

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Meeting

November 1, 2016

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Robert “Bob” Thomas, Jr., Chairman, at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, in the Board Chambers, at the George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center.

Roll Call The following members were present: Robert “Bob” Thomas, Jr., Chairman; Laura A. Sellers, Vice-Chairman; Meg Bohmke; Jack R. Cavalier; Wendy E. Maurer; Paul V. Milde, III; and Gary F. Snellings.

Also in attendance were: C. Douglas Barnes, Interim County Administrator; Charles L. Shumate, County Attorney; Marcia C. Hollenberger, Chief Deputy Clerk; Cheryl D. Giles, Deputy Clerk; associated staff and other interested parties.

Presentations by the Public No citizens indicated a desire to speak.

Mr. Thomas introduced the Commissioner of the Revenue, Mr. Scott Mayausky, who unveiled a portrait of George L. Gordon, Jr., for whom the government center building was named in 2008. The artist, Kay Van Zant, was present with Mr. Mayausky as well as former Commonwealth’s Attorney, Mr. Dan Chichester, a master cabinet maker, who made the frame for the portrait using barn wood given to him by Mr. Gordon. Mr. Steve Gambaro was the photographer that took the picture from which the portrait was painted. Mr. Mayausky unveiled the portrait and said that it was so realistic that it looked as if Mr. Gordon could stand up and talk with him.

Mr. Gordon was the Commissioner of the Revenue for Stafford County from 1942 to 1999 when he retired. He won 14 consecutive elections and was the longest serving constitutional officer in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Gordon gave Mr. Mayausky the Tax Code and said that it was his bible and could be done either for good or harm and Mr. Mayausky noted that Mr. Gordon only used it for good.

Board Member Presentations Board members spoke on topics as identified:

Ms. Bohmke - Attended the Regional Elected Officials dinner; pleased that there will be regional, legislative priorities for the next year with GWRC and

FAMPO. Attended the Greater Falls Run Lions Club for its monthly luncheon and thanked them for their contribution to the community and support of schools in south Stafford. Participated in Coats for Kids at the Berea Fire Station then toured the new Empowerhouse facility with Ruby Brabo, Chairman of the King George Board of Supervisors. There are Stafford residents at the facility due to difficulties with domestic violence. Stafford County is joining Prince William and Fauquier counties to create an artisan trail for the region

Mr. Cavalier - Attended the Regional Elected Officials dinner; the Aquia Board of Directors annual meeting; and the Joint Schools Working Committee meeting; the joint Contracts Officer position memorandum of understanding was discussed at the JSWC meeting. Met with the president of the Widewater Beach Association; discussed a possible service district in that area; attended an Eagle Scout ceremony on Sunday and provided a Tourism update from the Infrastructure Committee meeting saying that services at Embrey Mill Park and the Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center revenues could bring in as much as \$2 to \$3 million in the next year. He said there were skeptics who did not believe the Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center was worth the expense but it is paying for itself and more to benefit the County.

Mrs. Maurer - Attended the Regional Elected Officials dinner, and the Technology and Research Park Board of Directors meeting, which has very exciting things coming up including the accelerator, which should be on board within the next several months. She attended the Tourism Workshop, a state-sponsored event that was fascinating. Thanked Lisa Logan, Stafford's Tourism Manager, for the opportunity saying it looked at the County from a business, sports, traveler and tourism perspective. Mrs. Maurer provided an update from the Board's Community and Economic Development (CEDC) Committee including a look at enforcing zoning violations; age restricted communities; next steps in the Falmouth area; and repairs to the Lake Arrowhead dams, including establishing a service district. 300 affirmative responses out of 609 lots have been received in two weeks with only 20 no votes. Letters with enclosed ballots were mailed on Friday, 10/28/16, to the remaining residents; Mrs. Maurer is hoping for the support of the full Board when it comes up for a vote.

Mr. Milde - Attended the Regional Elected Officials dinner at Stevenson Ridge, which is a wonderful facility except that it is in Spotsylvania County. Attended Business After Hours at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library; attended VRE meeting with Mr. Thomas; there is still a \$2 million budget gap out of a \$100 million budget, which should have a minimal impact. He attended an Eagle Scout ceremony for William Akridge, a resident of the Rock Hill District. Mr. Milde met with the owner of an acre in the Towne Center; the owner would like to put a Starbuck or the similar with a drive-through at that location. He went to a leadership event at Hirschler-Fleischer, which involved the leaders of Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center and

Stafford Hospital Center; attended the Aquia Harbour Property Owners Association meeting with Mr. Cavalier; provided an update to the Board's Infrastructure Committee (IC) including the Exit 140 interchange should be completed in July 2020 and design for the Chatham Bridge have been agreed upon.

Ms. Sellers - Thanked County staff for hosting a wonderful Trick or Treat experience for her son and for many children that came to the government center on Halloween. Ms. Kheia Hilton is an add-on as Ms. Sellers' nominee to fill a vacancy on the Rappahannock Community Services Board, filling a vacancy that was created when Ms. Barbara Williams resigned due to health concerns. Another opening will be available in July, 2017 if other Board members wish to consider an appointment. Operation Finally Home will hold a ground-breaking on 11/4/17 at 2:30 p.m. for a home for a disabled veteran; the name will be announced at a Wizards game on 11/11/17.

Mr. Snellings - Thanked the Russell Sullivan Foundation for its \$50,000 donation to the Armed Services Memorial; said he went to school with Mr. Sullivan's daughter – he was a very philanthropic man who contributed to the YMCA and helped people in need throughout his lifetime. After his death, the family set up the Foundation. Everyone was encouraged to buy a memorial brick to be placed at the Memorial. Mr. Snellings said that he made a mistake when he voted against the Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center, and congratulated Mr. Cavalier on its success saying it was a boon for the County.

Mr. Thomas

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

Report of the County Administrator

Additions/Deletions to the Regular Agenda

Legislative; Consent Agenda

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas
Nay: (0)

Item 4. Legislative; Approve Minutes of the October 18, 2016 Board Meeting

Item 5. Finance and Budget; Approve Expenditure Listing

Legislative; Closed Meeting At 4:32 p.m., Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to adopt proposed Resolution CM16-24.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas
Nay: (0)

Resolution CM16-24 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING

Call to Order At 4:56 p.m., the Chairman called the meeting back to order.

Legislative; Closed Meeting Certification Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to adopt proposed Resolution CM16-24(a).

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas
Nay: (0)

Resolution CM16-24(a) reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE
STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED
MEETING ON NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Adjournment At 4:57 p.m., the Chairman adjourned the afternoon session.

Call to Order At 7:00 p.m., the Chairman called the evening session to order.

Invocation gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations by the Public – II The following person desired to speak:

Adjournment At 8:25 p.m. the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

C. Douglas Barnes
Interim County Administrator

Robert “Bob” Thomas, Jr.
Chairman