

VIRGINIA:

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Charles City County Government and School Board Administration Building thereof on Tuesday, **March 25, 2014** at 7:30 p.m. in the 238th year of the Commonwealth and in the 380th year of the County.

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

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Floyd Miles motioned to move Item 2. (c) Appropriations for the month of April 2014 to Item 6. (e); Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Floyd Miles to adopt the agenda with the change. The motion passed unanimously.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Gilbert Smith to approve the following Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

- a. Approval of Minutes:
 - February 25, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - March 6, 2014 Public Meeting Minutes
 - March 20, 2014 Recessed Meeting Minutes
- b. CH2M Hill Invoice for Services through February 21, 2014
- c. Refund of Personal Property Taxes

RE: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

VDOT Acting Residency Administrator, Marshall Wynn, gave the following monthly report for the month of March:

CHARLES CITY COUNTY
March 2014 – Monthly Report

MAINTENANCE	Marshall Winn/David Christoph
Maintenance Activities past 30 days: Repair Pot Holes/w Cold Mix <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rt. 615, The Glebe, Ln.• Rt. 609, Barnett Rd.• Rt. 620, Lewis Tyler Ln.• Rt. 618, Adkins Rd.	

- Rt. 649, Woodbourne Rd.
- Rt. 603, Old Union Rd.
- Rt. 623, Willcox Neck Rd.
- Rt. 612, Ruthville Rd.
- Rt. 607, Church Ln.
- Rt. 618, Willcox Wharf Rd.
- Rt. 5, John Tyler Mem. Hwy.
- Rt. 650, Cattail Rd.
- Rt. 600, Charles City Rd.
- Rt. 155, Courthouse Rd.
- Rt. 631, Cool Hill Rd.
- Rt. 636, Shady Ln.
- Rt. 629, Alpine Rd.
- Rt. 607, Wayside Rd.
- Rt. 642, Stagg Run Rd.
- Rt. 614, Sturgeon Point Rd.

Patching / w (ENDER PATCHING)

- Rt. 658, Kimages Rd.
- Rt. 625, West Run Rd.
- Rt. 618, Adkins Rd.
- Rt. 607, Wayside Rd.
- Rt. 620, Lewis Tyler Ln.
- Rt. 631, Cool Hill Rd.
- Rt. 647, Indian Rd.

Repair Pot Holes /w Lee Hy Plant Mix(Hot)

- Rt. 613, Sandy Point Rd.
- Rt. 615, The Glebe Ln.
- Rt. 623, Willcox Neck Rd.

Shoulder Washout Rt. 5, John Tyler Mem. Hwy.

Vacuum Leaves

- Rt. 645, Chickahominy Bluff Rd.
- Rt. 658, Kimages Rd.

Litter Pickup

- Rt. 602, Lott Cary Rd.
- Rt. 609, Barnett Rd.
- Rt. 618, Adkins Rd..

Pickup Load Of Tires: Rt. 618, Willcox Wharf Rd.

Repair Mailboxes & Driveway / w Stone

- Rt. 631, Cool Hill Rd.
- Rt. 630, Samaria Ln.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rt. 623, Willcox Neck Rd. • Rt. 618, Adkins Rd. • Rt. 629, Alpine Rd. • Rt. 645, Chickahominy Bluff Rd. <p>Blade Dirt Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rt. 613, Sandy Point Rd • Rt. 616, Adams Bridge Rd. • Rt. 623, Willcox Neck Rd. <p>Install, Replace Driveway Pipe: Rt. 641, Little Elam Rd.</p> <p>Cut Back Trees Laying Across (Shoulder)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rt. 106, Roxbury Rd. • Rt. 602, Lott Cary Rd. • Rt. 609, Barnett Rd. • Rt. 623, Willcox Neck Rd. • Rt. 615, The Glebe Ln. <p>Throw Back Limbs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rt. 615, The Glebe Ln. • Rt. 631, Cool Hill Rd. • Rt. 613, Sandy Point Rd. <p>Miscellaneous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike Trail: Remove Limbs; Trim Plants; Blow Trail • Snow Removal Operations • Cleanup Debris on Primary Rd. • Straighten Signs, Primary & Secondary Rd. • Break Beaver Dams County Wide • Cleanup & Grease All Snow Equipment <p>Haul Water To Basic, Rt. 288</p> <p>First Aid – CPR Class</p> <p>Maintenance Plans for the next 30 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>PERMITS/Land Development</p> <p>No report this session.</p>
<p>Bridge :</p> <p>Nothing to report this Session.</p>
<p>CONSTRUCTION</p> <p>Nothing to Report this Session</p>
<p>TRAFFIC STUDIES/SPECIAL REQUESTS</p>

Floyd Miles asked if construction will be cut back because of over budget due to snow removal. Mr. Winn stated no, not at this time.

Mrs. Elnora Robinson, 17511 John Tyler Memorial Highway, Charles City, VA., asked, in reference to the six-year plan, will Wilcox Neck Road, the road that has watering running across it, be in the plan? Mr. Winn stated it would.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Michael Jones, 9096 Kimages Road, Charles City, VA., requested that the Board readdress the “rainy day fund.” In the Town Hall Meeting it was shown that in 2002 the rainy day fund had approximately \$9 million, today it is projected there are only \$3.2 million in the same fund. It is raining and storming financially outside in Charles City today. In his opinion the Board needs to explain what major event has taken place in the past 12 years to get us where we are today. If there are any funds left in the rainy day fund use it wisely by funding and not cutting the Schools budget, if this is not done he would like to request a formal financial audit of all County funds.

Rhonda Grooms, 5641 W. Run Road, Charles City, VA., stated she too would like to request a formal audit of all county expenses and revenues for the last year. She also finds Mr. Steve Furhmann to have a conflict of interest in his presence on the School Board.

RE: APPOINTMENTS

Floyd Miles made a motion that the following individuals be appointed to the following boards. The motion passed unanimously.

Health Council: appointed Dr. Patricia Slattum, 2870 Old Neck Road, Charles City, Va. 23030.

Equalization Board: appointed David Ledbetter, 16530 The Glebe Lane, Charles City, Va. 23030, at the March 20, 2014 Recess Meeting.

Housing Task Force: reappointed Doris Hollimon, 13020 Wilcox Neck Road, Charles City, Va. 23030 and Elnora Robinson, 17511 John Tyler Memorial Highway, Charles City, Va. 23030.

Quin Rivers Agency: Floyd Miles, Sr., 7420 Ruthville Road, Providence Forge, VA. 23140, volunteered to serve as a Board Member.

Recreation Advisory Board: reappointed Lee Ann Stanford, P.O. Box 11, Ruthville, VA. 23147, and Elnora Robinson, 17511 John Tyler Memorial Highway, Charles City, VA. 23030.

Gilbert Smith made a motion that the following individuals be appointed to the following boards. The motion passed unanimously.

Center for Local History: reappointed Ingeborg Fisher, 7000 Westover Road, Charles City, VA. 23030.
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Economic Development Authority Board: reappointed Arthur B. Glenn, 4420 Charles City Road, Charles City, VA. 23030.

Recreation Advisory Board: reappointed Vernon Heath, 5220 J. Norman Drive, Charles City, VA. 23030, and Joseph Charity, Jr., 5150 John Tyler Memorial Highway, Charles City, VA. 23030.

Road Viewers Commission: reappointed Byron Cox, 10501 Shady Lane, Charles City, VA. 23030.

Gilbert Smith asked that the District Vanessa Taylor represents be checked on the appointment report to confirm it is correct. Bill Coad asked if the Recreation Advisory Commission was reduced in size at a previous meeting.

Bill Coad motioned to appoint La'Veesha Rollins, 8731 Kimages Road, Charles City, VA. 23030, to the *Equalization Board*. The motion passed unanimously.

RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zach Trogdon referenced a request in the Board materials from Charles City Public Schools to transfer \$86,150.00 from the Capital Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Category to cover for the remainder of FY2014 fiscal year. Bill Coad made the motion to accept transfer. Motion passed unanimously.

Zach Trogdon gave an update on the Virginia Stormwater Program. Changes to the program have made its way through the legislature but will not be finalized until the Governor has signed off on the bill. May 15, 2014 is still the date by which the County is required to have an ordinance adopted. Final ordinance will have to incorporate any changes made. A Public Hearing needs to take place in April.

Zach Trogdon reported on the business permit the Board had asked the staff to come up with, this will allow the County to identify businesses and allow County business owners to show proof of their business to other jurisdictions. Randy Boyd, County Attorney, stated he has drafted a permit ordinance, set up on a calendar year basis that will take effect next year, this will give the Board enough time to review and work out further questions and concerns. It was agreed that this is a very good recommendation.

Michelle Johnson gave a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 budget, explaining how the budget was created and prepared. She requested the County have a Public Hearing at the April 22nd regular meeting to receive comments on the proposed budget; and for a Public Hearing to be held on April 29th to receive comments on the proposed tax rate for the fiscal year.

Floyd Miles asked Dr. Janet Crawley if the Schools are paying the Governors Schools one year in advance. Dr. Crawley stated with the effort to reduce the budget by \$436,000.00 one of the areas cut were the pre-payment to Governors Schools. The payment will actually be out of the set budget, it will no longer be paid in advance; FY2015 was not pre-paid. Floyd Miles commented that with the received projected reduction in the school budget of \$436,732.00 there is no additional money to be given to the Schools. If money becomes available, the public needs to understand the School will determine where the money will be applied. Mr. Miles motioned the School appropriation

for the month of April be reduced by \$100,000.00, knowing they have to reduce their budget by a total of \$436,732.00, and all additional appropriations requested be approved for the month of April. Motion was carried unanimously.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Brooks, 2100 Old Neck Road, Charles City, VA., stated he has lived in the County since the early nineties; he owns 11 acres of land on the river and pays a lot of taxes. He has never used the school system here in the County he chose to send his kids to Richmond. He has not heard great things about the Schools, he did not have a lot of data only personal acquaintances that he knows that has told him horror stories and they chose to send their children to West Point. He knows there are good teachers and administrators in the County and he is hoping we can improve our schools in the future. He appreciates the Board trying to look out for the citizens and not tax us to death. He understands that there are many other challenges the County is facing such as wastewater plants. Thank you very much for your good work.

Elnora Robinson, 17511 John Tyler Memorial Highway, Charles City, VA., requested a copy of the budget presentation Michelle Johnson presented, as she does not utilize email. She also stated that in reference to the fellow that just left the podium that lives in Charles City but sends his children to Richmond, she has children, grand-children and great grand-children that have graduated from Charles City Schools that received a good education and went on to college and graduated. It makes her sad when we have people to send their children elsewhere because of rumors that the schools are not good enough for them, we have had good teachers and still have good teachers. It is not going to get any better if we don't pull together and do something about it. She stated she has no heartaches about where they were as her children had a good education and got out of college, they did not come back to Charles City because there is nothing here, but they did get a good education.

Jennifer Castro, 9707 Dermart Court, North Chesterfield, Richmond, VA. 23237, stated she is a Special Education teacher at the school, one of her students that she collaborates with Kalub is sitting in the audience, and she is sure he did not want to hear that his school is bad or that the students are not that great either. She stated her students are phenomenal, Kalub is a hard worker and our schools are actually great, but our school is getting to the very bare bones and that is a huge problem for us. She stated she is very proud of her students, our students deserve the best, they get the best in their teachers, they need the best in their citizens and they need their support.

Ravon Johnson Allen, 5340 Cool Hill Road, Providence Forge, VA., asked the Board what are the future plans for the County and Schools to better communicate when it comes to the schools and community issues as a whole, and what are the future plans for the County as far as economic development to bring more business to the County so that we will have several sources of revenue.

Karla Cotman, 8241 Little Elam Road, Charles City, VA., stated she is kind of hurt this afternoon, she needed to take time to apologize to the children in the audience as she is the product of Charles City Schools and is a graduate of James Madison University, anybody knows college is difficult to get into, she stated to the children that your school is wonderful, hold your head up high and you can be anything you want to be.

Judy Ledbetter, 16530 The Glebe Lane, Charles City, VA., stated she has two points she would like to make. The first is as she understood the budget presentation there was no proposed increase in the fees for the utility customers in this County. Ordinarily, utilities are funded by rate payers not by tax payers and in the case of the Roxbury system, Roxbury is supposed to promote the economic development in the County. When she served on the committee the figures that were received from the Treasurer were that it only generated \$100,000.00 in tax revenue, in this budget we will be spending almost \$100,000.00 on that utility system, and it should be paid by those utilities customer not by tax payers in her opinion. The second point is she realizes the County is in a very serious financial situation and she believes the proposed budget is reasonably fair. However, if you look at the county spending compared to other counties and look at 2013 State Auditor data for the ten least-populous counties, Charles City spending on education is in the middle, per capita were are number six, pupil we are number four; County spending in Administration we are at number two, County spending on Recreation we are at number two. Is it not reasonable for us to say the schools should cut a little less and the County Government Administration and Recreation be cut a little more?

Carol Wyatt, 9441 Charles City Village Drive, Providence Forge, VA., stated it bothers her that someone would actually get up and degrade the schools. She has a senior and fourth grader in the schools. The senior has played the majority of sports in the school, and actually is in the process of furthering his education through the Newport News Apprenticeship School. He is well on his way to being somebody. The coaches and teachers have worked with him and she appreciates them taking the initiative to help him further his education. She graduated from New Kent County and did not want to give Charles City a chance, but you cannot go by perception of what people say, it is actually a great school. Her son's reading was not up to par but now it is off the chart, and she appreciates the teachers and the school.

Yvonne Smith-Jones, 15500 John Tyler Memorial Highway, Charles City, Va., stated she would like to say to the Board, audience of students, parents and community members that our schools and quality of our schools are not what people are saying, we have schools that are in compliance with all the structures and attributes that we should be in compliance with. We are working like all the other schools districts in the State of Virginia to adhere to the accountability structure, she asked the Board as they look at the budget and funding to look at our MOE (Maintenance of Effort). We have an outstanding school in Charles City County, she is proud of it and acknowledge she is a product of it and graduated from William & Mary with a doctoral degree. She is taken back by hearing negative comments about the County, she has been given the opportunity to work on a project for the State of Virginia and William & Mary, and we compare with all the other schools, we are doing what we are supposed to do. She thanked the Board of Supervisors and the School Board for their efforts. Our kids always come first.

Kristin Massey, 11250 Cosby Mill Road, Quinton, VA., 23141, commented that she would like to challenge each and every one to volunteer in the schools, actions speak louder than words. Instead of those negative stories you will find many stories of hope, promise, and victory. She is a resident of New Kent County but she chose for her daughter to attend Charles City Public Schools.

Brent Lederer, 125 New Market Village Parkway, Richmond, VA., commented that in reference to the budget itself, he has been full time for five years and has seen things change over a period of time. His main concern in the decrease in budget is the teacher turn-over at all levels. With the budget decreasing even more he doesn't see how it's not going to occur even more. You will not be able to hire experienced teachers, only teachers fresh out of school with no experience. As far as resources, doing more with less, we are about as less as you can get, textbooks are three years out of date. Without having resources it gets harder and harder to keep up with standards. Tomorrow night from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the High School Gym there will be a Community Health Fair he hopes to see everyone there.

RE: DIRECTIVES/COMMENTS

Bill Coada requested that at the next board meeting to have a definite answer to the zip code question. Zach Trogdon stated he will have a progress report at the next meeting.

Bill Coada requested an update on the procurement policy by the next meeting.

Bill Coada stated he received a phone call and flyer from Wheel on Meals, they are desperate for volunteers. If anyone is interested in volunteering give him a phone call and he will get the flyer to you.

Motion was made by Gilbert Smith to enter into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel pursuant Section 2.2-3711(A)(7). Motion was passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Gilbert Smith to return to open session. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Gilbert Smith to certify that the Board of Supervisors discussed only public business matters exempted from statutory open meeting requirements and public business identified in the motion to convene to Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.