

AGENDA ITEM NO. F-1a

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2004, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

Bruce C. Goodson, Chairman, Roberts District
 Michael J. Brown, Vice Chairman, Powhatan District
 John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District
 M. Anderson Bradshaw, Stonehouse District, arrived at 4:04 p.m.
 Jay T. Harrison, Sr., Chairman, Berkeley District

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

B. BOARD DISCUSSION1. Heritage Humane Society

Ms. Lynne C. Christensen, Heritage Humane Society (HHS) Executive Director, invited the Board to invest in a public/private partnership for a new community animal shelter. Ms. Christensen provided the Board with an overview of the HHS, services it provides, facility needs, and proposed funding and anticipated costs.

The Board, staff, Ms. Christensen, and Ms. Pam Johnson, Chairman of the HHS Board of Directors, discussed the factors leading to the expansion request of the HHS, difference in the space requirements for services in the County's Animal Control facility to the HHS facility, perception of need by HHS for local government involvement in supporting HHS services, access of the Animal Control staff to the proposed facility, ability of proposed facility to hold a variety of animals in addition to cats and dogs, regional animal control efforts, and cost estimates for an expansion of the County's Animal Control facility versus the proposed joint HHS facility.

The Board requested information on the benefits and costs of moving forward with the expansion of the County's facility and partnering with HHS, the estimated costs for the County to meet the basic State mandates versus the cost to the County to provide a level of service comparable to what citizens receive today, the overall additional expenditure needed to get to the level the County wants to provide, and the overall expenditure needed to get to the level the HHS provides.

The Board reached consensus to have staff move forward with arrangements in partnership with the Heritage Humane Society for a facility.

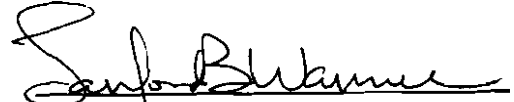
The Board and staff discussed funding mechanisms and agreed to have the County Administrator meet with the other jurisdictions to identify potential financing partnerships.

The Board discussed a potential contribution of up to \$500,000 in Debt Service Funding to the partnership with HHS as this amount is what the County would need to spend to upgrade its facility. The

Board stated that the partnership agreement should provide for an adequate facility for the County to meet State mandates of the future should anything happen to the HHS.

C. RECESS

At 5:28 p.m. the Board took a dinner break until 7:00 p.m.



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

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