

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF JANUARY, NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE, AT 3:00 P.M., IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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A. ROLL CALL

Stewart U. Taylor, Chairman, Stonehouse District  
Abram Frink, Jr., Vice Chairman, Roberts District  
John E. Donaldson, Jamestown District  
Jack D. Edwards, Berkeley District (absent for roll call)  
David W. Ware, Jr., Powhatan District

James B. Oliver, Jr., County Administrator  
John W. Watkins, Assistant to the Administrator  
Frank M. Morton, County Attorney

B. MINUTES - January 8, 1979

Mr. Oliver said there were changes in the January 8 minutes, as follows: Item D, page 3, add "and spotty" to Mr. Lee's statement; Item D-2, Sanitary User Charges, change "carried over from" to "adopted by emergency at" in second line; Item D-3 - Recommendation to add to language was made by Mr. Donaldson, not Mr. Morton; Item F-9 motion omitted - motion made by Mr. Donaldson, carried unanimously; Item G, page 8, regarding garage - language should be changed to "will be serviced" instead of "are serviced"; and Item G, page 8, next to last paragraph should read January 22 instead of January 23.

Mr. Frink moved for approval of the minutes, with the above changes. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Mr. Hall said he had no highway matters to report, but he wished to remind everyone that a public hearing regarding Route 199 will be held on Wednesday, January 24, at 7:00 P.M., at Lafayette High School Auditorium. He said Route 199 plans would be available for review on Tuesday, January 23, from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., at Lafayette High School.

Mr. Taylor asked if anyone wished to ask Mr. Hall any questions regarding highway matters. No one wished to ask questions.

Mr. Oliver called on William C. Porter, Jr., Director of Planning, who briefed the Board on what the Planning Commission and staff have done to date in connection with Route 199.

C. PUBLIC HEARING

Community Development Grant

Mr. Oliver briefly outlined the Community Development Program. He said the County is preparing a pre-application for federal Housing and Urban Development funds and emphasized that it was important not to assume that the application would be approved.

Mr. Oliver introduced Mr. Anthony Conyers, Coordinator of Human Resources, who presented the matter.

Mr. Conyers said the key people involved in the development of the proposal were Robert M. Murphy, Assistant to the Administrator/Projects, William C. Porter, Jr., Planning Director, Larry Trumbo, Executive Director of Community Action Agency and John Hodges of the consulting firm of Harland-Bartholomew. Mr. Conyers said it is recommended that the County submit the pre-application proposing a comprehensive plan of community improvement in the Carriage Road area.

Figures in the staff memorandum were updated by Mr. Conyers, as follows:

Public Improvements	\$673,000
Rehabilitation	190,000
Acquisition of Property	71,000
Planning and Administration (not listed on memorandum)	<u>60,000</u>
	<u>\$994,000</u>

Mr. Conyers said the program may include some housing rehabilitation, an area which must be approached with caution. He said no commitment will be made in this regard until there is certainty that all legal requirements have been met.

Mr. Conyers introduced Mr. John Hodges of the firm of Harland-Bartholomew, who outlined the specific proposal in detail.

Mr. Hodges displayed a generalized map of Carriage Road, the program area which is proposed. He provided an explanation of the scope of the project, stating that a list of the needs had been made which can be addressed through this federal program. The list includes sub-standard housing, unsafe streets (property boundaries and streets which do not necessarily coincide), inadequate drainage, lack of paving in the streets, lack of public facilities (no central water system, no fire hydrants), inadequate recreation facilities and burdensome sewer connection fees. He said funds would be included for those costs, as well as water connections to a deep well which would be drilled for a central water system. Mr. Hodges said Magazine Road would be improved and paved, as well as a street connecting it with Carriage Road to give residents a second exit onto Ironbound Road. He said because streets are not always on the right-of-way, some land would be acquired, but stressed that no residents would be displaced.

Mr. Hodges said a vacant field now used for softball could be converted into a playing field with a basketball court and picnic area. He said there is no guarantee the application will be approved, but a decision should be made by late March. If it is approved, he estimated construction could begin in the fall.

Mr. Taylor opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Clara Harris of 14 Carriage Road said she is a representative of the Ironbound Civic Club. She said the proposal had been reviewed by Carriage Road residents, who approve and recommend it.

Mrs. Eula Radcliffe of Roberts District said she is a member of the Grove Community organization. Mrs. Radcliffe said the members of the Grove community are very much in accord with the proposal.

Mrs. Alma White of Stonehouse District said she hoped approval would be given to the proposal.

Mr. Larry Trumbo, Executive Director of the Community Action Agency, said his agency has worked very closely with the community and the proposal has the wholehearted support of all. He said he hoped

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the needs of other communities would be remembered and whatever resources are available addressed to those needs.

Mr. Taylor asked if anyone else wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Frink said he fully supported the resolution and that the area of housing should be approached with caution.

Mr. Edwards commended those persons involved in the development of the proposal. He said he was pleased that this application is for the Carriage Road area because the need is obvious and the people in that area have taken an interest, which he said has not always been true of other areas.

Mr. Donaldson said he felt a very strong case had been made in this matter and moved for adoption of the resolution to approve pre-application. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## R E S O L U T I O N

### Pre-Application for Community Development

#### Block Grant Funds

WHEREAS, funds are available from the Department of Housing and Urban Development under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act 1974, and

WHEREAS, these funds can be used for the general purposes of neighborhood improvement, and

WHEREAS, in the Carriage Road neighborhood there exists the need for improvements in the areas of housing, streets, drainage and recreation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the James City County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Administrator to submit a pre-application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for community development monies to be used to initiate a neighborhood improvement program in the Carriage Road area.

#### D. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

##### 1. Litter Control Grant - Resolution

Mr. Oliver said each year the State notifies James City County of the amount of an annual grant reserved for the County under the Litter Control Act. It is then the County's responsibility to indicate what methods the County will use to spend the funds to control litter. He said this year the target award was \$2,700, and it is proposed to ask the Sheriff's office to survey the dumpsters of the County with the idea of enforcing the litter control ordinances. Mr. Oliver said last year's grant was used to monitor the dumpsters and the program appears to be successful and the number of complaints had declined.

Mr. Ware moved for approval of the resolution. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the James City County Board of Supervisors recognizes the existence of a litter problem within the boundaries of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Virginia Litter Control Act of 1976 provides, through the Department of Conservation and Economic Development, Division of Litter Control, for the allocation of public funds in the form of grants for the purpose of enhancing local litter control programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Board desires to use available funding for the coming year to partially compensate the County Sheriff's Department for initiating a routine surveillance program to discourage illegal dumping and littering and to encourage the enforcement of existing litter prevention laws;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of James City County that James B. Oliver, Jr., Clerk to the Board and County Administrator, be hereby authorized and directed to apply for and receive a Litter Control Grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Virginia Department of Conservation and Economic Development be encourage to consider and approve the proposed program, said program being in accord with the regulations governing use and expenditure of said funds.

## 2. Revenue Projections for FY 1980

Mr. Oliver said at the last meeting the Board of Supervisors asked for preliminary revenue estimates. He said the estimates have been consolidated by John E. McDonald, Assistant to Administrator/Finance, and they represent the thinking of the Treasurer and the Commissioner of Revenue. Mr. Oliver said the estimates do not reflect any anticipated General Assembly action, either positive or negative. The revenue projections, he said, assume no change in funding by the General Assembly.

Mr. McDonald presented the highlights of the report, stating that the increased assessment of existing properties is up an average of 6.4% so that with no improvements to the property and with no increase in the tax rate, a homeowner's real estate taxes will generally increase 6.4%. He said the income through inflation will be offset almost entirely by an exemption for forest land approved last year by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Oliver said with two new fire stations ready for construction, funds must be found for staffing; the Sheriff's department is seeking five additional deputy positions; Social Security increases must be budgeted and cost-of-living increases for County employees are anticipated, although it is felt they will not exceed 7%. To completely fund the school request and these additional increases, he said, the current 88¢ tax rate (per \$100 of property value) would have to be raised to a 98¢ rate.

Mr. Ware said he had hoped originally that the rate might be lowered but that now he felt there would be a problem in maintaining the same tax rate.

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Mr. Ware moved to adopt a resolution which would in effect put the School Boards on notice not to expect more than \$320,000 in additional County funds as their proportionate increase in revenue growth for the coming year estimated at approximately 7.5%.

Mr. Edwards expressed concern about the resolution, stating that a formal resolution would elevate the significance of this more than was necessary. He said he did not wish to begin the budget process with a decision on how much to give one agency before having more certain revenue figures and all the spending requests.

Mr. Taylor suggested the reference to a maximum amount might be taken as a promise for that amount.

Mr. Donaldson moved to amend Mr. Ware's motion by eliminating Item No. 6 and changing the language in Item No. 4 of the resolution, to read:

"General fund revenue growth at existing tax rates for the coming year is expected to be 7.5% or approximately \$600,000, and anticipated increased aggregate expenditure requests exceed \$1,100,000."

Mr. Donaldson's motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Ware's motion for the resolution, with the above amendments, passed by unanimous roll call vote.

#### R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of James City County is in receipt of the FY 1980 Budget of the Williamsburg-James City County Joint School Board as proposed by the Division Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, the Joint School Boards are now beginning their public discussions of the proposed budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors desires to communicate certain issues that relate to the County's contribution to the Joint Boards for the operations of the School Division in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1980.

1. The Board of Supervisors considers that its commitment to education is considerable and that the Board recognizes that the need for adequate public education is one of its highest priorities.
2. The growth projected in the County's revenue for FY 1980 is insufficient to completely fund the proposed request which amounts to a 15.2% increase in the operating budget for the County.
3. The Board is determined to avoid an increase in the tax rate in funding expenditures for the coming fiscal year.
4. General fund revenue growth at existing tax rates for the coming year is expected to be 7.5% or approximately \$600,000, and anticipated increased aggregate expenditure requests exceed \$1,100,000.
5. Accordingly, it is improbable that the Board will be able to appropriate more than the current proportionate share of general fund revenue for public education for the coming fiscal year.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the members of the Joint School Boards be respectfully requested to consider these matters in their evaluation of the Budget as proposed.

Mr. Edwards suggested that a representative of the Board of Supervisors present the resolution at the School Boards meeting tonight, January 22, so they would not learn about it through the news media. Mr. Frink, Vice Chairman, advised that he would make the presentation.

E. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

None

F. REPORTS OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Oliver requested authorization to sign a lease for office space in the EOC Building between the County and Soil Conservation Service. He said the Service will occupy two offices which formerly housed the Department of Social Services and the monthly rental is based on the same square footage costs as are charged other tenants. He said the Soil Conservation Service will be a valuable addition to the public services offered at the EOC Building.

Mr. Taylor moved for such authorization. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

G. BOARD REQUESTS AND DIRECTIVES

(1) Mr. Ware inquired about the idea of having a County annex in the EOC Building. Mr. Oliver said John Watkins is presently working on the matter. He said parts of it had received administrative approval and hopefully an announcement would be made in the near future.

(2) Mr. Ware expressed concern about the budget. He said he would be desirous of the Board of Supervisors being updated at future meetings on the budget and expense projections.

(3) Mr. Donaldson expressed appreciation for the efforts of Messrs. Porter, Conyers and Murphy in focusing on and possibly obtaining funds regarding the Carriage Road area proposal. He said he was especially proud of the entire James City County staff, who have displayed imagination in anticipating needs and in moving along so well in the right direction.

Mr. Frink moved to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:28 P.M.

James B. Oliver, Jr., Clerk  
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