

VIRGINIA: A SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM OF THE SURRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017 AT 7:00P.M.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE, CHAIR
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL H. DREWRY, VICE-CHAIR
SUPERVISOR JOHN M. SEWARD
SUPERVISOR GIRON R. WOODEN, SR.
SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES

ALSO

PRESENT: MR. TYRONE W. FRANKLIN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MR. BRENDAN HEFTY, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MRS. MELISSA ROLLINS, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MS. RHONDA RUSSELL, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
MR. RAY PHELPS, EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR
MR. STANLEY JONES, III, DIRECTOR, PARKS & RECREATION
MRS. SOPHENIA PIERCE, DIRECTOR OFFICE ON YOUTH
SHERIFF CARLOS TURNER
MR. HERMIONE SLADE, SANITATION SUPERVISOR
MR. RUSSELL SAVEDGE, CHIEF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
MRS. LASONYA WHITE, UNIT DIRECTOR, VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION

CALL TO ORDER/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyttle who then asked for a moment of silence. She asked that citizens remember the victims of recent natural disasters and a former member of the Surry County Planning Commission who had suffered a stroke. Following the moment of silence, she asked those present to stand and say the pledge of allegiance.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of September 7, 2017 Minutes, Board of Supervisors
2. Approval of October, 2017 Accounts Payable:

	Accounts Payable
General Fund	\$498,406.57
Debt Service	\$1,337,365.63
Capital	\$202,398.43
Water & Sewer	\$30,657.36
CSA	\$0.00
Indoor Plumbing	\$0.00
Juror Payments	\$0.00
Totals	\$2,068,827.99

Minutes for the Board's September 28, 2017 meeting were tabled due to a technical issue which made them unable to be reviewed. Supervisor Holmes made a motion that the Board approve the Consent Items as enumerated. Supervisor Seward seconded the motion. Supervisors Lyttle, Wooden, Holmes, Drewry and Seward voted affirmatively to approve the motion.

PROGRESS REPORTS

1. VDOT

No Report

2. Treasurer

A. Investment Letter

Chairperson Lyttle read the Investment Letter provided by Mrs. Faye P. Warren, Treasurer, reporting the following: as of the September 7, 2017 meeting, it was reported that the balance in the LGIP Fund was \$14,392,424.82. Since that report, accrued interest for August, 2017 in the amount of \$14,990.91 had increased that balance to \$14,407,415.73. Since the last report, \$3,500,000.00 was transferred from the LGIP to the General Fund leaving a balance in the LGIP of \$10,907,415.73. As of October 5, 2017 the County had \$11,407,415.73 in total investments, including one CD valued at \$500,000.00 which will mature on January 28, 2018.

3. County Administration

A. Presentation: Proclamation for National 4-H Week, 2017

Miss Jade Dickens, Miss Kamryn Godsey and Miss Briana Drew, 4-H participants, addressed the Board to request their consideration of a proclamation in recognition of National 4-H Week in Surry County. The young ladies reported that the Surry County 4-H program consists of 300 individual members who participate in community clubs, project clubs, after school groups and residential and day camping events. In addition, another 500 youth are enrolled through cooperative programs in the schools. They reviewed specific achievements of some of the 4-H members and expressed appreciation to Board members for their continuing support of Virginia Cooperative Extension programming. They presented Board members with goodie bags to show their appreciation.

Supervisor Seward made a motion that the Board approve the draft Proclamation recognizing October 1-7, 2017 as National 4-H Week in Surry County. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wooden and unanimously approved.

B. Presentation: Sanitation Department (Local Dumpster Service)

Mr. Hermione Slade, Sanitation Supervisor, and Mrs. Melissa Rollins, Assistant County Administrator, addressed the Board to provide

information relative to dumpster services which are currently offered to local businesses in Surry County. They reported an estimated cost to the County of \$175,000 to provide the service with revenues from fees billed at only \$36,883.20. Board members discussed with staff several options aimed at continuing the service while limiting costs to the County, as many of them voiced their concerns about discontinuing the service which they viewed as a business incentive. Supervisor Drewry suggested that the County could contract the service out to a vendor by means of a Request for Proposals (RFP), and Board members agreed to further discuss the matter in an upcoming work session.

Discussion then turned to the issue of decals provided to citizens of the County for the purpose of entry to Solid Waste Collection sites. Supervisor Seward made a motion that the Board authorize staff to proceed with the purchase and distribution of Sanitation decals. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Holmes; all present voted affirmatively.

C. Surry County Parks & Recreation Rental Fees

Mr. Stanley Jones, III, Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed the Board to request that they consider establishing facility rental fees for the new Dendron Community Center and to increase the rental fee for the Surry Community Center for set-up and clean-up as indicated in red below:

<i>Resident Status/ Other fees</i>	<i>Dendron Site Current Fees</i>	<i>Dendron Site Proposed Fees</i>	<i>Surry Site Current Fees</i>	<i>Surry Site Proposed Fees</i>
County Resident	\$-0-	\$35.00 per hour	\$50.00 per hour	No change
Non County Resident	\$-0-	\$50.00 per hour	\$75.00 per hour	No change
Deposit	\$-0-	\$20.00	\$20.00	No change
Set up & Clean Up fee	\$-0-	\$85.00 flat fee	\$80.00 flat fee	\$105.00 flat fee

Board members discussed the proposed rates as well as issues relative to the County’s Facilities Use Policy. They agreed that the policy may be in need of some revisions and would address later in a scheduled work session.

Supervisor Seward made a motion that the Board adopt the revised Building Rental Fee Schedule as presented. Supervisor Wooden seconded the motion which passed with unanimous approval.

D. Resolution 2017-18 in Recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Representatives of The James House, Ms. Erica Blackwood, Ms. Delores Jefferson and Ms. Katrina Faltz, addressed the Board to report that their agency provided 24-hour cost-free, confidential services to victims of domestic violence in Surry County. They requested that the

Board consider adoption of Resolution 2017-18 recognizing October, 2017 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Surry County.

Supervisor Drewry made a motion that the Board adopt Resolution 2017-18 recognizing October, 2017 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Surry County. Supervisor Wooden seconded the motion which passed with unanimous approval.

E. Request for Public Hearing: Mid-Atlantic Broadband Tax Exempt Status

Ms. Rhonda Russell, Director of Planning and Community Development, informed Board members that Mid-Atlantic Broadband Communities Corp., a 501(c)(4) organization which does business in Surry County, had requested that the Board of Supervisors adopt an ordinance granting it an exemption from the payment of real estate and personal property taxes, as allowed by the Code of Virginia §58.1-3651(B). She recommended that the public hearing be scheduled for the November 2, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Supervisor Seward made a motion that the Board authorize the advertisement and scheduling of a public hearing at their November 2, 2017 meeting for the consideration of an ordinance exempting Mid-Atlantic Broadband Communities Corp. from the payment of real estate and personal property taxes, as allowed by the Code of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drewry; all present voted affirmatively.

F. Memorandum of Agreement – Law Enforcement Mutual Aid

Mr. Brendan Hefty, County Attorney, and Sheriff Carlos Turner informed Board members that the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, and Petersburg, the counties of Prince George, Chesterfield, Sussex, Dinwiddie, and Surry, and the sheriffs of each locality, had entered into a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement in 2007. The Agreement allows law enforcement personnel in any of the jurisdictions to voluntarily respond to incidents in the other jurisdictions upon request and makes clear that the immunities provided to the law enforcement agencies are still in place if one agency is assisting another agency. The proposed agreement is an amendment to the previous agreement which clarifies and updates certain issues. Mr. Hefty recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the Agreement, and Sheriff Turner indicated his support as well. Board members discussed the need for additional agreements with other surrounding localities.

Supervisor Wooden made a motion that the Board approve the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement as presented; Supervisor Holmes seconded the motion; all present voted affirmatively.

G. Appointment: John Tyler Community College Board

Mr. Tyrone Franklin, County Administrator, presented the Board with correspondence from Mrs. Sophenia Pierce submitting her resignation from the John Tyler Community College Board. Mrs. Pierce has recommended that the Board consider appointing Mrs. Tracey Gilchrist to complete the present term which will expire on June 30, 2019.

Supervisor Holmes made a motion that the Board appoint Mrs. Tracey Gilchrist to complete the term of Mrs. Sophenia Pierce on the John Tyler Community College Board. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Seward and unanimously approved.

H. Appointment: Youth Services Citizen Board

Mr. Tyrone Franklin, County Administrator, presented the Board with correspondence from Mrs. Sophenia Pierce indicating the need for the following members to be re-appointed to the Youth Services Citizen Board:

- Mr. Breyon Pierce, At-Large, 10/1/17 – 9/30/21
- Miss Toni Newby, High School, 10/1/17 – 9/30/18
- Miss Kristina Godette, Middle School, 10/1/17 – 9/30/18

Supervisor Seward made a motion that the Board re-appoint members of the Youth Services Citizen Board as enumerated. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Holmes and passed with unanimous approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Franklin reported that correspondence had been received from the Surry County Social Services Board relative to the request made at the Board's September 7, 2017 meeting by Mrs. Sophenia Pierce, Director of Surry County Office on Youth, to re-name the department. The Social Services Board expressed concern that the proposed name would cause some confusion regarding the duplication of services. Mrs. Pierce indicated that she would return to the Board at their scheduled November 2, 2017 meeting with a revised recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Drewry thanked citizens for their attendance and encouraged their participation and suggestions.

Chairperson Lyttle thanked staff for their participation in the Surry Leadership Summit which was recently sponsored by the Surry County Chamber of Commerce.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Robert Chandler (Bacon's Castle District) voiced concern that Board members do not pay attention to issues or complaints from citizens. He discussed an issue relative to the Building Department and requested that the Board strive to open better lines of communication with citizens.

Mr. Mike Eggleston (Dendron District) appeared before the Board to further discuss the issue regarding the Building Department.

Mrs. Helen Eggleston (Dendron District) addressed the Board stating that she did not believe that the County was business friendly and that it lacked the necessary infrastructure to attract business.

Mr. Joseph Robers (Claremont District) appeared before the Board to state that he was dissatisfied with the lack of communication and leadership displayed by the Board.

Ms. Amelia Jensen (Dendron District) spoke in support of shorter meetings.

Mr. Carlos Verdiguier (Dendron District) addressed the Board to suggest senior discounts for the rental of the Dendron Community Center and that staff develop a long-term plan for the Sanitation Department.

Ms. Dot Hewett (Dendron District) appeared before the Board to suggest that citizens be able to make comments at the beginning of Board meetings and that reports be limited so that meetings would not conclude so late.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Drewry made a motion that the Board continue their meeting to Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:00pm for the purpose of conducting a work session in the County Administrator's Conference Room. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Holmes and passed with unanimous approval.