leverage Program. This program is designed to stimulate new tourism marketing programs through the creation of tourism partnerships and to extend the "Virginia is for Lovers" campaign. The objective of this program is to leverage limited marketing dollars, resulting in increased visitor spending, revenue, and jobs.

Steve Galyean also stated the County can capitalize on the Virginia Capitalize Trail Cap2Cap Ride.

Floyd Miles admitted he was not a big supporter of tourism. He did not see dollars coming back into the County. Now he is a strong supporter. He is amazed at the Cap2Cap. He thanked all the speakers for taking time out of their evening to come and present what they are doing in the arena of tourism.

Bill Coad stated there was plans to have the bike trail go from the Charles City Courthouse to the New Kent Courthouse. He asked Rachel Chieppa to get some information on where this project stands.

RE: DIRECTIVES

Floyd Miles asked staff to have signs placed at all entrances of the building posted to say if you enter the building you are subject to be searched.

Floyd Miles stated he have been noticing checks for advanced payment of services. He stated he will get with Zach Trogdon on this. He also stated he would like to see more information placed on the bill documentation. If the County put a battery in a car, the documentation needs to state the make and model of the car.

Floyd Miles asked Zach Trogdon to set up a meeting with Waste Management, Brian McClung, as he has been receiving telephone calls with concerns about the transfer stations not being emptied.

Floyd Miles asked Zach Trogdon to set up a meeting with Jimmy Tyler to meet on Charles City County library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned **until Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 7:30 p.m.**, Board of Supervisors monthly meeting.