

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-ONE, AT 7:02 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

Thomas K. Norment, Jr., Chairman, Roberts District
Judith N. Knudson, Vice Chairman, Jamestown District

Perry M. DePue, Powhatan District
Jack D. Edwards, Berkeley District
Stewart U. Taylor, Stonehouse District
David B. Norman, County Administrator
Frank M. Morton, III, County Attorney

Mr. Norment reconvened the Board into session.

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Redistricting

Mr. John T. P. Horne, Manager, Development Management, stated the hearing was for additional public comment, with no formal action being requested until the Board of Supervisors' meeting on May 6, 1991. Mr. Horne briefly described the plan that the Board approved by preliminary vote on Monday, April 15, 1991.

Mr. Norment asked what the ideal district size was.

Mr. Horne responded 6,970 persons.

Mr. Norment asked for a summary of the process followed.

Mr. Horne stated that the Board of Supervisors appointed a Redistricting Advisory Committee, who studied a number of alternatives, among them establishment of an election district with a majority black population. The Committee concluded that such an alternative would require creation of more than 7 districts and that none would provide a majority district. The Committee then began working with existing districts to equalize population and recommended splitting James Terrace north of Route 199 between Roberts and Jamestown Districts.

Mr. Horne noted the final public hearing for adoption of the ordinance and final acceptance of the plan would be held Monday, May 6, 1991. He further stated that the approved plan would be presented to the Justice Department for preclearance on the Voting Rights Act, and after clearance was received, redistricting would be achieved by election process of adjustment of district lines.

Mr. Norment asked about the composition of the Committee.

Mr. Horne replied that the Committee had 10 members, 2 from each election district; racial breakdown, 5 white and 5 black members.

Mr. Norment asked what the Committee vote was on the recommended plan.

Mr. Morton responded that the vote was 9-1, with the dissenting vote being that of a white individual, who expressed no reason therefore.

Mr. Norment opened the public hearing, and as no one wished to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to retain the current district lines in the Stonehouse District.

Discussion followed on the following: not changing the Committee's recommended plan; total population of each district; could Roberts District boundaries remain unchanged; and, the fact that deviation is 3 percent under plan approved by preliminary vote.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve Plan 1 as recommended by the Committee and presented by staff.

Mr. Norment asked for a vote on Mr. Taylor's motion to retain the current district boundaries in Stonehouse District.

On a roll call, the vote was AYE: DePue, Taylor (2). NAY: Edwards, Knudson, Norment (3).

Mr. DePue spoke in opposition to Mr. Edwards' motion stating that one of the goals of redistricting was minimizing relocation of established voting place for citizens. He made a motion to amend Mr. Edwards' motion by keeping Ewell Hall Estates in Powhatan District.

Mr. Norment called for a vote on Mr. DePue's amendment.

On a roll call, the vote was AYE: DePue, Taylor, Knudson (3). NAY: Edwards, Norment (2).

A brief discussion ensued about whether a vote was needed since approval of Mr. DePue's amendment adopted the same plan that was approved by vote on Monday, April 15, 1991.

Mr. Norment called for a vote on Mr. Edwards' motion of approving the plan recommended by the Committee and presented by staff as amended by Mr. DePue's motion to retain Ewell Hall Estates in Powhatan District.

On a roll call, the vote was: AYE; DePue, Edwards, Knudson (3).
NAY: Taylor, Norment (2).

Mr. Norment recognized Mr. Abram Frink, member of the Redistricting Advisory Committee and former Supervisor for Roberts District, in the audience.

2. Tax Rate - FY 92 Budget

Mr. John E. McDonald, Manager, Financial and Management Services, stated that a second public hearing on the FY 92 Budget was required by State law for the real estate property tax rate, which was proposed to remain the same at \$.71.

Mr. Norment opened the public hearing, and as no one wished to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Norment opened the work session at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Trotter Hardy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Regional Library, summarized the FY 1992 Library budget, indicating that circulation has increased 7 percent since last year, despite the Friday closing.

Mr. Hardy also briefed the Board on the current status of the search for a library site.

Mrs. Virginia Carey, Chairperson of the County Parks and Recreation Commission, expressed the support of the Commission for: 1) the recreation philosophy - user financed programs aggressively marketed; 2) a systematic land acquisition program for green ways, bikeways and river access properties; and, 3) improvements to existing facilities such as Recreation Center, Phase II.

Mr. Needham S. Cheely, III, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a brief summary of the Parks and Recreation programs now in existence and proposed for the next several years.

Mr. Thomas K. Norment, Jr., expressed his appreciation to both the Library Board and the Recreation Commission and staff for their philosophy and attention to the current economic reality.

Mr. O. Marvin Sowers, Jr., briefed the Board on the activities of the Planning Division and the work program after the current update to the Comprehensive Plan.

In response to concerns of several Board members, Mr. Sowers agreed to return to the Board for possible additional resources if the zoning/subdivision ordinances began to fall behind due to increased workload.

Mr. Bernard M. Farmer, Jr., Director of Code Compliance, made a brief presentation on the Code Compliance program and budget. Discussion centered on workload and resources, particularly staff.

Mr. David W. Clark made a brief presentation on the proposed refuse budget and responded to questions and comments from the Members of the Board.

Mr. Norment polled the Board on operating expenses. There were no proposed changes. Mr. Edwards indicated that he would propose to eliminate the Road Match Funds in favor of land banking or debt service or a revolving road fund. Mr. Edwards also indicated his concern about the source of funds for the current Capital Contingency Funds. Mr. Taylor indicated that he wished to discuss the Dirt Street Program.

Mr. Norment advised the Board concerning the process for the VDOT James River work session scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 1991. The work session was reaffirmed as a public meeting, but not a public hearing.

Mr. Norment made a motion to recess until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, 1991.

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

The Board recessed at 10:18 p.m.



David B. Norman
Clerk to the Board

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