

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Bruce C. Goodson, Chairman, Roberts District
James G. Kennedy, Vice Chairman, Stonehouse District
James O. Icenhour, Jr., Powhatan District
John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District
Mary Jones, Berkeley District

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

C. BOARD DISCUSSIONS

1. Subscription-Based Residential Solid Waste Collection Program

Mr. John Horne, General Services Manager, introduced Stephen Geissler, Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority (VPPSA), and Jim Hill, James City County Solid Waste, who helped him to present. Mr. Horne presented the details of the proposed subscription-based residential solid waste collection program. He noted that it was a voluntary program and explained potentially offsetting the costs for curbside recycling, which was a separate contract with VPPSA. He gave an overview of the service including standard pickup, low generation pickup, and front and back yard service. He also highlighted the bulky waste pickup portion of the program and explained the fee structure and billing requirements and the administration of the program. He asked for Board guidance on how to proceed with the fees, assumption of recycling costs, and whether or not to move forward with the negotiations.

The Board and staff discussed the citizen inquiries that led to the discussion and benefits of the program such as traffic reduction, bulky waste pickup, and competitive prices in relation to the costs and impact on local hauler businesses and communities.

Discussion was held on the benefits and drawbacks of implementing the program inside the Primary Service Area (PSA) only versus in the entire County and on the possibility of including this bill on the Hampton Roads Utility Billing Service (HRUBS) bill that citizens receive for water and sewer service. There was discussion about three-tiered billing through homeowners associations that subscribed to the program. In addition, the select vendor could also provide the billing service.

The Board discussed whether or not this was an instance of the County endorsing one vendor in the market and harming other businesses. Discussion was held on the voluntary nature of the program and proposing it through the Neighborhood Connections office. The Board and staff discussed how competitive the market would become and participation expectations.

Discussion was held regarding Convenience Center access for customers and non-subscribers, fees for use and the contract length and terms. The Board discussed the incentives of the program versus the potential implications in the future. Staff explained the differences between use of the Convenience Center and the Transfer Station.

The Board directed staff to move forward with this proposal without free access to the Convenience Center and with voluntary offset of the recycling program costs. The Board asked staff to provide information on caps on the price escalation, and Consumer Price Index (CPI) information on staff time requirements, and York County comparison information. The Board and staff discussed an information package from York County and the potential for another work session.

2. Powhatan Creek Flood Study

Ms. Fran Geissler, Stormwater Management Director; Darryl Cook, County Engineer; and Scott Blossom and Chris Kuhn, Williamsburg Environmental Group; presented information on the Powhatan Creek Flood Study in anticipation of the Comprehensive Plan update. Mr. Blossom explained the study process and necessity, and went over the key results.

The Board and staff discussed the results of the study and the depths of flooding within the floodplain. The scope of the study was discussed and the relation to the upper part of the creek. Discussion was held on flooding on roads and accommodating water to prevent dangerous road conditions during flood events. The potential for increased water levels was discussed, and it was determined that while this was not likely to increase greatly, it was hard to predict what could happen in the future. The impacts of development on surrounding land were discussed.

3. Allocations Review

Mr. Doug Powell, Community Services Manager; accompanied by Diana Hutchens, Director of Social Services; and Barbara Watson, Assistant Manager of Community Services; gave an overview of the Allocations Review process and Allocations Review Team which evaluated funding of nonprofit and outside agencies. Mr. Powell explained the audit process and how each recipient of County funds was evaluated and that this was being presented prior to the budget retreat because the application process was beginning shortly.

D. BREAK

At 6:10 p.m. the Board took a break.

Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board