

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, April 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.** in the 239th year of the Commonwealth and the 381th year of the County.

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

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion made by Bill Coad to adopt the Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

RE: Public Hearing – FY2016 Proposed Budget

Michelle Johnson gave a brief presentation on the FY2016 Proposed Budget. Gilbert Smith opened the public hearing for public comments.

The following comments were made:

C.D. Harwood, Jr., 16200 The Glebe Lane, Charles City, Va., stated he is against the four-cent increase on real estate taxes. He stated the County should look at other places in the budget to support the capital improvement projects.

O.P. Harwood, Goochland, Va., stated he has a company that is in tree farming which has many acres in Charles City County and he is against the real estate tax increase.

Jimmy Tyler, Goose Pond Lane, Charles City, VA., commented he thinks the CIP is a step in the right direction. He stated he is happy to see the library made it on the CIP, not excited that it is listed five years out. He asked the Board to consider cutting back on the five years wait to make it sooner. Mr. Tyler asked the Board to consider three things that could happen while waiting five years to build a library: (1.) Interest rates, which may go up within the next five years; (2.) construction costs; (3.) Campaign Committee: The Campaign Committee had raised 1.5 million dollars which has shrunk, individuals have left the committee, donations have been rescinded and enthusiasm has declined.

David Ledbetter, 16530 The Glebe Lane, Charles City, Va., he's disappointed the Board did not take his statistics from the February meeting into consideration. He asked the Board to talk to the School Board to see if they can use more money. He stated he supports everything that Mr. Jimmy Tyler said.

Jon Lamb, 6800 Mill Trail Road, Charles City, Va., asked the Board to look at other ways to fund the capital improvement projects and not raise taxes.

Justin Tench, 18100 The Glebe Lane, Charles City, Va., opposes the tax increase. He stated if the increase was because of an assessment being done in the County he can agree to that but not for capital improvement projects.

Jack Miniclier, 11620 Eagles Nest Road, Charles City, Va., stated he opposed the real estate tax increase. Last year there was a reassessment done on the property in Charles City County and the taxes went up. He stated he would like to see the sound system fixed. He also said that he supports the Board working with Waste Management as much as possible to insure that tonnage does not decline.

Charles Tench, Jr., 18110 The Glebe Lane, Charles City, Va., stated he would like to start off by saying he has the world of respect for everyone on the Board. His tax bill has gone up over 50%, and he feels the landowners are paying their share. Water and sewer systems need to become more self-sufficient. Tax increase should be on houses and the burden should not fall so much on landowners.

Jamie Jamison, Berkeley Plantation, Charles City, Va., stated he opposes the tax increase. His taxes went up considerably this year. He does not think burden of new funding should be placed on taxpayers.

Public Hearing was closed.

Floyd Miles stated he appreciates all the comments that were made and they will be taken into consideration.

Bill Coada stated that in the past years CIP has not been funded in the budget. It was a dream put on a piece of paper listing what the County wanted to see accomplished. With the four-cent real estate tax increase we still will not be able to accomplish all that needs to be done in the County. The County is cutting expenditures when and where it can.

RE: Public Hearing – Telecommunications-based Community Development Block Grant

Matt Rowe, Director of Planning Department, gave a brief overview on the Community Development Block Grant.

No comments were made from the public. Public hearing was closed.

Zach Trogdon, County Administrator, presented the following resolution for the Telecommunications Grant:

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR
TELECOMMUNICATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Charles City County has been awarded \$600,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for economic development by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VADHCD) administers CDBG funds on behalf of the of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Charles City County Economic Development Authority has agreed to commit \$55,000.00 as a local match towards CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS, on the behalf of Governor Terence McAuliffe, the Hon. Maurice Jones, Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade, announced and presented the grant award on December 22, 2014, to the County in person; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these CDBG funds is to construct a 7.7 mile fiber network, two (2) communication towers, and co-locate on an existing tower, in an effort to retain and create jobs and economic investment within the County; and

WHEREAS, this project is considered “Phase 1” by the County’s recently completed Telecommunications Plan and is overwhelmingly supported by County business owners and citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Charles City County does hereby accept \$600,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and recognizes the \$55,000.00 local match from the Charles City County Economic Development Authority.

Floyd Miles motioned to adopt resolution as presented. Motion passed as follows:

Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Floyd H. Miles, Sr	Aye
William G. Coad	Aye

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Bill Coad to go into Executive Session to discuss prospective location of a business or industry and personnel under Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) and (A)(1), respectively, of the 1950 Code of Virginia. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Bill Coad to return to open session. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Bill Coad to certify the Board of Supervisors only discussed public business matters exempted from statutory open meeting requirements identified in the motion to convene to Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the Board **recessed until Monday, April 13, 2015, 8:30 a.m.**