

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

James G. Kennedy, Chairman, Stonehouse District
Mary Jones, Vice Chair, Berkeley District
Bruce C. Goodson, Roberts District
James O. Icenhour, Jr., Powhatan District
John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District

Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator
Leo P. Rogers, County Attorney

C. BOARD DISCUSSION

1. Board Member Representation on Other Boards/Commissions – Voting Guidance

Mr. Wanner stated that he had submitted a memorandum at the request of Mr. Kennedy to solicit Board guidance on how to address voting by Board members during meetings of committees, caucuses, and other boards on which the Board of Supervisors member serves as the County's liaison. He noted that while advance Board input was ideal, it was often impractical if a matter comes forward at the last minute or additional discussion at meetings prior to the vote present additional information of which the entire Board was not aware. He asked for the Board's input on these practices.

Mr. McGlennon said that the opportunity to give feedback would be appreciated, but he felt this matter was not a major concern. He stated that there may be a need to recognize when an agenda item is a question of a Board position or a representation of the position of that member on the particular committee.

Mr. Goodson noted that it may be difficult to represent a Board position when additional discussion may have been heard immediately prior to the vote which presented an alternate perspective.

Mr. Icenhour stated that he was comfortable with the idea that each Board member should represent the sense of the Board's position. He stated that in this case he did not disagree with the position taken and understood the matter was time sensitive, but he felt that as the letter was being written, some correspondence should have been made with the other members of the Board for input. He stated that on his Board assignments, if there was a question of a Board policy decision, he would be uncomfortable to take a position without consulting with the other Board members. He stated that sensitivity should be taken when it may be a policy issue.

Mr. Wanner stated that he and Mr. Doug Powell would try to keep the Board apprised of matters that require a policy discussion.

Mr. Kennedy stated that agendas for respective committees should be shared and he emphasized communication regarding what was going on with respective committees. He asked for a quarterly briefing to share what was going on with various committees. He commented on the Historic Triangle Collaborative (HTC) and stated his concerns with the perception of the committee on holding closed meetings. He commented that the HTC allows the various members to converse on issues of the region. He raised his concerns that the meetings were not generally open to the public and asked for Board response to the meetings.

Mr. Icenhour stated there were few organizations that could discuss substantive policy decisions, including Workforce Development Consortium, HTC, and Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC). He stated that substantive information should be shared with the rest of the Board.

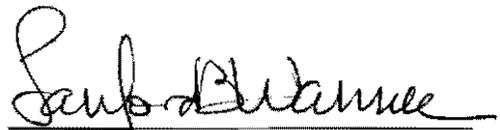
Mr. Wanner stated that agendas would be circulated when they are provided. He noted that the HTC did not make policy, but allowed its membership to discuss matters for collaboration.

Mr. Goodson noted that the HRPDC agendas and minutes were listed on the HRPDC website.

Mr. Kennedy stated it was important to note that he was passing along the monthly meetings of the HTC via email. He asked that the minutes be posted on the website for accessibility to the public.

D. BREAK

At 5:03 p.m. the Board broke for dinner.



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board