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**JAMES CITY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**WORK SESSION**

**November 25, 2014**

**4:00 P.M.**

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- A. CALL TO ORDER**
  - B. ROLL CALL**
  - C. BOARD DISCUSSIONS**
    - 1. Water and Sewer Rate Study
    - 2. Proposed 2015 Legislative Agenda Discussion
    - 3. Discussion with State Legislators
    - 4. Joint Work Session with WJCC School Board
  - D. ADJOURNMENT** – until Regular Meeting at 7 p.m.

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 25, 2014

TO: The Board of Directors

FROM: M. Douglas Powell, General Manager, James City Service Authority

SUBJECT: Water and Sewer Rate Study

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As you are aware, the James City Service Authority (JCSA) has seen a decline in the demand for water and a corresponding decrease in revenue for several years along with increasing costs to provide safe and reliable water and sewer services. In response to these trends, the approved FY 15 Budget included funds to conduct a water and sewer rate study. JCSA contracted with the firm Burton and Associates to complete the study. The purpose of this rate study is to address declining revenues while keeping rates as low as possible and to evaluate the current rate structure to determine if a more equitable structure could be developed that ensured long-term system viability and financial stability.

For several decades before the 2008 recession, JCSA experienced rapid growth and established cash reserves through prudent financial management. These reserves helped JCSA deal with ongoing infrastructure needs and establish a strong bond rating with the rating agencies. As a result, JCSA had low interest rates and borrowing costs for the bonds issued to finance the Five Forks Groundwater Treatment Plant and the Newport News Project Development Agreement.

Circumstances have changed significantly since 2008 and previous practices are no longer sufficient to ensure the financial stability of JCSA. There is no expectation that rapid growth will continue and JCSA cannot continue to rely solely on connection fees to fund the Capital Improvement Program. At the same time, demand for water is dwindling. Causes of declining per person water use include water-saving fixtures and appliances, conservation programs, building code changes, the recession, and increased precipitation. Over the past several years, operating revenues have basically equaled operating expenses, so no significant contribution could be made to reserves.

This trend of decreasing revenues and increasing expenses is not sustainable and will eventually deplete reserves if no changes are made. JCSA has healthy reserves, in the amount of \$14 million, to meet planned and emergency infrastructure needs and to preserve the credit rating. Of the \$14 million in reserves, \$6.3 million needs to be reserved as "cash on hand" to meet rating agency targets for a "mid-range" credit rating. Although JCSA's current cash reserves are healthy, plans need to be made now to start preparing for the substantial challenges ahead in the next five to ten years such as preserving the permitted groundwater withdrawals, purchasing water from Newport News, and navigating the hybrid sewer plan.

As you will see from the attached slides, the rate study provides a 10-year financial plan to ensure the JCSA remains financially sustainable with operating revenues covering operating costs. It projects the demand for services and expenses, operating, capital and debt service, and then provides options for generating the revenue to meet expenses and achieve the appropriate debt service coverage. The rate study has identified two options for ensuring the long-term financial health of the JCSA: the initiation of a fixed charge and incremental rate increases; and recommends a combination of both.

JCSA is one of the few utilities in the region that does not have a fixed charge included in every bill regardless of usage. The philosophy of the fixed charge, also known as a readiness to serve charge, is that the utility incurs significant costs to maintain the infrastructure regardless of usage and that the utility should not be

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completely reliant on variable revenue. Bond rating agencies prefer to see a fixed charge as a component of the fee structure because most of the cost to operate a utility is fixed.

The JCSA budget is divided into three funds – Administrative, Water, and Sewer. The Sewer Fund is currently sustainable and does not require any adjustments for several years, partially because of the 15 percent increase in fees approved in FY 12. However, the Water Fund has not seen any fee increases since 2008 and does require some adjustment to maintain self-sufficiency. Fortunately, JCSA currently has the lowest water rates, by a significant margin, of any jurisdiction in the region. JCSA's rate for the first 5,000 gallons is \$14.25 and the next lowest is the City of Williamsburg with \$24.75. The combined bill, including water and sewer, is the lowest in the region except for the City of Williamsburg. Staff and the consultant have also been evaluating a change in the rate structure to lessen the impact of rate increases on low-volume users.

Representatives from Burton and Associates will be in attendance at the work session.

  
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M. Douglas Powell

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Attachment

# Water & Sewer Rate Study

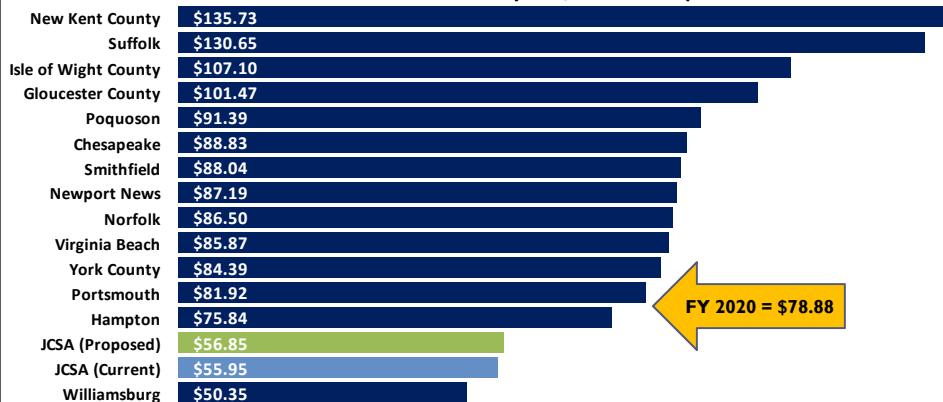


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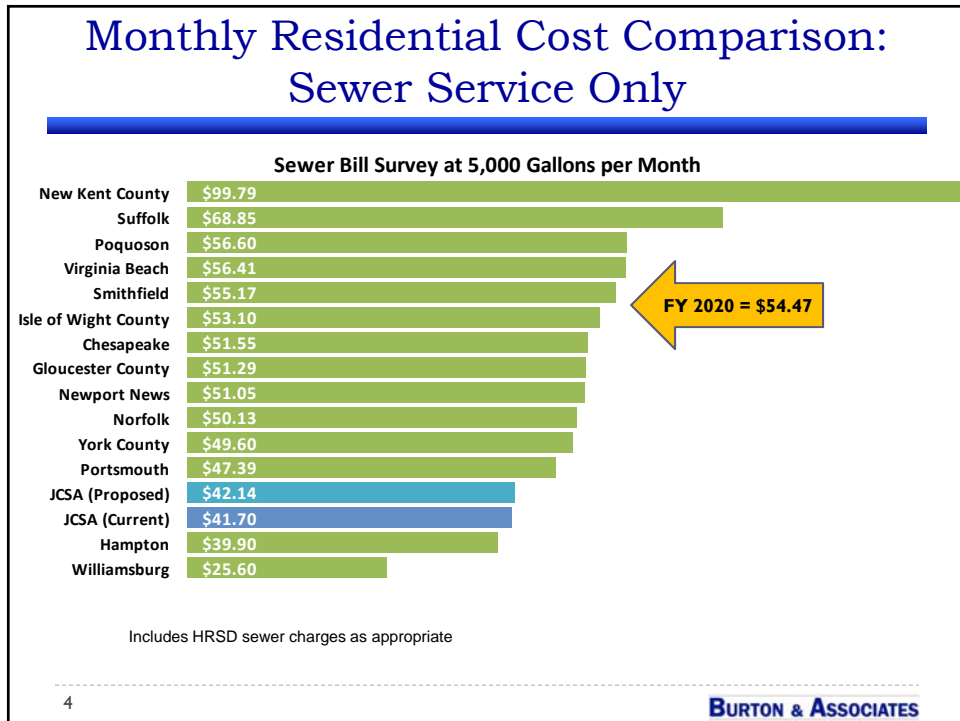
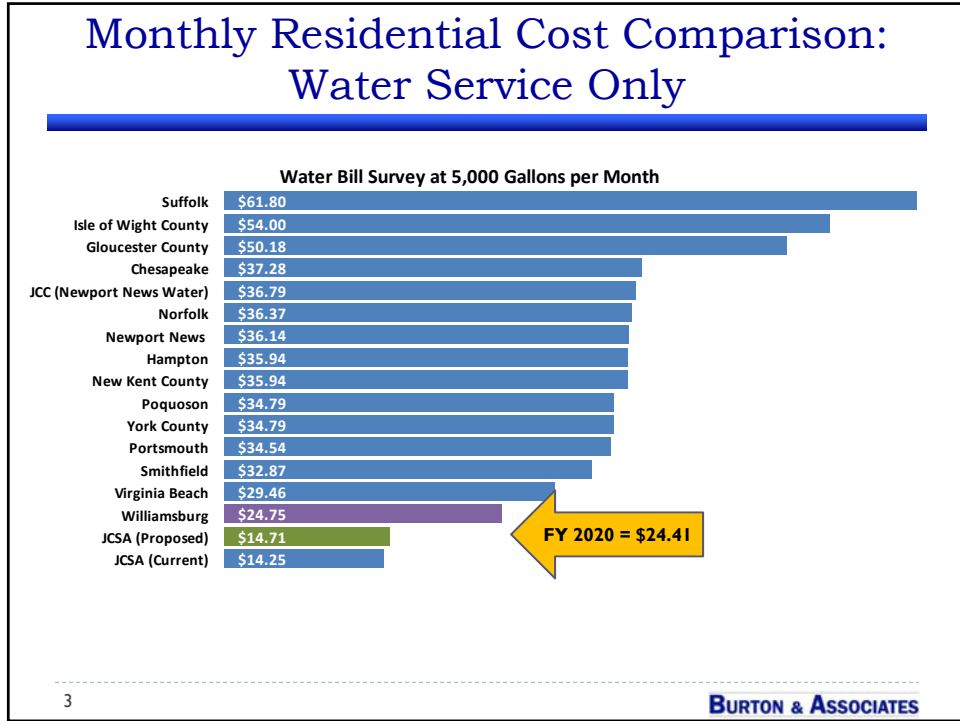
Andrew Burnham – Sr. Vice President  
 Kayle Moore – Project Consultant

## Monthly Residential Cost Comparison: Water & Sewer Service

Combined Water & Sewer Bill Survey at 5,000 Gallons per Month



Includes HRSD sewer charges as appropriate



## FY 2015 Residential Rate Comparison Detailed Data

Avg. Fixed Chg. Water = \$11.74  
Sewer = \$15.92

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5,000 Gal Assumed Monthly Consumption			
Water System Name	Fixed	Volume	Total Water Bill
Suffolk	\$ 6.40	\$ 55.40	\$ 61.80
Isle of Wight County	\$ 12.75	\$ 41.25	\$ 54.00
Gloucester County	\$ 20.18	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.18
Chesapeake	\$ 20.36	\$ 16.92	\$ 37.28
Norfolk	\$ 6.62	\$ 29.75	\$ 36.37
Newport News	\$ 13.35	\$ 22.79	\$ 36.14
Hampton	\$ 13.15	\$ 22.79	\$ 35.94
New Kent County	\$ 22.46	\$ 13.48	\$ 35.94
Poquoson	\$ 12.00	\$ 22.79	\$ 34.79
York County	\$ 12.00	\$ 22.79	\$ 34.79
Portsmouth	\$ 10.76	\$ 23.78	\$ 34.54
Smithfield	\$ 4.48	\$ 28.40	\$ 32.87
Virginia Beach	\$ 7.41	\$ 22.05	\$ 29.46
Williamsburg	\$ -	\$ 24.75	\$ 24.75
JCSA	\$ -	\$ 14.25	\$ 14.25

Sewer System Name	Fixed	Volume	Total Sewer Bill
New Kent County	\$ 31.20	\$ 68.60	\$ 99.79
Suffolk	\$ -	\$ 68.85	\$ 68.85
Poquoson	\$ 31.00	\$ 25.60	\$ 56.60
Virginia Beach	\$ 30.81	\$ 25.60	\$ 56.41
Smithfield	\$ 12.07	\$ 43.10	\$ 55.17
Isle of Wight County	\$ -	\$ 53.10	\$ 53.10
Chesapeake	\$ 9.85	\$ 41.70	\$ 51.55
Gloucester County	\$ 11.17	\$ 40.12	\$ 51.29
Newport News	\$ 4.00	\$ 47.05	\$ 51.05
Norfolk	\$ -	\$ 50.13	\$ 50.13
York County	\$ 24.00	\$ 25.60	\$ 49.60
Portsmouth	\$ 3.21	\$ 44.18	\$ 47.39
JCSA	\$ -	\$ 41.70	\$ 41.70
Hampton	\$ -	\$ 39.90	\$ 39.90
Williamsburg	\$ -	\$ 25.60	\$ 25.60

## Key Issue #1: Fixed Cost Recovery

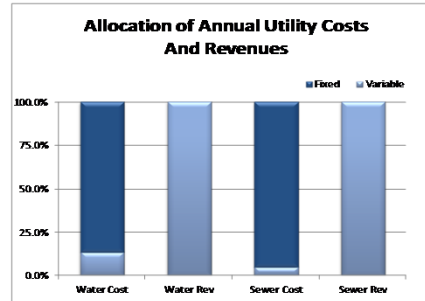
Components of FY 2015 Utility Costs	Water Cost		Sewer Cost		Sewer Rev
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	
Personnel Services	\$995,072	10.7%	\$694,494	9.4%	
Variable Operating Costs	\$1,260,136	13.5%	\$380,458	5.2%	
Fixed Operating Costs	\$868,506	9.3%	\$1,005,760	13.7%	
Capital Outlay	\$165,000	1.8%	\$134,000	1.8%	
Transfer Out	\$1,583,055	17.0%	\$1,351,196	18.4%	
O & MALLOCATION	\$2,797,327	30.0%	\$3,793,458	51.5%	
Debt Service	\$1,645,931	17.7%	\$0	0.0%	
<b>Total Annual Costs</b>	<b>\$9,315,027</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$7,359,366</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
Fixed	\$8,054,891	86.5%	\$6,978,908	94.8%	0.0%
Variable	\$1,260,136	13.5%	\$380,458	5.2%	100.0%
	\$9,315,027	100.0%	\$7,359,366	100.0%	100.0%

Variable Operating Costs generally increase or decrease as system demand increases/decreases, and include utilities, operating supplies/materials and chemicals. All other costs are generally fixed and independent of system demand.

Water System	Fixed	Variable
Expenses	86%	14%
Revenue	0%	100%
Avg. Fixed/Usage Fee Split of JCSA Rate Survey Entities (based on 5,000 gal/month residential bill)	30%	70%

Sewer System	Fixed	Variable
Expenses	95%	5%
Revenue	0%	100%
Avg. Fixed/Usage Fee Split of JCSA Rate Survey Entities (based on 5,000 gal/month residential bill)	21%	79%



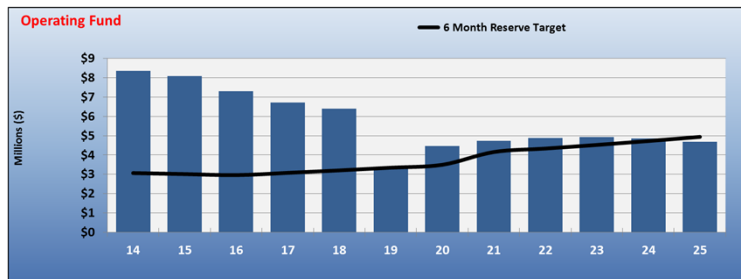
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## Key Issue #2: Declining Demand Trends

### Account & Billed Volume History

Fiscal Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Trend line
Accts as of:	12/31/2008	12/31/2009	12/31/2010	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2013	FY2009 - FY2014
Total Accts	18,947	19,361	19,802	20,115	20,537	20,842	
Growth in Accts		413	442	312	423	305	
% Change Accts		2.18%	2.28%	1.58%	2.10%	1.49%	
Total Usage	1,919,995,323	1,953,944,085	1,887,082,248	1,740,352,084	1,709,333,350	1,676,399,000	
Change in Usage		33,948,762	(66,861,837)	(146,730,164)	(31,018,734)	(32,934,350)	
% Change		1.77%	-3.42%	-7.78%	-1.78%	-1.93%	
Cumulative Change		1.77%	-1.71%	-9.36%	-10.97%	-12.69%	

## Key Issue #3: Water Supply Projects



- ▶ Current water rates and reserves are not sufficient to provide for near-term water supply/system enhancement projects (estimated \$4M) and subsequent incremental O&M costs (approximately \$1M per year)
- ▶ Additional water revenue needed in FY 2016-2020 to proactively provide sufficient resources to cover water supply/system costs and maintain reserves over planning period
  - ▶ Postponing recommended rate adjustments would result in much higher rate increases in future years to meet system cost requirements.



## Multi-Year Residential Customer Impacts

### Total Monthly Cost of Service Projections to Typical Residential User

	FY 2015	FY 2016 *	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b>Typical Monthly Bill</b>											
Water Bill (5,000 Gal / Mo.)	\$ 14.25	\$ 14.71	\$ 16.70	\$ 18.95	\$ 21.51	\$ 24.41	\$ 25.27	\$ 26.15	\$ 27.07	\$ 28.01	\$ 28.99
Sewer Bill (5,000 Gal / Mo.)	\$ 16.10	\$ 16.54	\$ 16.87	\$ 17.21	\$ 17.55	\$ 17.90	\$ 18.26	\$ 18.63	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.38	\$ 19.77
<b>Total Monthly Cost</b>	<b>\$ 30.35</b>	<b>\$ 31.25</b>	<b>\$ 33.57</b>	<b>\$ 36.16</b>	<b>\$ 39.06</b>	<b>\$ 42.32</b>	<b>\$ 43.53</b>	<b>\$ 44.78</b>	<b>\$ 46.06</b>	<b>\$ 47.39</b>	<b>\$ 48.76</b>
\$ Change	N/A	0.90	2.32	2.59	2.90	3.25	1.21	1.25	1.29	1.33	1.37
%Change	N/A	2.97%	7.41%	7.72%	8.03%	8.33%	2.87%	2.87%	2.88%	2.88%	2.89%
Water Rate Adjustments	0.00%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Sewer Rate Adjustments	0.00%	0.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
<b>HRSD</b>											
Rate Per 1,000 Gal	\$ 5.12	\$ 5.53	\$ 5.81	\$ 6.15	\$ 6.71	\$ 7.31	\$ 7.97	\$ 8.77	\$ 9.64	\$ 10.32	\$ 10.94
Sewer Bill (5,000 Gal / Mo.)	\$ 25.60	\$ 27.65	\$ 29.03	\$ 30.77	\$ 33.54	\$ 36.56	\$ 39.85	\$ 43.94	\$ 48.22	\$ 51.60	\$ 54.69
Annual Rate Adjustment	8.0%	8.0%	5.0%	6.0%	9.0%	9.0%	9.0%	10.0%	10.0%	7.0%	6.0%
<b>Total Combined Cost</b>	<b>\$ 55.95</b>	<b>\$ 58.90</b>	<b>\$ 62.60</b>	<b>\$ 66.93</b>	<b>\$ 72.60</b>	<b>\$ 78.88</b>	<b>\$ 83.38</b>	<b>\$ 88.62</b>	<b>\$ 94.29</b>	<b>\$ 98.99</b>	<b>\$ 103.45</b>
\$ Change	N/A	2.95	3.70	4.33	5.67	6.27	4.50	5.23	5.67	4.70	4.46
%Change	N/A	5.27%	6.28%	6.92%	8.47%	8.64%	5.71%	6.28%	6.40%	4.99%	4.51%

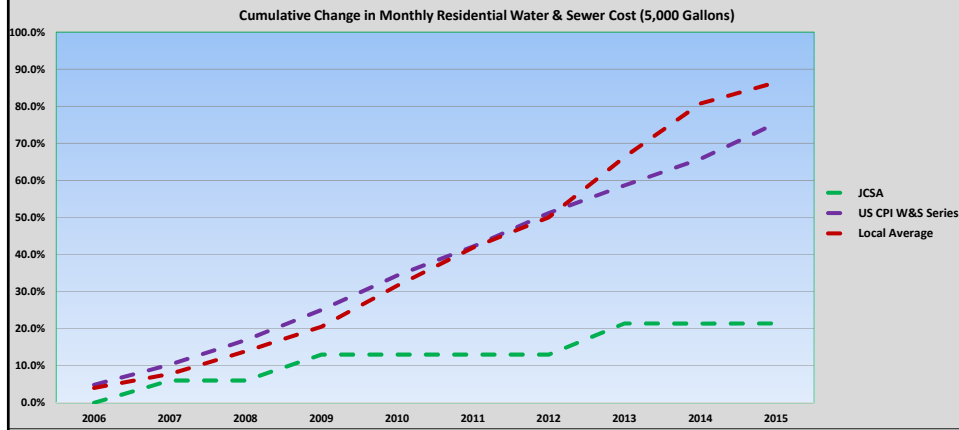
\*Bills reflect recommended rate structure modifications

## Comparison to Local & Industry Trends

Entity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	10-Yr. Compound Increase
Chesapeake	7.3%	0.0%	25.8%	16.1%	0.0%	21.5%	0.0%	0.0%	4.9%	4.9%	109.3%
Norfolk	7.1%	3.1%	3.8%	3.6%	3.8%	3.7%	4.0%	3.7%	4.2%	3.4%	48.4%
Portsmouth	4.7%	6.8%	6.8%	7.0%	1.7%	4.5%	7.4%	5.1%	0.0%	0.0%	53.3%
Virginia Beach	4.8%	2.8%	3.1%	4.0%	3.9%	5.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	42.8%
Gloucester	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	27.3%	0.0%	-1.9%	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%	37.6%
Hampton	4.2%	1.2%	0.0%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%	9.9%	5.2%	6.5%	90.0%	54.8%
Newport News	4.7%	4.5%	4.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	9.6%	28.1%	14.8%	70.0%	88.8%
Poquoson	9.2%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.5%	11.9%	6.4%	90.0%	46.5%
Williamsburg	7.3%	12.7%	12.0%	13.3%	7.9%	6.3%	4.7%	6.7%	6.5%	5.3%	120.5%
York County	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	11.3%	29.6%	9.6%	7.0%	3.0%	78.5%
Isle of Wight	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	43.8%	19.6%	5.5%	11.6%	28.0%	6.1%	174.8%
Smithfield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.3%	-7.0%	41.8%	5.0%	0.0%	52.6%
Suffolk	2.9%	14.7%	18.4%	11.4%	28.7%	18.5%	-0.1%	9.4%	21.1%	12.9%	254.9%
<b>Local Average</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>86.4%</b>
JCSA	0.0%	6.0%	0.0%	6.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.4%	0.0%	0.0%	21.4%
US CPI W&S Series	4.9%	5.2%	6.0%	7.0%	7.4%	5.8%	6.4%	4.9%	4.8%	5.8%	75.4%

Changes in cost of water and sewer service to typical residential household based upon 5,000 gallons of water use per month

## Comparison to Local & Industry Trends



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## Residential Customer Impacts: FY 2016 Rate Structure Options

Residential 5/8" Meter Monthly Water & Sewer Bill Calculations <sup>1</sup>								Across-The-Board Increase		
Monthly Use (Gal)	# of Bills	% of Bills	Agg. %	Current Monthly (FY 15)	Proposed Monthly (FY 16)	\$ Chg	% Chg	FY 2016 Monthly	\$ Chg	% Chg.
-	1,256	1.6%	1.6%	\$ -	\$ 4.29	\$ 4.29	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
2,000	3,327	4.2%	18.4%	\$ 12.14	\$ 15.09	\$ 2.95	24.3%	\$ 12.91	\$ 0.77	6.3%
<b>3,000</b>	<b>4,329</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>33.7%</b>	<b>\$ 18.21</b>	<b>\$ 20.49</b>	<b>\$ 2.28</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>\$ 19.36</b>	<b>\$ 1.15</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
4,000	4,245	5.4%	50.3%	\$ 24.28	\$ 25.89	\$ 1.61	6.6%	\$ 25.82	\$ 1.54	6.3%
<b>5,000</b>	<b>3,314</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>64.1%</b>	<b>\$ 30.35</b>	<b>\$ 31.29</b>	<b>\$ 0.94</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>\$ 32.27</b>	<b>\$ 1.92</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
6,000	2,420	3.1%	74.6%	\$ 37.02	\$ 39.15	\$ 2.13	5.8%	\$ 39.41	\$ 2.39	6.5%
10,000	583	0.7%	92.7%	\$ 63.70	\$ 70.59	\$ 6.89	10.8%	\$ 67.95	\$ 4.25	6.7%
15,000	108	0.1%	97.9%	\$ 128.80	\$ 143.19	\$ 14.39	11.2%	\$ 139.67	\$ 10.87	8.4%
20,000	42	0.1%	99.2%	\$ 193.90	\$ 215.79	\$ 21.89	11.3%	\$ 211.38	\$ 17.48	9.0%
30,000	10	0.0%	99.9%	\$ 324.10	\$ 360.99	\$ 36.89	11.4%	\$ 354.81	\$ 30.71	9.5%

1 - Represents 78,849 (76%) of FY 2014 water & sewer bills, approximately 19,710 customer accounts.

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## General Service Customer Impacts: FY 2016 Rate Structure Options

Monthly Water & Sewer Calculations - General Service Meters <sup>1</sup>									Across the Board Increase		
Class	Meter Size	# of Total Bills	% of Total Bills	Typical Monthly Use (Gal)	Current Monthly (FY 15)	Proposed Monthly (FY 16)	\$ Chg	% Chg	FY 2016 Monthly	\$ Chg	% Chg
GS	5/8"	295	0.28%	8,000	\$ 53.36	\$ 56.94	\$ 3.58	6.7%	\$ 57.09	\$ 3.73	7.0%
GS	3/4"	187	0.18%	12,000	\$ 80.04	\$ 85.42	\$ 5.38	6.7%	\$ 85.63	\$ 5.59	7.0%
<b>GS</b>	<b>1"</b>	<b>1084</b>	<b>1.04%</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>\$ 106.72</b>	<b>\$ 116.04</b>	<b>\$ 9.32</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>\$ 114.17</b>	<b>\$ 7.45</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
<b>GS</b>	<b>1.5"</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>0.80%</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>\$ 233.45</b>	<b>\$ 251.80</b>	<b>\$ 18.35</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>\$ 249.75</b>	<b>\$ 16.30</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
GS	2"	700	0.67%	120,000	\$ 800.40	\$ 824.00	\$ 23.60	2.9%	\$ 856.29	\$ 55.89	7.0%
GS	3"	108	0.10%	150,000	\$ 1,000.50	\$ 1,055.80	\$ 55.30	5.5%	\$ 1,070.36	\$ 69.86	7.0%
GS	4"	50	0.05%	250,000	\$ 1,667.50	\$ 1,752.50	\$ 85.00	5.1%	\$ 1,783.94	\$ 116.44	7.0%
GS	6"	14	0.01%	1,000,000	\$ 6,670.00	\$ 6,795.00	\$ 125.00	1.9%	\$ 7,135.75	\$ 465.75	7.0%

1 - Represents 3,268 (3.1%) of FY 2014 water & sewer bills, approximately 270 customer accounts.

## Multi-Family Customer Impacts: FY 2016 Rate Structure Options

Monthly Water & Sewer Calculations - Multifamily Meters <sup>1</sup>									Across the Board Increase		
Class	Meter Size	# of Total Bills	% of Total Bills	Typical Monthly Use (Gal)	Current Monthly (FY 15)	Proposed Monthly (FY 16)	\$ Chg	% Chg	FY 2016 Monthly	\$ Chg	% Chg
MFR	5/8"	22	0.02%	5,000	\$ 33.35	\$ 37.20	\$ 3.85	11.5%	\$ 35.68	\$ 2.33	7.0%
MFR	3/4"	96	0.09%	10,000	\$ 66.70	\$ 72.26	\$ 5.56	8.3%	\$ 71.36	\$ 4.66	7.0%
<b>MFR</b>	<b>1"</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>0.46%</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>\$ 133.40</b>	<b>\$ 142.36</b>	<b>\$ 8.96</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>\$ 142.72</b>	<b>\$ 9.32</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
MFR	1.5"	372	0.36%	50,000	\$ 333.50	\$ 350.50	\$ 17.00	5.1%	\$ 356.79	\$ 23.29	7.0%
MFR	2"	400	0.38%	90,000	\$ 600.30	\$ 626.60	\$ 26.30	4.4%	\$ 642.22	\$ 41.92	7.0%
MFR	4"	23	0.02%	150,000	\$ 1,000.50	\$ 1,094.50	\$ 94.00	9.4%	\$ 1,070.36	\$ 69.86	7.0%
MFR	8"	26	0.02%	500,000	\$ 3,335.00	\$ 3,634.00	\$ 299.00	9.0%	\$ 3,567.88	\$ 232.88	7.0%

1 - Represents 1,418 (1.4%) of FY 2014 water & sewer bills, approximately 118 customer accounts.

## Questions & Discussion

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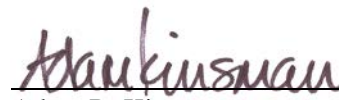
MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 25, 2014  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Adam R. Kinsman, Interim County Attorney and Assistant County Administrator  
SUBJECT: Proposed 2015 Legislative Agenda Discussion

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The 2015 Legislative Program contains important issues that would benefit the County if adopted by the General Assembly at its 2015 session. The proposed 2015 Legislative Program has been included for reference.

Adoption of the 2015 Legislative Program will be considered during the Regular Meeting.

  
Adam R. Kinsman

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## **JAMES CITY COUNTY 2015 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

### **Part I. Legislation to be Introduced on Behalf of the County**

#### **1-1. PERMIT ALL LOCALITIES SHARING A COURTHOUSE TO COLLECT FEES TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF ELECTRONIC SUMMONSES**

James City County requests an amendment to Virginia Code § 17.1-279.1 to allow all localities sharing a single courthouse to collect fees to offset the costs of electronic summonses. Currently, only the locality in which the courthouse is physically located may collect such fees.

#### **1-2. GRANT COMMISSIONERS OF THE REVENUE EXPLICIT AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE SUMMONSES TO APPEAR**

James City County requests an amendment to Virginia Code § 58.1-3128 to grant Commissioners of the Revenue the explicit authority to enforce a Summons to Appear in a court of competent jurisdiction.

#### **1-3. AMENDMENT TO THE JAMES CITY COUNTY CHARTER**

James City County requests an amendment of § 7.4 of its Charter to remove the provision stating that the Director of Planning is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Director of Development Management.

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**Part II. Position/Legislation Supported by the County**

2-0. FEDERAL, STATE, AND HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION (HRTAC) FUNDING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 64 TO RICHMOND

The County encourages the federal government, the Commonwealth, and the HRTAC to fund the widening of Interstate 64 all the way to Richmond.

2-1. PROTECTION OF GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMITS FOR ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE WATER FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

The County urges the General Assembly to enact legislation that prohibits the Department of Environmental Quality from reducing groundwater withdrawal allocations for entities that provide water for human consumption.

2-2. STATE FUNDING FOR TOURISM

The County urges the General Assembly to increase funding for the Virginia Tourism Corporation (“VTC”) to promote tourism in Virginia generally, and the Historic Triangle in particular.

2-3. MAINTENANCE OF NEW AND EXISTING SECONDARY ROADS

James City County opposes any legislation that would transfer to counties the responsibilities to construct, maintain or operate new or existing roads. Should such transfer of responsibilities occur, the state must provide continuing funding for the costs incurred by the localities.

2-4. APPLICATION OF TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX TO TRAVEL COMPANIES AND INTERNET SALES

James City County supports a clarification of Virginia Code § 58.1-3819 et seq., to make sure that the transient occupancy tax applies to the entire amount charged for rooms by travel companies and on Internet sales regardless of any discounted rates paid by such companies for such rooms. This would provide equal taxing of room sales by Virginia businesses and Internet sales companies.

2-5. ENHANCE RAIL SERVICE ON THE PENINSULA AND TO RICHMOND

The County supports improving commuter rail system from Richmond through the Peninsula to connect urban centers for commuters and provide transportation alternatives for tourism.

2-6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT (“CSA”) FUNDING

James City County urges the General Assembly to: 1) adequately fund the Medicaid waiver program to reduce the waiting list of individuals and families now eligible for services; 2) provide services to children with serious emotional disorders; and 3) to cover reasonable administrative costs for CSA programs. Adequate funding and services will help prevent the mentally ill from being released early

from treatment, living on the streets, going to jail, or being inappropriately placed in residential facilities or other government programs.

2-7. SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

James City County supports maintaining State funding for mental health and substance abuse treatment in jails and juvenile detention facilities given the overwhelming percentage of adults and juveniles in the system diagnosed with mental health and/or substance abuse conditions.

2-8. TAX EQUITY BETWEEN CITIES AND COUNTIES

James City County supports equal taxing authority for cities and counties.

2-9. ALLOW ADVERTISEMENT OF REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES ON A LOCALITY'S WEBSITE AND THROUGH OTHER MEANS INSTEAD OF PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION

James City County requests an amendment of Virginia Code § 15.2-107.1 to provide that wherever newspaper advertisement is required for public notices, a locality may instead publish such notice on its website and shall also provide, at the request of any citizen of the Commonwealth, notice by electronic or telephonic means or through the U.S. postal mail.

2-10. STATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, PRE-K, K-12 AND HIGHER EDUCATION

The County supports restoring the funding cuts made to pre-K and K-12 funding. In addition, the County supports restoring the funding cuts made to higher education which could cripple some of the most prestigious higher education institutions in the world, including the College of William & Mary.

2-11. ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

James City County supports the State maintaining funding to public libraries to make sure that the State and the localities maintain their proportionate share of funding.

2-12. NO NEW STATE MANDATES AND ELIMINATE OR ADEQUATELY FUND EXISTING STATE MANDATES

James City County calls upon the General Assembly to oppose unfunded mandates and to reduce existing State mandates commensurate with any reduction in State funding to localities.

2-13. PROVIDE STATE FUNDING TO MITIGATE ENCROACHMENT OF AIRFIELD SURROUNDING JOINT BASE LANGLEY-FORT EUSTIS

James City County supports the initiative to provide state funding for the land acquisition program supporting mitigation of encroachment around Langley Air Force Base (now Joint Base Langley-Fort Eustis).



2-14. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS OF THE VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND THE VIRGINIA COALITION OF HIGH GROWTH COMMUNITIES

James City County supports the legislative programs of the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Association of Counties, and the Virginia Coalition of High Growth Communities.

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