

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

James G. Kennedy, Chairman, Stonehouse District
Jay T. Harrison, Sr., Vice Chairman, Berkeley District
John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District
Michael J. Brown, Powhatan District
Bruce C. Goodson, Roberts District

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

B. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

1. Technology Update

Mr. Thomas R. Pennington, Director of Information Resources Management, provided the Board with an overview of the accomplishments within the Department including registration for the Parks and Recreation programs through the internet, upgrading network connections among the various off-site offices; provided an overview of major projects such as the new office building at the Government Complex, E-Gov initiative with web development, and interactive Voice Response Systems with JCSA and Code Compliance; and consideration of Microsoft's new licensing policy.

The Board and staff held discussions regarding the fiscal impacts of Microsoft's new licensing policy, and anti-virus software investments.

Mr. Pennington provided the Board with an overview of the efforts to connect the Metro Area with networking from Toano to Newport News.

The Board and staff held a discussion regarding the network connections through cable and the Agreement with Cox.

2. Property Maintenance Code

Mr. John T. P. Horne, Director of Development Management, stated that the Board requested staff to review instituting a Property Maintenance Code and staff is presenting its findings.

Doug Murrow, Director of Code Compliance, provided the Board with an overview of the Uniform Statewide Building Code and the purpose, applicability, and provisions of the Property Maintenance Code found in Chapter 1 "Maintenance of Existing Structures."

The Board and staff held discussions concerning homes within the County that do not have running water, Trash and Grass Liens, and the Blight Abatement Program.

Mr. Murrow also provided the Board with a list of resources the County has for providing enforcement of most of the Property Maintenance Code provision and recommended that the Board consider adopting an Unsafe Structures Ordinance in lieu of adoption of the Property Maintenance Code to address significant derelict structures in the County.

The Board and staff held a discussion regarding derelict structures in the County, homes without running water, abandoned appliances on properties, defining unsafe structures, and concerns about provisions in the Code not being adequate to keep property in good condition.

The Board requested information on what is available to residents and staff for addressing these issues, if an inspection fee could be assessed on repeat offenders to offset staff costs, and the County neighborhood clean-up day.

3. Williamsburg Area Transport Update

Mr. Anthony Conyers, Jr., Managers of Community Services, provided the Board with an overview of the regional focus of the Williamsburg Area Transport and connection with Hampton Roads Transit.

Mr. Conyers provided the Board with three connection options with Hampton Roads Transit at the Food Lion shopping center in the Lee Hall area of Newport News.

The Board and staff discussed the options, funding mechanisms, serving Newport News residents employed in the County, and bus schedules with traffic congestion.

4. New Business

Mr. Kennedy requested the Board provide guidance regarding its position on the Hampton Roads referendum on transportation for the upcoming Hampton Roads Mayors and Chairs meeting.

The Board discussed the proposal and concluded that its position remains neutral until additional information regarding the details of the referendum is provided.

Mr. Kennedy stated that a forum will be held in September/October with the City of Williamsburg, York County, Colonial Williamsburg, William & Mary, and several regional entities regarding the growth and regionalism within the Historic Triangle Area, and requested the Board's interest in participating in the forum.

The Board requested time to consider the invitation.

Mr. Wanner stated that a tour of the County has been requested by *The Daily Press* and will keep the Board informed.

C. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:52 p.m. Mr. Kennedy recessed the Board until 7:00 p.m. on July 9, 2002.

Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

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