

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AT 4:00 P.M IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

- John J McGlennon, Chairman, Jamestown District
- Bruce C Goodson, Vice Chairman, Roberts District

- Jay T Harrison, Sr , Berkeley District
- James G Kennedy, Stonehouse District
- Ronald A. Nervitt, Powhatan District

- Sanford B Wanner, County Administrator
- Frank M Morton, III, County Attorney

B BOARD CONSIDERATION

1 Appointment to the Board of Equalization

Mr McGlennon stated that a recommendation for a nomination to the Circuit Court Judge to fill a vacancy on the Board of Equalization has been presented to the Board and suggested the Board take action on the recommendation.

Mr Harrison made the motion to nominate Mr Walter C Neilson to the Board of Equalization.

On a roll call, the vote was AYE Goodson, Nervitt, Kennedy, Harrison, McGlennon (5) NAY (0)

C. BOARD DISCUSSION

1 End of Fiscal Year Report – FY 2001

Mr John McDonald, Manager of Financial and Management Services, introduced Ms Sue Mellen Accounting Supervisor, for an updated on the 2001 Fiscal Year Report

Ms Mellen stated that the published report of the audit will be presented in December, that the actual revenues exceeded the budget by \$7 8 million, and that \$3 1 million of this total has been previously appropriated by the Board to the FY 2002 Capital Improvements budget

Ms Mellen also stated \$2 9 million is recurring with unbudgeted revenue from sources such as the Personal Property tax revenues, \$3 85 million has been budgeted for in future years and is not expected to occur next year, \$3 1 million has already been appropriated to the FY 2002 Capital Improvements budget, and

\$1.1 million has been generated from the change in financial reporting standards as adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The Board and staff discussed potential allocations of the revenue, the impacts of the Personal Property tax reduction by the State and State sales tax on the FY 02 Budget, anticipated 2000 Census impacts on budgets, and the revenue loss if the County reduces the tax rate by two cents.

D. PRESENTATION

1. Impact of the September 11 Terrorist Attacks on Area Tourism – Dave Schulte, Executive Director, Visitors and Convention Bureau

Mr. Schulte gave the Board an overview of the impacts of the September 11 terrorist attacks on area tourism including short-term impacts such as local motel sales down 15-50 percent, to long-term impacts such as school systems travel restrictions that may limit visits to area attractions next spring and summer.

Mr. Schulte also gave an overview of the steps local businesses are taking to boost tourism to the area including revised advertising, Busch Gardens' invitation to emergency response teams for free access to the park, and the efforts the Travel Industry of America is taking to push travel.

The Board, staff, and Mr. Schulte discussed the Aviation World's Fair, the impact of the terrorist attacks on conference bookings in the area, the impact on the local sales and room taxes, cruise ships appear to be less affected, and the attraction of visitors to Busch Gardens having kept the collection of meals tax up.

Mr. Morton handed out a list of topics for possible discussion with the Legislators.

Mr. McGlennon recessed the Board for a break at 4:37 p.m.

Mr. McGlennon reconvened the Board at 5 p.m.

E. BOARD DISCUSSION

1. Meeting with Legislators

Mr. McGlennon introduced Senator Norment, Delegate Barlow, Delegate Hamilton, and Delegate Rapp.

Mr. Morton thanked the legislators for taking the time to meet with the Board and introduced the topics for discussion.

a. Growth

The Board and legislators discussed the Study Commission's recommendations on growth and compromise needed between the development community and high-growth community. The legislators are faced with challenging priorities such as the budget, will address the issue of growth as time permits, and requested a wish list from the County on what bills the County expects to get through.

The Board voiced concerns with legislation that restricts the ability of local government to manage land use.

The legislators suggested that the cooperation among different localities affords more opportunities for legislators to assist.

The Board advised against restricting authority of local government.

b. Land Conservation Funding

The Board and legislators discussed funding possibilities for land conservation and open space acquisition, funding in conjunction with the Chesapeake Bay Act including the Chesapeake Bay Watershed as a link with preservation of open space, and a State funding program for matching grants for the preservation of open space.

c. Transportation Funding

The Board and legislators discussed funding impacts on the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), specifically in association with the expansion and completion of Route 199 prior to 2007 to avoid disruptions with the celebration, collaborative efforts with the City of Newport News to move forward the relocation of Route 60 East, the status of Route 359 and support the legislators may offer in locally suggested modifications to VDOT's original design, and the possible closure of a portion of Centerville Road.

d. Budget

The Board and legislators discussed the legislators' view on the upcoming budget process, voiced support for adequate school funding and safety enforcement, the car tax and sales tax, and the legislators' desire to budget money for second year items.

e. Tax Reform

The Board and legislators discussed the numerous studies that have been conducted on the issue of tax reform and the fiscal stress experienced by local government.

The Board requested assistance with underfunded ventures such as Eastern State Hospital.

The Board and legislators discussed the status of mental health within the State, the legislators' desires to reprioritize the State Budget, and the Board's concern that if the State pulls money from State-mandated programs, would the mandate then be removed.

f. Photo-Red

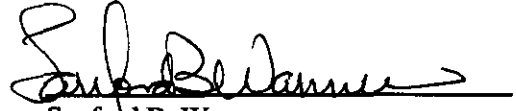
The Board and staff discussed the perception of Photo-red on traffic lights being utilized as a revenue generator instead of being instituted for traffic safety, the concern that Photo-red gives an assumption of guilt for vehicle owner - not the driver, and the intrusiveness of the tool. The Board felt that local government should have the right to decide if it wanted to use such technology.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to recess until 4 p.m. on October 30, 2001.

On a roll call, the vote was: AYE: Goodson, Nervitt, Kennedy, Harrison, McGlennon (5). NAY: (0).

The Board recessed at 6:30 p.m.



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

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