

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

Abram Frink, Jr., Chairman, Roberts District
 Perry M. DePue, Vice Chairman, Powhatan District
 Jack D. Edwards, Berkeley District
 Thomas D. Mahone, Jamestown District
 Stewart U. Taylor, Stonehouse District

James B. Oliver, Jr., County Administrator
 Frank M. Morton, III, County Attorney
 John E. McDonald, Assistant to the County Administrator

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold a work session to brief Board members on proposed water capital improvements. Mr. Oliver suggested that staff members go through the three suggested phases after which the staff would answer questions from the Board.

Mr. Oliver noted that he was somewhat uncomfortable in presenting items for funding outside of the budget process but that the County, at this time, could receive very favorable prices for water main construction. He felt that he would be remiss if he didn't alert the Board about the significant savings that could presently be realized in this kind of construction. He also wanted to stress that all of the water lines and connections that are being considered are part of the Comprehensive Plan and will be built eventually.

Mr. Oliver then asked Dan Lynn, Assistant to the County Administrator, to please begin the presentation.

Mr. Lynn explained that in planning water supply, four elements are involved: the distribution system, water supply, water transmission, and storage facilities. He noted that the discussion this evening would focus on water transmission. Mr. Lynn then went over the agenda for the work session and explained the attachments which included the resolution presented to the Board at the January 25th meeting.

Mr. Lynn pointed out that the areas under consideration are those areas known as Primary Service Areas in which major government services are to be found. He said that the water lines that the County wished to contract for construction would not be for the purpose of stimulating growth but for the purpose of managing growth and development.

Mr. Bass, Director of Public Works, was the next speaker. He told the story about a contractor working in the County, who had unknowingly broken a water main and then left the construction site for the day. The result of this accident was that emergency crews had to work most of the night restoring water to users along Route 60. Mr. Bass explained that with the kind of water system that the County hopes to build, this kind of emergency could easily have been averted by bring water from the other direction.

Mr. Mahone asked Mr. Bass where the County water comes from, and Mr. Bass then pointed out on a large map of the County the location of the four County wells.

Mr. Bass also read a letter from Mrs. Barry Beers, a County resident, wherein she complained about the effects of the high fluoridity of County water in certain sections. Mr. Bass also noted that 20 wells were tested on Lake Powell Road and that most of these were found to be contaminated with coliform bacteria. He explained that the water transmission

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mains being proposed do not reach Lake Powell Road, but would make it easy to extend a reliable water supply to this neighborhood.

Mr. Deward Martin, Engineering Manager, related the history of water development in James City County and pinpointed each water main as it was extended from place to place.

Mr. Lynn then summed up what the staff had to say about the proposed water projects: Mr. Bass had given cost factors concerning what potential savings might be, Mr. Martin discussed some of the engineering factors, and Mr. Porter, Director of Planning, had listed instances of growth management that could be utilized through adoption of Phases I, II, and III.

Mr. McDonald, Assistant to the County Administrator, explained to the Board how the high interest rate was affecting companies who install water lines. These companies are suffering from a lag in new construction and are willing to lower prices in order to keep operating and keep their personnel intact.

A question was asked if approval of these water transmission projects would have an effect on annexation. The answer to this was "no" because these lines would belong to the James City Service Authority, the independent entity created to provide water and sewer services to the citizens of the County.

This concluded staff presentation and Mr. Frink called a five-minute recess.

When the meeting was again called to order, Mr. Bill Brown, a County resident, questioned the use of current General Fund money for these improvements. He said he could understand the loan of \$100,000 to the Service Authority, but couldn't support an outright grant. Mr. Brown also urged deferment of a decision on these capital water projects until the time of the budget process.

Mr. Harold Poulsen, a citizen of James City County, also requested that the water capital improvement decision be deferred until the time of the budget process. He also recommended that the entire funding for CIP be reviewed and that the present consideration be made part of one of the budget work sessions.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Frink asked whether or not the Board had any comments and what would be their pleasure concerning the staff's recommendation.

Mr. DePue felt that the three phases of construction and the expenditure of \$1,026,000 was substantially in excess of what he would be willing to commit outside of the normal budget process and indicated that construction on these projects even with the Board's approval, would not commence prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. He recommended that the Board not respond to the staff recommendation.

Mr. Edwards suggested that certain of the projects, particularly the projects listed as Phase I were important enough that he would be willing to consider them outside of the budget process and suggested a review and Board consideration of each of the three phases.

Mr. Frink agreed with that assessment and suggested that the Phase I projects be approved for the release of engineering proposals and construction prior to July 1st. He also suggested that Phase II projects be considered in a similar manner.

Mr. Mahone indicated that he would be opposed to the consideration of the projects as presented, that he did recognize the importance of the items in Phase I, but he would not consider funding for Phases II and III.

Mr. DePue indicated that he also had a great concern in funding of Phases II and III and would not vote to support a motion for funding for anything beyond Phase I.

Mr. Edwards indicated the possibility of a compromise seeking some general consensus of the Board. He indicated that he also felt Phase I was important as well as Phase II, but in recognition of the concern expressed, suggested that the County staff be allowed to seek engineering proposals on Phase II in order that construction, when approved, would proceed fairly quickly. Mr. Taylor indicated that this might work -- that the projects listed in Phase II were natural extensions of the water system the Board approved to date. He did indicate an opposition to the proposals in Phase III. This was a lot of money and these projects should be considered with the other CIP programs.

After some further discussion, Mr. Edwards moved to amend the resolution submitted by the staff in the following manner:

That the \$1,026,000 authorized for the construction of water transmission mains be reduced to \$447,000 for the construction of Phase I (\$411,000) and the engineering on Phase II (\$36,000); and that the unappropriated carry forward funds be reduced from the proposed \$885,500 to \$306,500 for a total commitment of \$447,000.

After some further discussion, a vote was taken on the resolution as amended. On a roll call, the vote was AYE: Frink, DePue, Edwards, Mahone, Taylor (5). NAY: (0).

R E S O L U T I O N

WATER PROJECT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, James City County has put a high priority on building a comprehensive water system, to include a distribution system that provides dependable service and adequate quantities and quality of water to County residents; and

WHEREAS, recent experience has indicated a favorable construction market now exists; and

WHEREAS, existing plans for construction of water distribution systems may be advanced to the benefit of the County,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of James City County does hereby authorize \$447,000 for the construction of water transmission mains shown as Phase I (\$411,000) and for engineering on Phase II (\$36,000) as presented and made an attachment to this resolution to be funded as follows:

1. Reallocation of previous water development appropriations:

Route 60 West transmission line	\$70,000	
Carriage Road Extension	12,300	
Unallocated water development	9,200	
FY 82 Ironbound Road	<u>49,000</u>	
		\$140,500

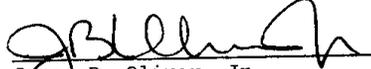
2. Unappropriated carry-forward funds		<u>306,500</u>
TOTAL		\$447,000

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There being no further business to come before the Board,
Mr. Taylor moved the meeting be adjourned.

On a roll call, the vote was AYE: Frink, DePue, Edwards,
Mahone, Taylor (5). NAY: (0).

The meeting ADJOURNED at 8:45 P.M.


James B. Oliver, Jr.
Clerk to the Board