

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
County Government Center Board Room
101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
April 25, 2017
4:00 PM

ADOPTED

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Board of Supervisors
James City County, VA

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

Bryan J. Hill, County Administrator

C. BOARD DISCUSSIONS

1. Department of Social Services Presentation

Mr. Hill introduced Ms. Rebecca Vinroot, Director of Social Services.

Ms. Vinroot addressed the Board, giving an overview of the purpose and focus of Social Services.

Ms. Larson requested a copy of the presentation, which Ms. Vinroot indicated Ms. Teresa Fellows, Board Secretary, can provide copies of as needed.

Ms. Larson asked what the turnaround time is for helping clients.

Ms. Vinroot responded that it depends on the program.

Ms. Larson followed up with a question regarding clients who are in a crisis situation and how quickly they are able to get assistance.

Ms. Vinroot and staff responded that there are certain criteria that families must meet for expedited services, which they can receive within three to seven days. Additionally, gift cards can be given to help with groceries or other items as well as referral to other services.

Ms. Larson asked if services are for families only.

Ms. Vinroot replied that other programs may provide services for individuals, but Social Services focuses on helping families.

Mr. Hipple asked if there is a breakdown of new homes and rehabs per district.

Ms. Vinroot answered that she thought this was provided as part of the budget, but it is definitely available and she can provide that.

Mr. Hipple commented that his understanding from the presentation is the County has enough families to fill the needs of children in need of foster care or adoption.

Ms. Vinroot confirmed this and stated that foster parents are trained for all situations and ages of children and Social Services offers ongoing training and support.

Mr. Hipple expressed interest in the creation of a neighborhood for people in need to get into small, starter homes.

Ms. Vinroot pointed out that some partners, such as Habitat for Humanity and the Home for Good program under United Way, are meeting that need to some extent.

Mr. McGlennon asked how many families the Housing Voucher Program helps, if there is a waiting list and how long families will be on it.

Ms. Vinroot replied that currently there are 137 families in the Housing Voucher Program and there is a waiting list. The length of time a family will be on the waiting list depends on the amount of funding available, but there is always a waiting list.

Mr. McGlennon mentioned housing proffers that will eventually come in from Stonehouse that are a result of the revision of the Master Plan and wondered if anything has been programmed yet for that.

Ms. Vinroot answered that would fall under Neighborhood Development.

Mr. McGlennon asked how confident can the County be that it is identifying most of the needy residents, especially since people in this economic situation often are very transitory.

Ms. Vinroot acknowledged it is a constant challenge and reported that 65% of the citizens who are eligible for SNAP are enrolled.

Mr. McGlennon then remarked that 43% of households that face a cost burden seems extraordinarily high and wondered if this is affected by the large elderly population whose resources may not be captured in annual income calculations.

Ms. Vinroot replied this is something Social Services is trying to work on.

Mr. Onizuk thanked Ms. Vinroot for the presentation and the Social Services' team for all its work.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. ADJOURNMENT

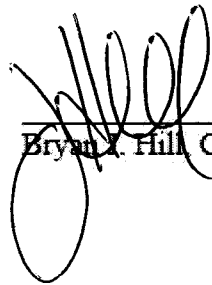
1. Adjourn until 5 p.m. on April 25, 2017, for the Regular Meeting

A motion to Adjourn was made by Michael Hipple and the motion result was Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Ayes: Hipple, Larson, McGlennon, Onizuk, Sadler

At 4:52 p.m., Mr. Onizuk adjourned the Board.



Bryan A. Hill, County Administrator