

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

April 1, 2014

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Jack R. Cavalier, Chairman, at 3:03 p.m., on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, in the Board Chambers, at the George L. Gordon, Jr., Administration Building.

Roll Call The following members were present: Jack R. Cavalier, Chairman; Gary F. Snellings, Vice Chairman; Meg Bohmke; Paul V. Milde, III; Laura A. Sellers; and Robert “Bob” Thomas, Jr. Cord A. Sterling was delayed due to a business conflict and arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Also in attendance were: Anthony Romanello, County Administrator; Charles Shumate, County Attorney; Marcia Hollenberger, Chief Deputy Clerk; Pamela Timmons, Deputy Clerk, associated staff, and other interested parties.

Presentations by the Public The following members of the public desired to speak:

- Patricia Jackson - Empower House budget cut
- Jennifer Galatro - Empower House budget cut
- Dennis Fallon - Empower House budget cut
- Art Hart - Tri-County/City Soil and Water Conservation District
- Don Strickland - Petition to pave Southern View Drive

Presentations by Members of the Board Board members spoke on the topics as identified:

Ms. Bohmke - Attended STEM Conference w/ Stephanie Johnson, Congressman Rob Wittman was the featured speaker; Robotic programs in schools; Governor’s School; Read Congressman Wittman’s statement; she hopes for more Economic Development opportunities to Stafford County.

Mr. Cavalier - Laura Sellers will be working with the Joint Schools/BOS Working Committee and will schedule the next meeting, including a discussion on shared services.

Mr. Milde - Update on Community and Economic Development Committee (serves as Chair of CEDC and Infrastructure Committees); CEDC discussed the Falmouth waterfront including options on parking and lighting; also

discussed the Counting House. Update on Stafford Technology and Research Park/RFP; 500 million gallons of water currently in the Rocky Pen Reservoir; Chichester and Embrey Mill Parks are well underway; Attended recent R-Board meeting, \$330,000 request included in 2015 proposed budget, landfill is losing money; VRE (he is chairman) met to discuss capacity issues.

Ms. Sellers - Attended Rappahannock Regional Jail Authority meeting; shifting health care costs saves the County; Attend CPMT and NAACP meeting.

Mr. Snellings - 350th meeting; History Fair at Mountain View High School on 4/5/14, 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Sterling - Absent from the afternoon session.

Mr. Thomas - Deferred

Report of the County Attorney Mr. Shumate deferred his report.

Report of the County Administrator Mr. Romanello introduced Judy Barnes, past coordinator of the County's United Way campaign, and presented a plaque to Ms. Barnes saying that during her tenure as United Way coordinator, County employees donated more than \$500,000 to the United Way. Ms. Barnes thanked Mr. Romanello and read a statement also thanking Stafford County employees for their generosity. Item 14 regarding completion of the Celebrate Virginia Parkway was deleted from the agenda.

Legislative; Additions and Deletions to the Regular Agenda Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to adopt the agenda with the additions and deletions referenced above.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Bohmke, Cavalier, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas
Nay: (0)
Absent: (1) Sterling

Legislative; Consent Agenda Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to adopt the Consent Agenda consisting of Items 3 through 13.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Bohmke, Cavalier, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas
Nay: (0)
Absent: (1) Sterling

Item 3. Legislative; Approve Minutes of the March 18, 2014 Board Meeting

Item 4. Finance and Budget; Approve Expenditure Listing

Resolution R14-87 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE LISTING (EL)
DATED MARCH 19, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

WHEREAS, the Board appropriated funds to be expended for the purchase of goods and services in accordance with an approved budget; and

WHEREAS, the payments appearing on the above-referenced Listing of Expenditures represent payment of \$100,000 and greater for the purchase of goods and/or services which are within the appropriated amounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 1st day of April, 2014 that the above-mentioned EL be and hereby is approved.

Item 5. Public Works; Petition VDOT to Include Royal Crescent Way, Idle Branch Way, Cool Well Court, and Charter Gate Drive within Stafford Lakes Subdivision, Sections 12B and 14A, into the Secondary System of State Highways

Resolution R14-65 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO PETITION THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INCLUDE ROYAL CRESCENT WAY, IDLE BRANCH WAY, COOL WELL COURT, AND CHARTER GATE DRIVE WITHIN STAFFORD LAKES SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 12B AND 14A, INTO THE SECONDARY SYSTEM OF STATE HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 33.1-229, the Board desires to include Royal Crescent Way, Idle Branch Way, Cool Well Court, and Charter Gate Drive within Stafford Lakes Subdivision, Sections 12B and 14A, into the Secondary System of State Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) inspected these streets and found them satisfactory to be accepted into the Secondary System of State Highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 1st day of April, 2014, that VDOT be and it hereby is petitioned to include the following streets within Stafford Lakes Subdivision, Sections 12B and 14A, into the Secondary System of State Highways:

Street Name/ Route Number	Station	Length
Royal Crescent Way (SR-2280)	From: 0.05 miles South Inter. Wildwood Place (SR-2286) To: Inter. Idle Branch Way (SR-2290)	0.07 mi. ROW 54'
Royal Crescent Way (SR-2280)	From: Inter. Idle Branch Way (SR-2290) To: Inter. Cool Well Court (SR-2291)	0.17 mi. ROW 54'
Royal Crescent Way (SR-2280)	From: Inter. Cool Well Court (SR-2291) To: Inter. Charter Gate Drive (SR-2285)	0.07 mi. ROW 54'
Idle Branch Way (SR-2290)	From: Inter. Royal Crescent Way (SR-2280) To: 203 Feet East to End	0.04 mi. ROW 54'
Cool Well Court (SR-2291)	From: Inter. Royal Crescent Way (SR-2280) To: 458 Feet East	0.09 mi. ROW 54'
Charter Gate Drive (SR-2285)	From: Inter. Mill Springs Drive (SR-2284) To: Inter. future Hopkins Branch Way	0.18 mi. ROW 56'
Charter Gate Drive (SR-2285)	From: Inter. future Hopkins Branch Way To: Inter. future Ivy Spring Lane (SR-2289)	0.09 mi. ROW 56'
Charter Gate Drive (SR-2285)	From: Inter. future Ivy Spring Lane (SR-2289) To: Inter. Royal Crescent Way (SR-2280)	0.10 mi. ROW 56'
Charter Gate Drive (SR-2285)	From: Inter. Royal Crescent Way (SR-2280) To: 342 Feet South to End	0.06 mi. ROW 50'

An unrestricted right-of-way, as indicated above, for these streets with necessary easements for cuts, fills, and drainage is guaranteed, as evidenced by Plat of Record entitled, Stafford Lakes Village, Section 12B, recorded in PM 12000002 with LR120000380 on January 6, 2012, and Stafford Lakes Village, Section 14A, recorded in PM 11000014 with LR110005601 on March 22, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator or his designee shall forward a copy of this resolution to the developer, and to the VDOT Transportation and Land Use Director, Fredericksburg District.

Item 6. Finance and Budget; Budget and Appropriate Cash Proffers

Resolution R14-81 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE
CASH PROFFER FUND PROCEEDS

WHEREAS, cash proffer funds totaling \$2,705,342 are available for use on Board-approved transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, cash proffer funds in the amount of \$158,622 are available to support fire and rescue expansion projects and may be used to pay debt service for the preliminary design for Station 14; and

WHEREAS, cash proffer funds in the amount of \$6,392 are available for General Government and Government Center projects, and may be used for the Stafford Jail building demolition which provides space for future capacity expansion of the Courthouse;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 1st day of April, 2014, that it be and hereby does budget and appropriate the following in cash proffer funds:

Debt Service (Fire and Rescue)	\$158,622
Transfer to other Funds	<u>\$2,711,734</u>
Total General Fund	\$2,870,356
Transportation Fund	\$1,850,058
Warrenton Road Service District	\$855,284
Capital Projects	\$6,392

Item 7. Public Works Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Contract for the Design of Turn-Lane Improvements at the Route 1 and Garrisonville Road Intersection

Resolution R14-82 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BOWMAN CONSULTING FOR DESIGN OF THE TURN LANE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE ROUTE 1 AND GARRISONVILLE ROAD INTERSECTION

WHEREAS, the intersection of Route 1 and Garrisonville Road has a failing level of service (F), with motorists experiencing long delays particularly during afternoon peak periods; and

WHEREAS, this intersection also has a high rate of vehicle accidents, due in large part to extensive traffic backups at this location; and

WHEREAS, construction of a second right-turn lane from southbound Route 1 onto westbound Garrisonville Road was shown to be a cost-effective way to dramatically improve the performance and safety at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, Bowman Consulting performed the conceptual design effort for these improvements, and provided an engineering proposal to complete the design of the right-turn lane modifications and coordinate the relocation of private utilities, for a cost not to exceed \$106,529; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the proposal and determined it to be reasonable for the scope of services proposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 1st day of April, 2014, that it be and hereby does authorize the County Administrator to execute a contract with Bowman Consulting for engineering and utility relocation coordination services to complete the design of the right-turn lane improvements at the Route 1 and Garrisonville Road intersection, in an amount not to

exceed One Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars (\$106,529), unless modified by a duly-executed contract amendment.

Item 8. Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities; Execute Agreements to Operate Summer Youth Recreational Swim Team Programs at Curtis Memorial Park and Woodlands Pool

Resolution R14-71 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CURTIS PARK SWIM TEAM
TO OPERATE THE YOUTH RECREATIONAL SWIMMING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Curtis Park Swim Team is presently operating the Youth Recreational Swimming Program at Curtis Memorial Park during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the Curtis Park Swim Team has operated the program successfully; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends approval of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the agreement serves and promotes the welfare of the County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on March 20, 2014, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the agreement and unanimously recommended renewal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 1st day of April, 2014, that the County Administrator or his designee be and he hereby is authorized to execute a two-year agreement with the Curtis Park Swim Team to operate the Youth Recreational Swimming Program at Curtis Memorial Park Pool.

Resolution R14-72 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WOODLANDS SWIM TEAM
TO OPERATE THE YOUTH RECREATIONAL SWIMMING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Woodlands Swim Team is presently operating the Youth Recreational Swimming Program at Woodlands Pool during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the Woodlands Swim Team has operated the program successfully; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends approval of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the agreement serves and promotes the welfare of the County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on March 20, 2014, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the agreement and unanimously recommended renewal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 1st day of April, 2014, that the County Administrator or his designee be and he hereby is authorized to execute a two-year agreement with the Woodlands Swim Team to operate the Youth Recreational Swimming Program at the Woodlands Pool.

Item 9. Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities; Execute an Agreement to Operate a Recreational Youth Lacrosse Program

Resolution R14-73 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STAFFORD LACROSSE ASSOCIATION TO OPERATE A RECREATIONAL YOUTH LACROSSE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Stafford Lacrosse Association (SLA) has successfully operated a recreational youth lacrosse program in the County; and

WHEREAS, SLA requested that the current agreement with the County to operate the program be renewed; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends approval of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on March 20, 2014, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the agreement and unanimously recommended renewal with the following revisions: Item 4: The Association shall provide certification that all coaches, instructors, volunteers, etc., with direct contact with participants have passed criminal background screenings; and Item 11: Change the term of the agreement to one year; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the Agreement serves and promotes the welfare of the County and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 1st day of April, 2014, that the County Administrator or his designee be and he hereby is authorized to execute a one-year Agreement with the Stafford Lacrosse Association to operate a recreational youth lacrosse program.

Item 10. Public Works; Authorize the County Administrator to Request Funding for Construction of Pedestrian Accomodations Adjacent to Rodney Thompson Middle School

Resolution R14-88 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

TO REQUEST FUNDING FROM THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS,
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, TRANSPORTATION
ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN
ACCOMMODATIONS ADJACENT TO RODNEY THOMPSON MIDDLE
SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) is part of the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act* (MAP-21), which replaces transportation enhancement activities; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is accepting applications for the TAP, established by MAP-21, and will select applications to forward to the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) for project selection; and

WHEREAS, qualifying activities include, but are not limited to, infrastructure projects such as sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking facilities, and traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools; and

WHEREAS, construction of pedestrian accommodations adjacent to Rodney Thompson Middle School is a qualifying activity within the Washington, D.C., Area Council of Governments (COG), Transportation Management Association (TMA); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to request TAP funding in the amount of \$81,336 for the construction of pedestrian accommodations adjacent to Rodney Thompson Middle School, with a local-match, to be paid by the Schools, of \$16,268; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with VDOT's TAP application procedures, the Board, acting as the School's fiscal agent, must adopt a resolution committing to the sponsorship of the projects and verifying the availability of the 20% match; and

WHEREAS, school staff verified that sufficient funds are available to provide the local \$16,268 match;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 1st day of April, 2014, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to request Eighty-one Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-six Dollars (\$81,336) in Council of Government, Transportation Management Association, Transportation Alternatives Program funds for the construction of pedestrian accommodations adjacent to Rodney Thompson Middle School; and to verify that the 20% match in the amount of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-eight Dollars (\$16,268) is available should Transportation Alternatives Program funds be awarded to the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the County Administrator or his designee to execute project administration agreements for any approved funding associated with this project.

Item 11. County Administration; Approve Reappointment of Mr. Matthew Zurasky to the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board (RACSB) Board of Directors Effective July 1, 2014

Item 12. Public Information; Recognize Mr. Glenn Dye, Recipient of the 2013 Clean Water/Bay Friendly Farm Award Program, in Recognition of Outstanding Farm Conservation Management

Proclamation P14-05 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MR. GLENN A. DYE, 2013
CLEAN WATER/BAY FRIENDLY FARM AWARD PROGRAM
RECIPIENT FOR STAFFORD COUNTY, IN RECOGNITION OF
OUTSTANDING FARM CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Tri-County/City Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) serves this region through programs and activities that enhance the water quality of the County's surface and ground waters while conserving and protecting natural resources; and

WHEREAS, in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, farmers who demonstrate outstanding management practices that conserve precious natural resources are selected and recognized through the Clean Water/Bay Friendly Farm Award Program; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-County/City SWCD recognizes Mr. Glenn A. Dye as the 2013 Clean Water/Bay Friendly Farm Award Program recipient for Stafford County (Potomac Watershed); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dye demonstrates a commitment to the conservation of natural resources through responsible farming practices, including having a cover of commodity crop (corn or soybeans) in the spring and summer months, and a small grain (wheat, barley, or rye) cover crop on the soil in the summer and fall months; leaving the soil undisturbed by using a no-till system to plant corn, soybeans, and small grain crops; using aerial seeding for a small grain cover crop planted in time for good top growth to protect the soil, and good root growth to hold the soil in place to prevent erosion, nutrient runoff, and leaching of nutrients into the groundwater; and soil testing to apply fertilizer according to the needs of the plant growing;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 1st day of April, 2014, that it be and hereby does commend Mr. Glenn A. Dye for his commitment to protecting and enhancing waters that flow beyond

farm boundaries and for the conservation ethic demonstrated through his farm management practices.

Item 13. Public Information; Recognize Mr. Glenn Carl Sullivan, Retired Mountain View Rescue Squad Volunteer; and Recognize the Week of April 14-18 as Telecommunicators Week

Proposed Proclamation P14-06 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND MR. GLENN CARL SULLIVAN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE MOUNTAIN VIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, MOUNTAIN VIEW VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, AND THE CITIZENS OF STAFFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, on the occasion of his birthday, the Board wishes to recognize Mr. Glenn Carl Sullivan for his contributions as a life member of the Mountain View Volunteer Rescue Squad, and the Mountain View Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as a lieutenant, a captain, and as chief from 1978-1980; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sullivan helped build the Mountain View Fire Department building and assisted in the construction of the current Mountain View Volunteer Rescue Squad building; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sullivan received multiple awards and recognition over the years for his service including: Meritorious and Outstanding Service for years of service as chairman of the Fund Drive Committee in 1982; 1990 Married Member with the Most Calls for the Year award; Appreciation awards in 1991, 1992 and 1993; Stafford County Rescue Squad Member of the Year in 1992; and the “Ruth H. Musselman Award” in 1996 for Squad Man of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sullivan served as a sergeant, lieutenant, vice president and Board of Governor’s representative to the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sullivan retired in 1985 in the position of captain from the Quantico Fire Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this 1st day of April, 2014, that it be and hereby does recognize Mr. Glenn Carl Sullivan for his lifelong dedication to public safety and to the citizens of Stafford County.

Proposed Proclamation P14-11 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 13-19, 2014 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK IN STAFFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require a response from the Sheriff's Office and Fire and Rescue personnel; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of deputies, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our deputies and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from individuals who call 9-1-1 or telephone the Stafford County Emergency Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact County citizens have with emergency services and are ready to take a call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are the single vital link for Stafford's deputies, firefighters, and paramedics by monitoring their activities by radio providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, the public safety telecommunicators of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are more than a calm and reassuring voice at the other end of the phone contributing daily to the public safety needs of the community; they are the "unseen first responders" serving the public in countless ways, many times without recognition; and

WHEREAS, each Stafford County public safety telecommunications officer has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their duties by providing a timely and quality response to those who have experienced emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to call public attention to the dedication of these individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this 1st day of April, 2014, that it be and hereby does recognize the week of April 13-19, 2014, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in honor of the men and women of Stafford County's Emergency Communications Center whose diligence and professionalism help to keep our community and residents safe.

Item 14. County Administration; Authorize the County Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Celebrate Virginia Development Company, LLC for Completion of Celebrate Virginia Parkway – This item was deleted from the Agenda.

Legislative; Closed Meeting. At 3:41 p.m., Mr. Thomas motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to adopt proposed Resolution CM14-08.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Bohmke, Cavalier, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas
Nay: (0)
Absent: (1) Sterling

Resolution CM14-08 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board desires to hold a Closed Meeting for (1) consultation with legal counsel regarding the potential merger of the Rappahannock Office on Youth and the Chaplin Group Home Commission; and (2) consultation with legal counsel regarding a letter from the Virginia Housing Development Authority pertaining to the Aquia Town Center; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 1st day of April, 2014, does hereby authorize discussion of the aforestated matters in Closed Meeting.

Call to Order At 4:08 p.m., the Chairman called the meeting back to order.

Legislative; Closed Meeting Certification Mr. Thomas motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to adopt proposed Resolution CM14-08(a).

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Bohmke, Cavalier, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas
Nay: (0)
Absent: (1) Sterling

Resolution CM14-08(a) reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED MEETING ON APRIL 1, 2014

WHEREAS, the Board has, on this the 1st day of April, 2014, adjourned into a Closed Meeting in accordance with a formal vote of the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as it became effective July 1, 1989, provides for certification that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify, on this the 1st day of April, 2014, that to the best of each member's knowledge: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the said Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board.

Call to Order At 7:03 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting back to order. Mr. Cavalier read the following statement:

“It is with a heavy heart and a profound sense of loss that I ask all of you to keep one of our Stafford families in your thoughts and prayers. As you may have heard, last night a young child perished in a residential fire in the Hartwood District. The fire is still under investigation. I ask that you remember this family today and in the future.

I would also like to thank our Fire and Rescue Department, the Stafford Sheriff’s Office, and the 911 operations in the Emergency Communications Center for all that they did yesterday, which included bringing the fire under control, and taking care of the family. I would like to also extend thanks to our neighboring jurisdictions for their assistance, including Fauquier County, Prince William County, Marine Corps Base Quantico, King George County, and the City of Fredericksburg. We are grateful for your help.”

Invocation Ms. Bohmke gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Snellings led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Sterling arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Presentations by the Public - The following members of the public desired to speak:

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| Bill Johnson | - | Against an incinerator at the Landfill |
| Michelle Hendrick | - | Rappahannock Big Brothers & Sister budget |
| Michelle Goshorn | - | FY2015 School Budget |
| Marc Broklawski | - | FY2015 School Budget |
| Carol Huebner | - | FY2015 School Budget |
| Lorraine Heck | - | FY2015 School Budget |
| Theresa Thompson | - | FY2015 School Budget |
| Pamela deToledo | - | FY2015 School Budget |

- Paul Waldowski - 581 days to Election Day; Gerrymandering; 7 School Board members, only 5 high schools; Stafford Regional Airport; Rocky Pen Run/Reservoir; Mountain View Road; Noise Level Zone One at rebuild location of Moncure Elementary School); Water & Sewer bill; 7 Planning Commission members; Lame duck Utilities Commission
- Stephanie Travers - FY2105 School Budget
- Cindy Ward - FY2015 School Budget; raise tax rate to help schools
- Terri Welborn - FY2015 School Budget; Bus safety
- Ruth Carlone - FY2015 School Budget; Rescinded BPOL, airline, boat taxes; admires teachers; reducing proffers in crazy; raise taxes to aid schools; Board members should hold quarterly town hall meeting in each district
- Dana Brown - FY2015 School Budget; need for new school buses
- Andy Hayes - FY2015 School Budget
- Mary Benson - FY2015 School Budget; raise taxes to support schools
- Ellie Jones - FY2015 School Budget
- Zoe Jones - FY2015 School Budget
- Xander Jones - FY2015 School Budget
- Harmony Jones - FY2015 School Budget
- Tammy Burton - FY2015 School Budget
- Kelly Barricklow - FY2015 School Budget
- Joe Godsey - FY2015 School Budget – raise taxes to support schools
- Patricia Reynolds - Professor @ UMW; graduating teachers do not want to come the Stafford County partly because of per pupil expenditure being so low compared to neighboring localities; FY2015 School Budget
- J. R. Abels - FY2015 School Budget
- Iris Esquilin - FY2015 School Budget; retired Marine settled in Stafford County because of quality of education, now considering a move to another locality due to faltering school system
- Maryanne Cologne - FY2015 School Budget; employee in Fleet Services, replace aging school bus fleet
- Jim Riutta - Be good stewards of the County’s money, provide better support to schools
- Nina Passmore - 1st year teacher, spent \$1500 out of her pocket; 25 students in autism inclusion class, additional student arriving 4/1/14

The Chairman called a recess at 8:23 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

School Board Budget Presentation School Board Chairman, Ms. Nanette Kidby gave a Power Point presentation. Following the presentation, Ms. Kidby answered Board member's questions.

Ms. Bohmke noted that she was a member of the School Board prior to her election to the Board of Supervisors as the Falmouth District representative. She said that questions were asked about the number of participants in the Bridge program, as well as a requested review of the program, neither of which was provided. Ms. Kidby said that was because the School Board planned to do a more in depth study of the Bridge program and would provide the requested information following the review. Ms. Bohmke asked if the referenced \$1.4 million was a net or gross figure. Ms. Kidby replied that it was the gross cost. Ms. Bohmke mentioned the joint OPEB Committee on which she and Mr. Sterling volunteered to serve. Ms. Kidby said that members of the School Board wished to have a better definition and knowledge of the expectations of the proposed committee before appointing a member (or members) to it. Mr. Sterling said that it did not have to do with the evening's budget presentation and would be addressed at a later date and following budget deliberations. Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services, Lance Wolfe, addressed the Board speaking about what the actuary determined to be the necessary/actual amount to cover OPEB, saying that the net number was \$4.4 M ("or a little less than that") in FY2014. He said that based on a discussion with County financial staff, Schools have slightly less than \$1 million in cash available for an OPEB contribution but do not have enough for the FY2015 contribution.

Ms. Sellers said that she was unable to attend the School's budget adoption meeting the previous night but that she was not expecting a request for \$19.6 million. She said that she appreciated the line-by-line explanation and wanted to talk with School Board members about the budget requests. Ms. Sellers thanked Ms. Kidby for coming.

Mr. Thomas said that meetings of the Joint Finance and Budget Committee served well both the County and School Division and suggested continued meetings. He added that he understood the struggles facing the Schools and thanked them for the presentation.

Ms. Kidby introduced the new School Superintendent, Dr. Bruce Benson. It was Dr. Benson's first day on the job. Dr. Benson said that he had the unique privilege of working on two school board budgets this year and was looking forward to serving the residents and especially the students of Stafford County. He added that he already felt comfortable in Stafford and talked about the incredible day he had. Dr. Benson referred anecdotally to a meeting between former President Bill Clinton and former Prime Minister Tony Blair and a discussion about how to return Mr. Blair to power. Mr. Clinton said that it did not matter what he (Mr. Blair) wanted, what mattered was what the stakeholders wanted.

Dr. Benson said that the School Division belongs to the community/stakeholders; that it must operate in a sustainable manner, adding that there were areas in desperate need of attention and there must be a strong relationship between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board.

Dr. Benson said that he liked to know all the details; that a lot could be accomplished while working collaboratively and exploring untapped opportunities. He spoke about a ten-year old efficiency study, saying that he wanted to know what was acted upon and what the successes were. He hoped for increased transparency in the budgeting process and planned to work toward a biennial approach to budgeting. He concluded his remarks saying again that he was excited and honored to be in Stafford County and looked forward to having the opportunity for a meeting, on an individual basis, with each member of the Board of Supervisors to talk about where the County and Schools were and how they got to where they are now.

Mr. Cavalier thanked Dr. Benson for his remarks saying that Dr. Benson would be a stabilizing force for the Schools and the County, in particular as he made inroads to better communication between both Boards. Mr. Cavalier spoke about meetings he attended with Mr. Snellings, Ms. Kidby, and Ms. Hazard, and said that as soon as Dr. Benson was comfortable, Mr. Cavalier hoped that Dr. Benson would participate in a future meeting. Mr. Cavalier said that he was optimistic by nature and had a good feeling about Dr. Benson's tenure with Stafford County. He added that he was not thrilled with the budget process, saying that something was amiss, not in sync, and that it was never too early to begin the process for the next years' budget, which could be done better than it had been done thus far.

Mr. Snellings welcomed Dr. Benson saying that he was the seventh administrator since 2003 (four full-time/three interim superintendents). He said that it has been a "zig-zag" course and he hoped that Dr. Benson would be here for a long time to come.

Finance and Budget; Authorize a Public Hearing on the Proposed Calendar Year 2014 Tax Rates; Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 County Budget; and Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2024 Capital Improvement Program Mr. Romanello addressed the Board and requested authorization to advertise a public hearing on the Calendar Year 2014 taxes, Fiscal Year 2015 budgets; and Fiscal Year 2014-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Mr. Romanello noted that a correction was made to the equalized tax rate (\$1.002 was originally reported; the corrected equalized tax rate was \$1.009). The effective tax rate was correctly noted as \$1.019. Tax rates included a one cent levy to support state mandated stormwater management costs. Pending Board approval, the public hearing was tentatively scheduled for April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers.

Ms. Sellers clarified that once the Board sets the tax rate, it could reduce the amount but not increase it. County Attorney, Mr. Shumate, confirmed Ms. Sellers' statement.

Mr. Sterling motioned to authorize a public hearing setting the CY2014 tax rate at the equalized rate of \$1.009; eliminating all references to a stormwater service district one cent tax levy; eliminating the four-month health insurance holiday for employees; and eliminating all six proposed new positions. Ms. Sellers said that she was not going to second Mr. Sterling's motion as it put the County behind, especially by taking off the stormwater service district tax levy. Mr. Sterling said that that County needed a couple hundred thousand dollars, not the \$938,000 as was originally reported. He added that not enough research had been done and that \$938,000 was a theoretical number at best. Mr. Sterling said that if there was a surplus (from the proposed one cent tax levy), it could not be used for anything other than stormwater management, there was no flexibility whatsoever, and he felt that it was going to "stovepipe" the budget and give no management authority to the Board. Mr. Milde said that it would not "stovepipe" the budget any more so than Fire and Rescue. Mr. Sterling responded that there was no tax levy associated with Fire and Rescue.

Mr. Milde said not filling the inspector positions was unacceptable. Mr. Sterling said that the Board could not add new positions to the County then deny the hiring of new teachers. Mr. Sterling's motion failed for lack of a second.

Ms. Sellers motioned to authorize the public hearing, setting the tax rate at \$1.05 and reducing it after more time was given to work with the School Board to understand how they arrived at their final budget numbers. Mr. Thomas asked for the additional revenue amount with a tax rate of \$1.05. Mr. Romanello responded that it would be approximately \$7 million. Ms. Sellers' motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Mr. Snellings, to authorize the public hearing, setting the tax rate at \$1.01, which added \$140,000 over the equalized tax rate; his motion included setting up stormwater service district with the no tax levy; and retaining all six recommended new positions. Mr. Romanello said that without a stormwater tax, the County was faced with a \$938,000 problem (currently built into the base budget) to wrestle with.

Ms. Bohmke asked why the Board would establish a stormwater service district without a funding mechanism to support it. She asked Mr. Romanello to clarify the amount necessary to meet the new state mandates, was it \$450,000 or \$900,000. Mr. Romanello asked Public Works Director, Mr. Mike Smith, to address the Board. Mr. Smith said that the FY2015 Budget included \$938,000. Included in that amount was \$589,000 in operating expenses and \$349,000 for engineering and plans needed for the TMDL. He said that the proposed one cent tax equated to \$1.4 million.

The estimated cost of meeting state mandates for fifteen years was \$42 Million. Ms. Bohmke asked about consequences. Mr. Smith said that the State would levy fines against the County.

Ms. Sellers said that to remove the one cent tax demonstrated poor financial management and reiterated her belief that the Board should approve advertising a higher rate. She added that the Board was setting up the County to fail in regards to the budget.

Mr. Thomas said that the proposed budget included \$6.4 million in new money that the County did not have last year. Ms. Bohmke asked, in light of the speaker's comments and the Board's priorities including public safety and education, if the Board advertised a tax rate of \$1.01, where would the School Board make cuts? Mr. Cavalier noted that the School Board had an opportunity to address the Board and the next step was for the Board to authorize and hold a public hearing.

Mr. Romanello said that at the motioned rate of \$1.01 tax rate, it would add \$140,000 to County revenue. If no stormwater levy was included, the County would have to cover \$938,000 from the General Fund. Mr. Snellings reminded County citizens that the stormwater service district arose from the need to meet new State mandates regarding stormwater management; that no one wanted to do it but that it had to be done and the County would be taking over duties previously performed by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Mr. Thomas talked about HOA's having to pay stormwater management fees and said that it did not feel fair to the public and he would like to hear what the public has to say. Ms. Sellers noted that the County had to pay the money regardless. Breaking down the proposed \$938,000, Mr. Romanello said that \$589,000 was operating expenses. The \$349,000 capital costs could be delayed (but not eliminated) or there would be eventual fines levied against the County. He added that the recommended \$938,000 in FY2015 would keep the County on pace with state mandates. Ms. Sellers asked how long staff knew about the new mandates. Mr. Romanello answered that staff worked on it for four or five years. Mr. Smith said that work initially started in 2003; the second round came in 2008. He repeated that the estimated cost for fifteen years was \$42 Million.

Ms. Sellers said that she tells her Social Work clients that a "we will deal with that tomorrow" attitude may work in the short-term but that eventually "tomorrows" come to an end. She added that stormwater mandates could be funded in FY2015 or kicked down the road but eventually, the Board would have to deal with it.

Mr. Sterling asked about the cost of the health insurance holiday. Mr. Romanello said that it was a one-time vs. recurring cost and would save nothing.

Mr. Sterling talked about a stagnant economy and that there was good reason to lower or at least to equalize taxes so as to not further burden an already fragile economy. Ms. Sellers said that there was a false sense of hope among people and residents have the right to expect the Board to be honest with the County and School's costs and expenses, that children in the middle were the ones being left behind, it was not the children that had an Individual Education Profile (IEP) or the Governor's School students; it was the average, middle-of-the road student. She said that if public safety and schools were not funded, it was the average resident and average student that got left behind, which was what would happen if the advertised tax rate did not meet or exceed the needs of the County.

Mr. Thomas cautioned that myths should not be perpetuated. He shared neighboring localities that had not received STEP increases in five years including Fauquier and King George counties. Prince William County teachers received only one STEP increase in five years. Spotsylvania County had no STEP increases in five years, whereas Stafford gave three STEPs in five years, not counting the 2% bonus and COLA increases. Mr. Thomas said that he believed that the County did a good job taking care of schools and said that care should be taken to get the facts right.

Mr. Milde said that public safety was getting better, that the force doubled in eight years, and agreed that the facts regarding school funding did not bear out. Mr. Sterling said that local contributions to schools was going up and asked where the Governor was in providing additional funding to schools. Ms. Sellers asked where Bill Howell was. Ms. Bohmke said that per pupil expenditures spoke to a different conclusion about funding going up. Mr. Sterling disagreed and repeated that school funding increased year after year. He said that Schools did not provide requested information about where and how it used its resources. He added that Mr. Thomas was right, that compensation did go up for Stafford County teachers and that that fact was not being told, and numbers did not report those increases and were presented incorrectly. Ms. Bohmke said that Stafford was different than Spotsylvania, that many additional programs were provided to Stafford students.

The Voting Board tally on Mr. Milde's motion was:

Yea: (3) Cavalier, Milde, Snellings

Nay: (4) Bohmke, Sellers, Sterling, Thomas

Mr. Sterling motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to advertise a public hearing with no stormwater service district tax; eliminating the six new positions and the health insurance holiday; and an equalized tax rate of \$1.009. After he seconded it, Mr. Milde added the caveat that he would not support the eliminations the new positions.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (3) Bohmke, Milde, Sterling, Thomas
Nay: (4) Cavalier, Sellers, Snellings

Ms. Bohmke asked that the vote be reconsidered. Ms. Bohmke motioned, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to reconsider the previous vote.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Cavalier, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Sterling, Thomas
Nay: (1) Bohmke

The Re-Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (3) Milde, Sterling, Thomas
Nay: (4) Bohmke, Cavalier, Sellers, Snellings

Mr. Thomas motioned, seconded by Mr. Snellings, to advertise the public hearing as proposed in the original agenda packet including the effective tax rate, the one cent stormwater service district tax levy, the health insurance holiday, and six new positions. Mr. Thomas asked what the reduction to the car tax would be if the effective tax rate were adopted. Mr. Romanello said that it would amount to \$.28 or \$6.61, down from \$6.89.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (3) Cavalier, Snellings, Thomas
Nay: (4) Bohmke, Milde, Sellers, Sterling

Mr. Sterling commented that his, Ms. Sellers, Mr. Milde, and Mr. Thomas' motions all failed.

Mr. Snellings motioned, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to advertise a public hearing with the effective tax rate of \$1.019, reduce the personal property tax bill by \$.28 and set the stormwater service district tax at one cent, recognizing that it could later be reduced to zero. Mr. Snellings said that the reality was that the County needed funding to cover the cost of state mandates for stormwater. He said that he agreed with Mr. Thomas, many people did not see a real estate tax bill but twice each year, they received a personal property tax bill, and a reduction to the car tax would impact more people.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (3) Cavalier, Snellings, Thomas
Nay: (4) Bohmke, Milde, Sellers, Sterling

Mr. Cavalier turned over the gavel to Vice Chairman, Mr. Snellings, and motioned to advertise a public hearing with the effective tax rate (\$1.019) and a reduced personal

property tax rate. Mr. Cavalier clarified that the personal property tax reduction he suggested was \$.28, for a reduced personal property tax rate of \$6.61. Mr. Cavalier's motion also included a one-half cent stormwater service district tax levy and eliminating all six new positions. Mr. Thomas seconded Mr. Cavalier's motion.

Mr. Milde said that he would rather give additional revenue to the schools than to reduce the personal property tax. Mr. Milde asked for the amount received from the \$23 per vehicle decal fee. Mr. Romanello said that it was \$2.4 Million and reminded the Board that there was no fee this year. Mr. Thomas said that he put the effective tax rate on the table and it failed. He said that in an earlier discussion it was noted that two Parks employees were not yet needed so eliminating those two positions was not a big problem.

Ms. Sellers asked Budget Director, Ms. Nancy Collins, for the cost associated with the six new positions. Ms. Collins replied that it was \$441,000. Mr. Milde said that he could not support Mr. Cavalier's motion to eliminate all six positions. Mr. Romanello said that the proposed six new positions would be fee supported. Ms. Bohmke asked for clarification that if she supported the one-half cent stormwater tax levy, it could be reduced at the public hearing. Mr. Snellings confirmed Ms. Bohmke's statement.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (4) Bohmke, Cavalier, Snellings, Thomas
 Nay: (3) Milde, Sellers, Sterling

Adjournment: At 10:17 p.m. the Vice Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Anthony J. Romanello, ICMA-CM
 County Administrator

Jack R. Cavalier
 Chairman