

**MINUTES**  
**KING WILLIAM COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2005**

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF KING WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2005, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE KING WILLIAM COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT KING WILLIAM COURTHOUSE, ORDER WAS CALLED WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

W. F. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN  
L. E. BYRUM, JR., VICE-CHAIRMAN  
C. T. REDD III  
T. G. SMILEY  
O. O. WILLIAMS

L. M. CHENAULT, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
FRANK A. PLEVA, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**RE: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2005 – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**PRESIDING**

Frank Pleva, County Administrator, opened the meeting and stated that this is an organizational meeting of the Board.

He then called for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2005. Mr. T. G. Smiley nominated Mr. W. F. Adams. This nomination was seconded by Mr. O. O. Williams.

There being no other nominations, by general consensus, nominations were declared closed.

Mr. W. F. Adams was duly elected Chairman of the Board for the year, 2005. Mr. Adams then assumed the Chair.

**RE: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2005**

The Chairman declared the floor open for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. C. T. Redd, III nominated Mr. L. E. Byrum, Jr.. This nomination was seconded by Mr. T. G. Smiley.

There being no further nominations, by general consensus, nominations were declared closed.

Mr. L. E. Byrum, Jr. was duly elected Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2005.

**RE: SETTING OF MEETING DATES, TIME, AND PLACE FOR 2005**

A regular monthly meeting schedule for the year, 2005, was presented by the County Administrator. He indicated that this proposed schedule continues with the Board's current meeting date of the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday night each month, with the exception of the months of November and December, due to the holidays. These meetings are proposed to be held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Monday due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, respectively. All meetings shall begin at 7:00 p.m. and are to be held in the Board Meeting Room of the King William County Administration Building.

A motion was made by C. T. Redd, III, seconded by L. E. Byrum, Jr. and carried unanimously, to adopt the proposed regular monthly meeting schedule for the year, 2005, as presented by the County Administrator.

**RE: ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

On motion by L. E. Byrum, Jr., seconded by C. T. Redd, III and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the FY 2005-06 Budget Schedule as presented by the County Administrator with the following changes:

Saturday, March 12 (8:30 a.m.)	Work Session on Draft Budget
Wednesday, March 16	Publication of Public Hearing Notice on Proposed Budget & Tax Levies
Monday, March 28 (7:00 p.m.)	Public Hearing
Monday, April 25 (7:00 p.m.)	Adoption of Budget & Tax Levies and Appropriation of Funds

**RE: APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

On motion by T. G. Smiley, seconded by O. O. Williams and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the agenda for this meeting as presented by the County Administrator.

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – SPEAKERS: ONE OPPORTUNITY OF THREE MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL OR FIVE MINUTES PER GROUP ON NON-PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS**

Dan Wright, a resident of the Second Election District, addressed the Board concerning two matters. Speaking on behalf of three business owners and the Mattaponi Rescue Squad, Mr. Wright requested the Board to investigate the possibility

of lowering the speed limit along Route 30 in the area of its intersection with Route 617 where these businesses are located – Atkins Exxon Service Station, Curtis Mason Signs, Upshaw and Uzel Sporting Goods, and the Mattaponi Rescue Squad's King William Station. Mr. Wright explained that the heavy flow of tractor/trailer traffic and the high rate of speed in this area have caused many motorists to swerve out around other traffic slowing down to make turns into these businesses. In addition, he indicated that three school buses stop to load and unload children every day in this area, and there have been some very near misses involving them. He requested the Board to support a reduction in the speed limit along this section of Route 30, perhaps a ½ mile slow down from dead center, going both ways.

Secondly, Mr. Wright discussed the topic of salaries for the deputies in the Sheriff's Department. He indicated his knowledge that budget preparation time is approaching, and requested the Board to seriously consider some assistance to the County deputies during this process. He elaborated that the deputies seem to always get left behind on the pay scales, and in order to keep good personnel, it is necessary to keep up with what other jurisdictions are paying. He indicated that the County provides the required academy training and the personnel may leave afterward, to go to a jurisdiction paying more money, therefore, the County is losing out.

**RE: CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by L. E. Byrum, Jr., seconded by C. T. Redd, III and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following items on its consent agenda:

a. Minutes of the December, 2004, Regular meeting were approved as written.

b. Claims against the County for January, 2005, in the amount of \$899,834.29 as follows:

(1) General Fund Warrants 57908-58156 in the amount of \$619,674.25; Manual Checks #14034-14040 in the amount of \$83,341.64; Direct Deposits #6747-6838 in the amount of \$148,612.78; and Electronic Tax Payment in the amount of \$48,205.62

(2) For informational purposes, Social Services expenditures for the month of December, 2004, Warrants #303866-303929 in the amount of \$37,452.77;

Direct Deposits #1123-1143 in the amount of \$23,440.96; and Electronic Tax Payment in the amount of \$7,667.52

(3) For informational purposes, Circuit Court expenditures for the month of December, 2004, Warrants #57881-57888 in the amount of \$5,594.90; Direct Deposits #144-146 in the amount of \$7,563.52

(4) For informational purposes, Comprehensive Services Act Fund expenditures for December, 2004, Warrants #57890-57906 in the amount of \$60,557.40

(5) Tax Refunds for December, 2004, in the amount of \$2,811.24

c. Authorized advertisement of a public hearing on Zoning Case #Z-04-04, Request to Rezone 25 +/- Acres From Agricultural-Conservation District to Industrial Zoning District with Proffered Conditions, Applicant: Fontainebleau Farm, Inc., David S. Robinson, Jr. to be held during the Board's February 28, 2005 regular meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the King William County Administration Building.

**RE: VDOT MATTERS – CHARLES E. STUNKLE, RESIDENT ENGINEER**

a. Route 661 – Repair of Bridge Damaged by Tropical Storm Gaston - Charles Stunkle, VDOT Resident Engineer, reported that the Structure and Bridge Office in Fredericksburg has indicated that finally a contract has been signed with an engineering firm for the design to do the repairs on the Route 661 bridge as well as to do the scour investigation and repair plans for the Moncuin Creek Bridge on Route 360, which were both damaged in August, 2004, by Tropical Storm Gaston. The design work could take 30 to 60 days, and then, hopefully, VDOT can still use the emergency contract procedures to secure a contractor to do both of these projects, but, this is unknown at this time.

b. Herring Creek Mill Dam and Mitchell's Mill Dam - Mr. Stunkle further reported that the VDOT Location Design Section in Fredericksburg is working on the plans for the restoration of the two mill dams also destroyed by the flooding of Gaston. Once these are complete, VDOT will have the needed data to do a detailed cost estimate to take to the owners of the dam impoundments, and advise them of what

their cost responsibility would be to restore the dams. If an agreement can be reached on that, then VDOT can begin the work shortly.

The County Administrator inquired about how the cost formula is determined, and Mr. Stunkle indicated that the procedure is specified in the State Code, which basically states that the owner of the dam impoundment is responsible for the cost of restoring the dam and the roadway up to a width of 12 feet at the top. If the dam was wider than that, any additional width cost would be covered by VDOT. Any of the spillway damage is the responsibility of the dam impoundment owner, but, any repair cost on the bridges would be the responsibility of VDOT.

c. Request of Board to VDOT to perform Speed Study on Route 30, in the Area of Its Intersection with Route 617 (West Spring Forest Road) - The Chairman requested VDOT to conduct a Speed Study on Route 30 in the area of its intersection with Route 617 (West Spring Forest Road) to determine if conditions warrant the reduction of the speed limit in this area where several businesses and a rescue squad station are located. Mr. Stunkle responded that it would take approximately 30 to 60 days for this Study to be completed.

d. Route 600 – Mr. Stunkle reported that the recent request of L. E. Byrum, Jr. for a Speed Study on Route 600 (West River Road) to determine if an increase in the speed limit is feasible, was misplaced in the Fredericksburg office. This request has been resubmitted.

e. Route 604 - Mr. Stunkle reported that the grubbing and clearing has been done on the Route 604 project, but with current weather conditions, additional progress may be slowed down for a while.

f. Route 628 (Dorrell Road) Past Route 608 – Problem with Water Running Across Road - O. O. Williams reported that water is still running across Route 628 (Dorrell Road) just past the area of Route 608, and is freezing during these cold nights, which could be a traffic hazard. He requested VDOT to make the necessary repairs in this area to eliminate this problem.

g. Mangohick Circle - O. O. Williams thanked Mr. Stunkle and VDOT for installing a pipe under Mangohick Circle to help with drainage in this area, and for making the necessary repairs to eliminate water running across Herring Creek Road.

h. Public Hearing – Proposed Prohibition of Certain Through Truck Traffic on a Portion of Virginia Secondary Route 600 (West River Road) - The Chairman explained that this is to be a public hearing to receive comments on a proposal to request that the Virginia Department of Transportation prohibit through truck traffic on Route 600 (West River Road) between Route 360 (Richmond-Tappahannock Highway) at Aylett and Route 30 (King William Road) at Rumford. This proposed through truck prohibition would not apply to pick-up and panel trucks. The primary purpose of this proposed prohibition is traffic safety.

Prior to opening the public hearing for comments, the Chairman requested the Resident Engineer, C. E. Stunkle, to outline the procedure the Board of Supervisors must follow in this matter. Mr. Stunkle stated the four steps as follows:

1. Board of Supervisors must advertise and conduct a public hearing on the proposed prohibition
2. Request VDOT to go forward with a detailed study of the through truck restriction
3. After the detailed study is completed, VDOT must advertise and conduct a public hearing on the proposal (usually at a regular scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting)
4. Following the VDOT public hearing, a recommendation will be made by VDOT and sent to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for final approval

C. T. Redd, III asked for clarification regarding which section of Route 600 (West River Road) L. E. Byrum, Jr. had previously asked VDOT to investigate the possibility of increasing the speed limit on. L. E. Byrum, Jr. responded that the request was that the speed limit be increased from 25 MPH to 35 MPH on the section of Route 600 (West River Road) from its intersection with Route 655 out to Route 360, but that this is a separate issue. The speed study on this request has not yet been completed.

Thereupon, the Chairman declared the public hearing open for comments, and the following persons appeared to speak:

Eugene Rivara, representing St. David's Episcopal Church located in Aylett at 11291 West River Road and its Food Outreach Mission located at 11232 West River Road, and its Medical Clinic Outreach Mission located at 11241 West River Road, made the Board aware of the heavy flow of traffic coming to and from the church and it's two outreach mission programs, and for public safety reasons, requested the Board

to not seek an increase in the speed limit in this area on Route 600. He spoke in support of the proposed prohibition on the through truck traffic on the section of Route 600 from Route 30 at Rumford to Route 360 at Aylett, and noted that through truck traffic is already prohibited on Route 600 on the other side of Route 360 going towards Caroline County. He indicated that the speed limits on that section of Route 600 are posted at 25 MPH at Aylett, and gradually transition up to 35 MPH, 45 MPH, and 55 MPH. He requested that the 25 MPH speed limit be maintained as it now stands on Route 600 in the area of St. David's Church and its two outreach mission project locations. He reported that 120 families receive food from the Church's Food Outreach Mission and that 27 families receive medical services in the Clinic Outreach Mission. In addition to the regular church services on Sundays and Wednesdays, St. David's is the meeting place for the Boy Scouts, the New Parents Club Meetings, etc. He also noted that, at times, there is heavy traffic going into and out of the Aylett public boat landing, and that there are several residences and businesses located in this same area – Southside Bank, Aylett Tire, and others.

Herb White, a resident of 1186 Mill Road (Route 647) which intersects with Route 600, indicated that there is not a considerable amount of heavy truck traffic on Route 600, but, truck traffic on that road is dangerous. He made the Board aware that there are two commercial mail trucks that travel this route daily, and suggested that the Board limit the through truck traffic to single axle vehicles.

Mr. White stated that really the worst problem on this section of Route 600 is at the curve around an open field known as the Kelly property. Over the years, many accidents have occurred at this location. He indicated that when headed north on Route 600 from Route 30, there is a slant in the roadway to the right and as you are in the curve, the roadway slants to the left, and for some reason, it throws vehicles off the road. If the vehicles do not hang to the curve tight, they are thrown off to the right hand side. He asked the Board to request VDOT to look at this section of Route 600 to determine why so many accidents have occurred at this one point.

There being no other persons appearing to speak for or against this proposed prohibition, the public hearing was declared closed.

i. Consideration of Proposed Prohibition of Certain Through Truck Traffic on a Portion of Virginia Secondary Route 600 (West River Road) - A motion was made by L. E. Byrum, Jr. to request the Virginia Department of Transportation to move forward with a detailed study to prohibit through truck traffic on Route 600 (West River Road) between Route 360 (Richmond-Tappahannock Highway) at Aylett and Route 30 (King William Road) at Rumford. This motion was seconded by T. G. Smiley.

In discussing this motion, T. G. Smiley stated that the prohibition of certain trucks is done by weight of the vehicle and not prohibited by the number of axles of the vehicle. Mr. Stunkle, VDOT Resident Engineer, confirmed this, stating that the prohibition of certain vehicles is based on the weight of the vehicle. The State Code defines a truck to be 7500 pounds gross weight and up, and a pick-up truck to be 7500 pounds gross weight and down.

Thereupon, C. T. Redd, III questioned about the newer type of dually trucks which weigh more, but should not be prohibited.

Whereupon, Mr. Stunkle indicated his concern that if the Board passes along a recommendation to VDOT that has definitions that are different from the State Code definitions, that it may or may not impact the VDOT process. He reported that he would have to investigate this matter further.

C. T. Redd, III tabled action on this matter until the Board's February regular meeting, and requested Mr. Stunkle to provide the Board with more information at that meeting.

The motion stated above will lie on the table until the Board's February meeting.

**RE: KING WILLIAM COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.**

Herb White, a founding member and life member of the King William County Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., speaking on behalf of the Department, introduced the newly elected officers of the Department for 2005, in attendance at this meeting. Vice-President, Steve Phillips; Fire Chief, C. E. Spradling; EMS Chief, Dennis Hulbert; Member-At-Large of the Board of Directors, Chris Walker; and Fire Lieutenant, Travis Longest. Mr. White indicated that, as the Board is well aware, in the recent past, there have been some problems with participation in the

King William Department, but, he reported that he is very pleased with what he has heard and seen in recent weeks of response times, etc. In addition, King William Fire and Rescue has been told of the possibility of some of the East Hanover Rescue Squad members applying for membership in King William effective March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dennis Hulbert, EMS Chief, addressed the Board reporting on some of the planned activities for 2005 including trying to complete the other half of their building which will consist of a day room, bunk room, showers, etc. so they can provide better 24 hour coverage to the County. In addition, they plan to apply for grant funding to update some of their equipment including the heart monitors, and for equipment for the Fire side of the Department.

C. E. "Beau" Spradling, Fire Chief, spoke to the Board concerning upcoming plans for the Fire side of the Department. He reported that the Department is making applications for grant funding to replace their fire turnout gear, packs, one or two fire apparatus, and an ambulance needs to be replaced. He indicated that the Department has a lot of exciting things going on this year, and hopefully, will be able to increase the level of care provided to the community.

**RE: MIDDLE PENINSULA REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY – WILLIAM T. GAYLORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – REQUEST TO APPROVE VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHORITY (VRA) SUPPORT AGREEMENT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS**

William T. Gaylord, Executive Director of MP Regional Airport Authority, updated the Board on the status of the regional airport and improvements that have been done, and requested the Board's approval of the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) Support Agreement for the Issuance of Revenue Bonds for Capital Projects.

Thereupon, on motion by C. T. Redd, III, seconded by L. E. Byrum, Jr. and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Support Agreement between the County and the Middle Peninsula Regional Airport Authority and the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) as purchaser of the local bond. The Authority desires to issue revenue bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$700,888, the proceeds of which, together with other available funds and grants, are expected to be sufficient to pay the costs of financing a new terminal building, parking lot and security fencing,

and the construction of a new fuel farm with self-service capability. Collectively these are called the Project.

**RE: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – LEE YOLTON,**

**DIRECTOR**

a. Consideration of Zoning Case #Z-03-04, Request to Amend Proffered Conditions on Rezoning Case #92-102; Applicant: Fontainebleau Farm, Inc., David S. Robinson, Jr. - Lee Yolton reminded the Board that a public hearing was conducted at its December 13, 2004, meeting to receive comments on Zoning Case #Z-03-04, a request to amend proffered conditions applicable to the Fontainebleau Industrial Park located on Route 613 (Dunluce Road). The Board heard all public testimony, and following close of the public hearing, tabled the decision on this request until the Board's January 24, 2005, meeting.

Thereupon, on motion by C. T. Redd, III, seconded by T. G. Smiley and carried unanimously, the Board approved the application of Fontainebleau Farm, Inc., David S. Robinson, Jr., Zoning Case #Z-03-04, to Amend Proffered Conditions on Rezoning Case #92-103, with the proffered condition amendments that were considered by the Board in public hearing on December 13, 2004. These proffered amendments follow:

**Proffered Condition Amendments  
for Fontainebleau Industrial Park**

Request to change Proffer #4 and Proffer #7, accepted with Rezoning Case #92-102

**Current Proffer #4**

If a plant to process clay is constructed on the subject property, a one hundred (100) foot wide buffer of existing trees and shrubbery or equivalent vegetation shall be maintained; such buffer to be located along the subject property's eastern and northern boundary lines, as shown on Sheet No. 1 and No. 2 entitled "Site Plan for Proposed Zoning – Fontainebleau Farm" and such existing trees and shrubbery or equivalent vegetation shall not be reduced without prior approval of King William County.

**Approved Change to Current Proffer #4 (replace with the following)**

A buffer of 50 feet in width shall be maintained along the northernmost boundary of Fontainebleau Industrial Park, such industrial park being shown on a subdivision plat entitled Fontainebleau Industrial Park, recorded in Plat Book 18, page 81 in the Circuit Court of King William County. In addition, a buffer of 50 feet in width shall be maintained along the frontage of the industrial park along State Route 613 (Dunluce Road).

**Current Proffer #7 (abbreviated)**

The use of any parcels created .....

Once such building permit has been issued, the use of such other parcels shall be restricted to those uses as currently permitted in the M-2 General Industrial District as set forth in Division 4, Sections 10-261(b)(1), (2), (3) and (4), of the Zoning Ordinance of King William County, Virginia, .....

**Approved Change to Current Proffer #7 (abbreviated)**

The use of any parcels created .....

Once such building permit has been issued, the use of such other parcels shall be restricted to those uses as currently permitted in the M-2 General Industrial District as set forth in Division 4, Sections 10-261 (b)(1), (2), (3), ~~and 4~~ (4) and (5), of the Zoning Ordinance of King William County, Virginia, excluding the manufacture, compounding, processing, packaging or treatment of asbestos products; ink manufacture from primary raw materials; oil, shortenings and fats (edible) and storage; and poultry packing and slaughtering (wholesale).

All other proffered conditions accepted with Zoning Case #92-102 shall remain unchanged and shall remain in full force and effect as if no amendment to these proffers were made.

**RE: UPDATE ON COUNTY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES – FRANK A.**

**PLEVA, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

a. Regional Animal Shelter - The County Administrator reported on the status of this project indicating that the architect is working on the site plan and it should be ready for the Board's review in February. The project should be going out for bids in the March/April timeframe, with construction starting in the spring. Occupancy of the building should occur in late summer or early fall of this year.

b. Mt. Olive Community Improvement Project - The County Administrator updated the Board on this project stating that wet weather conditions have delayed work on the self-help component of the block grant project. A pre-construction meeting was held with the contractor for the well house and the well improvements last Friday, so in the very near future, work should begin on the well building and the well head itself, to upgrade this facility. Regarding the treatment plant, the DEQ went through a public comment period, which is now closed. (Part of the service area is proposed to be served by a mass drainfield, where the soil conditions will support a drainfield, and part of the area is proposed to be served by a small wastewater treatment plant. Most of the soils in the Mt. Olive area are very poor and will not support a drainfield.) The DEQ did have comments from two families about the discharge in the Mallory Creek, but, the opposition has largely been withdrawn. A meeting will still be scheduled with these two families to explain the project, etc., and

to let them know that HRSD will operate the treatment plant. HRSD will also be present at the meeting to try to address any questions and concerns they may have.

Mr. Pleva also indicated that the contract for the second phase of the project was recently executed.

**RE: APPOINTMENTS**

a. Board of Building and Code Appeals – One Member, Five Year Term, Incumbent Ernest A. Burcham (Builder) Deceased – Current Term Expired September 1, 2004; New Term Expires September 1, 2009 - Action on this appointment was tabled until the Board's February meeting.

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – SPEAKERS: ONE OPPORTUNITY OF 3 MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL OR 5 MINUTES PER GROUP ON NON-PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS**

Herb White, a resident of the Third Election District, addressed the issue discussed by Mr. D. L. Wright in the previous public comment period regarding increasing salaries for the Deputies in the Sheriff's Department. Mr. White asked the Board to consider an increase in salaries for the Deputies in the upcoming budget process for FY-06. He stated that as we all know, a police officer will never receive the amount of money they deserve, but, requested the Board to do all that is possible. He continued that Sheriff Walton has a fine group of people in this County now, and they are doing an excellent job. The County is growing and more demand will be placed on the law enforcement officers. He feels the County needs to pay them a little more money for putting their lives on the line.

Sheriff Jeff Walton updated the Board on the County's 911 system. He indicated that several years ago the County installed the basic 911 system, and in 2002, the Enhanced 911 (E-911) was added, where the Dispatchers were able to receive digital information of the caller, such as name, address, etc. Sheriff Walton reported that as of Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the County is now Phase II compliant, which means that the Dispatchers receive a map location on their screen showing where the caller is, and directs them immediately to the location of the caller. This is not only available for residential phones but also, for cell phones. Testing was completed on Friday with all the area cell tower users, and the County is now fully complaint with

State regulations on the E-911 system. The Sheriff indicated that it has taken about 5 years to get to this point, and thanked the Board for all of its support during this period.

**RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS**

L. E. Byrum, Jr. stated that he has received several phone calls from citizens regarding the surveying, etc. going on along Route 360 and Sharon Road and various other areas, and asked the County Administrator, for the public's information, to share what this is. Mr. Pleva explained that it is partly where the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) is starting to process the Board's request for the expansion of the Moncuin Creek wastewater treatment plant. In addition, Mr. Pleva explained that with the new projects coming on line in the Central Garage area, it will necessary to upgrade or put a parallel force main from the Central Garage area over to the plant, so survey crews are working around the plant site off of Acquinton Church Road, as well as on Route 360 going through some properties in the rights of way.

C. T. Redd, III reminded the Board that about a year and a month ago, C Company of the 276<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion, which is located in West Point, but also a lot of citizens in King William County serve in that unit, were activated for the first time when they went to Iraq. They are now on their way home, and Mr. Redd reported that the last word he had on them, was that they were out of Iraq and now in Kuwait, and are waiting for necessary paperwork to be completed and for the first available airplane. Probably they will be home in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Redd indicated that he has received correspondence from the Mayor of West Point about the possibility of some type of Town ceremony when they arrive in Town, and he would like the County Administrator to attend a meeting this coming Wednesday to discuss planning for this event.

L. E. Byrum, Jr. made the Board aware that there is a movement afoot in the General Assembly to help clean up the waters in Virginia. One of the by-products of this is the possibility of what is called a "flush tax", which means that individuals who have a municipal sewer system would have \$1.00 per week added to their sewer bill. If this comes to fruition, the majority of these monies would go to the maintenance and upgrading of existing municipal sewer systems which have some issues with nitrogen, phosphorous, and other pollutants. But, it potentially could also have an effect on King

William County in that those who have paid for and installed private septic systems, could also have the potential of paying this \$1.00 per week charge, which the State will require the County to collect and turn over to the State to be distributed to the localities that have these major municipal sewer systems. He indicated he has some concerns about the costs of upgrading and improvement of municipal sewer systems being placed on the backs of citizens who have invested their own money to install a well and septic system on their property. Mr. Byrum requested the Board to consider sending a letter to our General Assembly representatives expressing concern for this proposed “flush tax”, as it goes through committee, etc. He advised that the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission was directed by its members to send out written notification to the General Assembly representatives expressing concern about this.

The County Administrator advised that this is an outgrowth of the “Clean up the Bay” efforts, where Virginia has the lowest per capita contribution for environmental programs in the Union. Maryland levies a similar type tax, which has been strongly supported by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, among other groups. Further, Mr. Pleva indicated that some states provide this funding out of its General Fund.

In further discussing this matter, the County Administrator indicated that a lot of issues would need to be worked out concerning collecting these fees, etc.

By general consensus, the Board directed the County Administrator to send written communication to our General Assembly representatives expressing the Board’s strong concern and opposition to the potential “flush tax” for King William County.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There being no further business to come before this Board, on motion by C. T. Redd, III, seconded by T. G. Smiley and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

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W. F. Adams, Chairman

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Frank A. Pleva, County Administrator

