

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

MINUTES

Special Meeting

January 9, 2012

Call to Order A special meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Susan B. Stimpson, Chairman, at 7:01 P. M., Tuesday, January 3, 2012, in the Board Chambers, Stafford County Administration Center.

Roll Call The following members were present: Susan B. Stimpson, Chairman; Cord A. Sterling, Vice Chairman; Jack R. Cavalier; Paul V. Milde, III, Gary F. Snellings; and Robert “Bob” Thomas, Jr.

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

Ms. Stimpson presented her opening remarks, talked about the order of the special meeting, and thanked Mr. Gary Pash and Mr. Ty Schieber for their interest in serving the citizens of Stafford County, and for their willingness to meet with the Board to further review their applications to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Dudenhefer’s resignation from the Board following his election to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Sterling motioned, seconded by Mr. Snellings, to adopt proposed Resolution R12-17 which offers a change to the date of the special election, originally chosen on January 3, 2012, to fill the Garrisonville District Vacancy. The change in date is due to the original date, April 10, 2012, occurring during Spring Break. The revised date is April 3, 2012.

Mr. Milde made a substitute motion to hold the special election on November 6th to coincide with the Presidential election. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The Voting tally (by Roll Call) was:

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

Resolution R12-17 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE DATE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION
TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD FOR THE
GARRISONVILLE ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2012, the Board of Supervisors (by a vote of 5 – 1) approved Resolution R12-08 setting the date of the special election as April 10, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend that date due to its coinciding with Stafford County Public Schools Spring Break;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 9th day of January, 2012, that it be and hereby does select April 3, 2012 as a replacement date for the special election to fill the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors for the Garrisonville Election District.

Legislative; Closed Meeting. At 7:07 p.m., Mr. Sterling motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to adopt proposed Resolution CM12-03.

The Voting tally (by Roll Call) was:

Yea: (6) Sterling, Milde, Cavalier, Snellings, Stimpson, Thomas
Nay: (0)

Resolution CM12-03 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Stafford County Board of Supervisors desires to discuss in Closed Meeting a personnel matter and consult with legal counsel regarding the vacant Garrisonville District Supervisor position, including appointment of an interim Supervisor and the election of a new Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) and (A)(7) such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 9th day of January, 2012, does hereby authorize discussions of the aforestated matters in Closed Meeting.

Call to Order At 7:23 p.m., the Chairman called the meeting back to order.

Legislative; Closed Meeting Certification Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to adopt proposed Resolution CM12-03(a).

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Milde, Cavalier, Snellings, Sterling, Stimpson, Thomas

Nay: (0)

Resolution CM12-03(a) reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED MEETING ON JANUARY 9, 2012

WHEREAS, the Board has, on this the 9th day of January, 2012 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 9th day of January, 2012, 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.

Ms. Stimpson announced that Mr. Pash and Mr. Schieber “drew straws” and that Mr. Pash would go first, followed by Mr. Schieber, in meeting with the Board. Mr. Schieber waited outside the Board Chambers while Mr. Pash met with the Board. Following Mr. Pash’s interview and closing remarks, Mr. Schieber was brought back into the Chambers to speak with the Board. Each candidate was given three minutes to make an opening statement, followed by Questions and Answers from the Board (asked in alphabetical order by members of the Board, with the Chairman going last).

1. Mr. Cavalier asked each candidate about the County’s Parks and Recreation facilities and asked how they would improve them.
2. Mr. Milde asked each candidate to speak about their views for placing the matter of an At-Large Chairman on a referendum for voters, and the reason for their respective positions.
3. Mr. Snellings asked each candidate to talk about the Number One issue facing the Garrisonville District and how they would resolve it.
4. Mr. Sterling asked each candidate about the possible \$10M increase in Virginia Retirement Systems (VRS) mandated contributions by localities, and how they would resolve (or work towards budgeting for) this funding challenge.
5. Mr. Thomas asked each candidate to talk about Schools renovation/replacement projects (planned and currently in process in the CIP) and to discuss their understanding of and position on the projects.
6. Ms. Stimpson asked each candidate to talk about their philosophy on raising taxes taking into consideration the current economy and their approach to budget constraints and shortfalls.

Following the Question and Answer session, Mr. Pash and Mr. Schieber (respectively) provided closing statements and thanked the Board for the opportunity to meet with them.

Ms. Stimpson announced that the Board would adjourn to Closed Meeting to continue discussion of the Garrisonville District Supervisor vacancy.

Legislative; Closed Meeting Certification At 8:10 p.m., Mr. Sterling motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to adopt proposed Resolution CM12-03.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Sterling, Milde Cavalier, Snellings, Stimpson, Thomas

Nay: (0)

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 9th day of January, 2012, does hereby authorize discussions of the aforestated matters in Closed Meeting.

Legislative; Closed Meeting Certification At 8:23 p.m., Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Mr. Snellings, to adopt proposed Resolution CM12-03(a).

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Milde, Snellings, Cavalier, Sterling, Stimpson, Thomas

Nay: (0)

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Following Ms. Stimpson's request, and after thanking both candidates for their interest in and dedication to the citizens of Stafford County; and after asking viewers to turn out on April 3rd for the special election; Mr. Sterling motioned, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to appoint Mr. Ty Schieber to fill the Garrisonville District Supervisor position.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Sterling, Milde Cavalier, Snellings, Stimpson, Thomas

Nay: (0)

Adjournment At 8:25 P. M. the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Anthony J. Romanello, ICMA-CM
County Administrator

Susan B. Stimpson
Chairman