

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE 2005, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

Michael J. Brown, Chairman, Powhatan District
Jay T. Harrison, Sr., Vice Chairman, Berkeley District
Bruce C. Goodson, Roberts District
John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District
M. Anderson Bradshaw, Stonehouse District

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

B. BOARD DISCUSSIONS

1. Youth Advisory Council

Mr. Doug Powell, Acting Community Services Manager, introduced Mr. Howard Mason, Human Services Specialist, who introduced the members of the Youth Advisory Council in attendance: Ari Caramanica; Awanya Fraizer, Jocelyn Fuentes, and Ashlee-Paxton Turner.

Members of the Youth Advisory Council provided an overview of the Council's accomplishments, goals for the coming years, and feedback concerning what the members perceive to be pressing issues in the community.

The Board and Council members discussed efforts made by the Council to reach out to the youth in the community and in working with the schools, the College of William & Mary, and Jamestown 4-H Center to address the needs of the youth in the community including surveys on alternative transportation and educational excursions, and assistance for keeping youth interested in continuing their education.

The Council requested a Board member's attendance at the Council meetings to provide input and support.

The Board recommended the Council hold a civic day or civic week to permit the youths to become involved in the community through activities such as shadowing a County official to see what it is like to walk in someone's occupation for a day and attending Board meetings.

Mr. Wanner inquired when the survey was conducted by the Council, how the survey was distributed, and clarification on the data collected regarding intimidation at the Community Center and job offerings.

Mr. Mason stated that the survey was given out during the 2003-2004 school year to 8th, 9th, and 11th grades.

Council members discussed age discrimination and age-appropriate jobs available to younger students and older individuals using the same facilities as the youth, such as the fitness room in the James City/Williamsburg Community Center.

The Board, staff, and Council discussed activities and media methods to raise awareness about the Council, youth issues, and services available to the youth of the community.

2. Proposal to Create a Regional Transit Authority (RTA)

Mr. Doug Powell, Acting Community Services Manager, introduced Mr. Fred Fravel, Consultant with KFH Group, and Mr. Mark Rickards of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Mr. Powell provided an overview of the background of the public transportation service to the community and the potential benefits identified for a RTA.

The Board, staff, and Mr. Fravel discussed the idea of a seamless transportation service and how it can be achieved through a RTA.

Mr. Fravel provided an overview of the expenses for the seven independent operations and the anticipated joint operating costs for public transportation services, and the advantages a RTA will have in Federal and State funding opportunities.

The Board, Mr. Fravel, and Mr. Rickards discussed what the possible effects of the establishment of a RTA will have on the County's budget; the estimated capital costs; how the current capital assets of the organizations will be handled; bus fleet looks and uniformity of the buses; consideration of alternative fuel buses for the fleet; and need to further consider mechanisms for fare collection and transfers to and from non-fee routes in the system.

Mr. Powell provided an overview of the governance of the Public Transit Authority Board, the selection of board membership, joint powers, and term length of the board members, an advisory committee, and the proposed timeline for the creation of a RTA by July of 2006.

Mr. Wanner recommended that the hiring for the Executive Director be done by the Chief Administrative Officers of the three jurisdictions and the Vice Presidents of Colonial Williamsburg and William & Mary since membership of the proposed board will also be from that level.

The Board requested the RTA monitor the transit fees and keep it affordable; an agreement from all partners on basic principles on what the RTA will accomplish; a uniform vision and seamlessness; and how the structure of the membership of the board and possible subcommittees will work in the chain of command in making final policy and fee decisions.

At 5:40 p.m., Mr. Brown recessed the Board for a brief break.

At 5:45 p.m., Mr. Brown reconvened the Board.

C. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bradshaw made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the consideration of appointments to Boards and Commissions, and Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) to consider the acquisition of parcels of property for public use.

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

Mr. Brown adjourned the Board into Closed Session at 5:46 p.m.

Mr. Brown reconvened the Board into Open Session at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to adopt the Closed Session resolution.

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

RESOLUTION

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, (Board) has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge: i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies; and, (ii) only such public business matters were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board as were identified in the motions; Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), to consider personnel matters, the appointment of individuals to County boards and/or commissions; and Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), to consider the acquisition of a parcel/parcels of property for public use.

Mr. Bradshaw made a motion to appoint Mr. John Laben to a four-year term on the Historic Triangle Bicycle Advisory Committee, term to expire June 30, 2009; to appoint Mr. Julian Lipscomb, Jr., to an unexpired term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, term to expire on May 31, 2008; to reappoint Mr. Richard Drumwright to a four-year term on the Peninsula Disabilities Service Board, term to expire June 30, 2009; and to appoint Mr. Lester Dubnick to a three-year term on the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission, term to expire June 30, 2008.

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

D. BREAK

At 6:07 p.m., the Board took a dinner break until 7 p.m.

Sanford B. Wanner
Secretary to the Board