

VIRGINIA:

At recessed meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Charles City County Government and School Board Administration Building thereof on **Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.** in the 238th year of the Commonwealth and the 380th year of the County.

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

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Zach Trogdon asked whether the Board would add and item to the agenda regarding discussion of a potential extension of the June 5, 2014 tax payment deadline. Motion was made by Gilbert Smith to add that item and to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – FY2015 TAX RATE

Zach Trogdon explained that the public hearing about to be held was required by the Code of Virginia 58.1-3321 because, due to new, increased real estate assessments, the County would experience more than a one-percent increase in the real estate levy with the proposed tax rate of \$0.72 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate is 5.9 percent above what is termed the “lowered tax rate” of \$0.68, which is the rate that would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year.

Bill Coada opened the public hearing. Mr. C.G. Harwood spoke opposed to the increased rate since it would further burden everyone in a weak economy. Mr. O.P. Harwood spoke against the increase since it would force him to consequently increase the rent charged to those who rent his land and may run them off. Mrs. Judy Ledbetter stated she did not see a problem with the increase, but still wished for the Board to address the fact that taxpayers are subsidizing the water and sewer provision to the Roxbury Industrial Center. With no other comments, Mr. Coada closed the public hearing.

Gilbert Smith made a motion to approve the proposed real estate tax rate of \$0.72 per \$100 of assessed value. Motion passed as follows:

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

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 2015-2020 SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN

Zach Trogdon explained that each year the County, in consultation with VDOT, adopts a plan that outlines proposed secondary road projects for a six-year window. Prior to

adoption of the plan, a public hearing must be held, with both the County and VDOT representatives present. Chairman Bill Coada opened the public hearing to public comment. No comments were made and Chairman Bill Coada closed the hearing.

Floyd H. Miles, Sr. made a motion to approve the Secondary Six-Year Plan. A copy of the Plan is on file with the Clerk. Motion passed as follows:

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

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – COMBINED WATER PROTECTION ORDINANCE

Zach Trogdon presented the Board with an ordinance titled: *An Ordinance to Enact Integrated Regulations Related to Erosion and Sediment Control, Stormwater Management, and Chesapeake Bay Preservation in Order to Protect Water Quality and Quantity and to Comply with Newly Revised State Law Requirements.*

Zach Trogdon explained that the County is being required by the Commonwealth of Virginia to adopt regulations to manage the effects of stormwater. As part of that effort, the County decided to combine its other regulations dealing with protection of water quality into one, combined ordinance. These other regulations deal with Erosion and Sediment and the Chesapeake Bay. Zach Trogdon stressed that the Ordinance as written vests the operation of the program in the County, and that he recommends this as a way that the residents will receive the best service. Also, Zach Trogdon reminded the Board that an ordinance is due to DEQ by May 15, 2014, although the program will not begin until July 1, 2014.

Bill Coada opened the public hearing. With no comments forthcoming, the public hearing was closed. Matt Rowe, Director of Planning, added a comment that the fee schedule included with the current Ordinance was going to change. The Board agreed that the fee schedule could be adopted as soon as possible after it was finalized.

Gilbert Smith made a motion to approve the combined water protection ordinance as presented. Motion passed as follows:

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

RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Zach Trogdon stated that he neglected to remind the Board after adopting the tax rate, that the FY 2015 budget still needed to be adopted as well. The budget was presented and a public hearing held on April 22, 2014. Mr. Miles stated that he would like to see the funding restored to the History Center that was programmed to be reduced this year, that amount being

approximately \$5,000. Staff said they could adjust line items to accomplish that without increasing the overall budget.

Gilbert Smith made a motion to approve the FY2015 budget with the change suggested by Mr. Miles. Motion passed as follows:

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

Zach Trogdon stated that due to the relatively late adoption of the tax rate, which was further due to the completion of the 2014 general reassessment, there was a concern that it would not be possible to comply with the requirement that tax bills be mailed not later than 14 days prior to the due date of June 5, 2014. Staff was asking if the Board would approve a delay in the due date to June 12, 2014. Floyd Miles stated that he was still concerned that a tax rate that was set for a fiscal year that hadn't begun yet was going to be applied and due before that fiscal year even began; especially when the rate is increased. He has expressed this concern previously and is expecting staff to come back with a workable solution. Gilbert Smith made a motion to change the June 5, 2014 due date for tax payments until June 12, 2014. The motion passed with two in favor and one abstention.

Zach Trogdon was advised by finance staff that a motion at the April 22, 2014 meeting to reduce the Schools' appropriations by \$223,346 was not the appropriate motion. The motion should have been to reduce the Schools' budget by that amount. Bill Coad made a motion to rescind the decision made at the April 22, 2014 meeting and to reduce the Schools' FY 2014 budget by \$223,346. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Floyd H. Miles, Sr. to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters under Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the 1950 Code of Virginia; and, to discuss the investment of County funds under Section 2.2-3711 (A)(6) of the 1950 Code of Virginia. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Floyd H. Miles, Sr. to return to open session. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Floyd H. Miles, Sr. 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. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board recessed until 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2014.