

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
County Government Center Board Room
101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
April 25, 2017
5:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Ruth M. Larson, Vice-Chairman, Berkeley District
Michael J. Hipple, Powhatan District
P. Sue Sadler, Stonehouse District
John J. McGlennon, Roberts District
Kevin D. Onizuk, Chairman, Jamestown District

Adam R. Kinsman, County Attorney
Bryan J. Hill, County Administrator

C. MOMENT OF SILENCE

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Pledge Leader - Gabriel Fellows, a 2nd-grade student at Clara Byrd Baker and a resident of the Jamestown District.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ms. Barbara Henry, 141 Devon Road, addressed the Board regarding the installation of an online checkbook register.

F. PRESENTATIONS

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion to Approve was made by Ruth Larson, the motion result was Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0
Ayes: Larson, Hipple, Sadler, McGlennon, Onizuk

1. Minutes Adoption - April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Public Housing Agency Plan

H. PUBLIC HEARING(S) – None

ADOPTED

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**Board of Supervisors
James City County, VA**

Mr. Onizuk called for a vote on the motion made by Ms. Sadler to roll back the Property Tax by 1 cent to 83 cents.

AYES: 1 NAYS: 4 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Ayes: Sadler

Nays: Larson, Hipple, McGlennon, Onizuk

Ms. Larson made a motion to adopt the budget as proposed by the County Administrator. She thanked the staff for their diligence and efforts through this process. She stated that coming from the schools' side, it is of great importance to her to see the schools fully funded. However, once you get on the Board, you realize how many different people and groups have needs that are addressed by the County's budget. During her final review of the budget, one thing that stuck out to her was that in the schools' budget, there is over \$1 million in non-negotiable increases, so the schools will have to put off other things because we could not fully fund their request. Our schools attract families to live and work here and it is important that we continue to have outstanding schools. As it was mentioned, James Blair will be coming online soon, and that represents \$2 million in operating expenses alone. She also stated that Public Safety has had to expand and grow. With growth in the community also comes more First Responders and Public Safety Officers. She stated that stormwater is a big issue in the Berkeley District. Through the Stormwater Division's work, many of the issues in those neighborhoods have been addressed and property values are starting to go back up. She is supportive of efficiencies in government and believes that staff and the Board has done a good job of being good stewards.

Mr. Hipple stated that he is very supportive of the budget as proposed by staff. He said that he spends a lot of time at regional meetings and is constantly asked how the County does what it does with as little money as it gets. Most of our surrounding localities are looking at 5- to 7-cent tax increases, we are not. We are managing our money and we are doing a good job. He is glad that the Board got behind the request from the Sheriff's Department. There are needs in the Fire Department that are being addressed. The school system is the number one reason that families move here. We need to keep our schools on top. We are putting our money into necessary items and buying down our debt. He believes that the budget is a good one and he is glad to support it.

Ms. Sadler stated that she is very appreciative of our Public Safety and First Responders, and is very happy that we are able to support them. She appreciates the Board's consideration of her proposal. She understands that the Board needs to adopt a budget, and as such, she will support the budget this evening.

Mr. McGlennon stated that he would like to echo the sentiments expressed. He also is appreciative of the way the Board has come together around a set of priorities. We have set in place a clear set of directives that puts us in charge of our own destiny. That is important because those that have an impact on our destiny have decided that they would like to stir us but not provide any of the wind that will move us there. The Commonwealth has been derelict in providing support to the localities, and the localities are stuck with the bills. For many years now, we have been stuck with more and more of the bill for the schools. We wish that we could fully fund them, but we also have to keep the pressure on the Commonwealth, which has the responsibility to provide public education. He stated that he is very much in support of this budget. There are always choices that have to be made, but for the citizens that have questions about where the dollars are being spent, there is no better document than this.

Mr. Onizuk stated that he echoes the sentiments expressed by the other Board members. He expressed his appreciation for the work done by all of the staff, and he expressed his appreciation for his other Board members and their efforts to work together with respect and even friendship. He thanked the citizens that reached out to have their input included in the budget process. He stated that they have begun to align the budget with the Strategic Plan. More of that alignment will occur in the budgets moving forward. He is proud of their ability to meet the needs of the citizens and he is proud of this budget.

2. Joint Resolution to Amend the Restated Contract for the Joint Operation of Schools, City of Williamsburg and County of James City

A motion to Approve was made by John McGlennon, the motion result was Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0
Ayes: Larson, Hipple, Sadler, McGlennon, Onizuk

Mr. Hill stated that the Board asked that this item be brought to this meeting because Ms. Larson was absent from the previous meeting. The Board wanted everyone to have an opportunity to weigh in on the contract. He stated that the City of Williamsburg has approved the contract as it is before you this evening. He asked if any of the Board members had any questions or concerns over the contract.

Ms. Larson thanked the Board for bringing this back this evening. She thanked the City of Williamsburg for approving the contract. She did mention that she has received several phone calls from James City County citizens regarding representation on the School Board and the way that the contract works out. She does not believe it should stop this contract, but moving forward, it is probably something that we need to be open to discuss in the future. It is very important to keep the line of communication open with the City and with the School Board.

Mr. Onizuk echoed Ms. Larson's comments. Ultimately, the joint operation of the schools is to the benefit of both the City and the County. He hopes that the positive relationship can continue for many years to come.

J. BOARD REQUESTS AND DIRECTIVES

The Board gave updates on its activities in the County and throughout the region over the last two weeks.

Ms. Sadler recommended that the Board meetings be moved to 6 p.m. to allow more citizens to be able to attend.

At 5:52 p.m., Mr. Onizuk recessed the Board in order to conduct the JCSA Board of Directors meeting.

At 5:56 p.m., Mr. Onizuk reconvened the Board of Supervisors.

K. REPORTS OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Hill thanked the Communications staff for all of their efforts. We have begun a podcast and he hopes that all of the Board members will participate.

L. CLOSED SESSION

1. Consideration of a personnel matter, the performance review of the County Attorney, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.

A motion to Enter a Closed Session was made by John McGlennon and the motion result was Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0
Ayes: Larson, Hipple, Sadler, McGlennon, Onizuk

At 5:57 p.m., the Board entered into Closed Session.

At 6:19 p.m., the Board re-entered Open Session.

2. Certification of Closed Session

A motion to Certify the Closed Session was made by John McGlennon and the motion result was Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0
Ayes: Larson, Hipple, Sadler, McGlennon, Onizuk

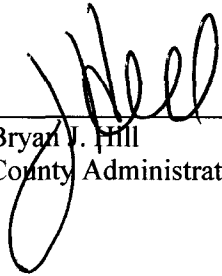
M. ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjourn until 5 p.m. on May 9, 2017, for the Regular Meeting

A motion to Adjourn was made by Ruth Larson, the motion result was Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0
Ayes: Larson, Hipple, Sadler, McGlennon, Onizuk

At 6:20 p.m., Mr. Onizuk adjourned the Board.



Bryan J. Hill
County Administrator