

MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK

Regular Meeting
September 3, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened. A Regular Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 3, 2019, in the East Room, York Hall, by Chairman Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.

Attendance. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Walter C. Zarembo, Sheila S. Noll, W. Chad Green, Jeffrey D. Wassmer, and Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.

Also in attendance were Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator; Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., Deputy County Administrator; Vivian A. Calkins-McGettigan, Deputy County Administrator; and James E. Barnett, County Attorney.

WORK SESSION

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2020

Mr. Bellamy reviewed the County's legislative priorities for 2020; and in an effort to gain attention at the General Assembly level, the priorities were kept brief. He indicated the program would be brought back to the Board at a future meeting for adoption.

- Support for Public Schools by fulfilling all aspects of public education.
 - York County had continually increased local funding for the school operations due to inadequate funding for education as compared to inflation-adjusted historical norms. The County supported full state funding to fulfill:
 - Standards of Quality (SOQ) Achievement
 - Teacher salary increases
 - Special Education
 - Support staff and operations
 - Capital projects and maintenance
- VDOT Support
 - Increase funding for maintenance
 - Secondary Road Paving
 - Drainage Repairs
 - Litter Control
 - Mowing operations which enhance the quality of life within the County
- Interstate 64 Widening – Williamsburg to Richmond
 - Extend the widening project past Williamsburg to Richmond linking major metropolitan areas together in a six-lane interstate system.

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- Enhance state Transportation Grant projects by including incentives for local government to harden infrastructure in response to sea level rise.
- Tobacco Tax Parity
 - Same “general taxing powers” extended to counties as cities and towns authorizing the tax of cigarettes. This would give county elected officials the discretion to consider this method of taxation.

Mr. Bellamy also reviewed the various positions that were being supported by the County during this General Assembly session.

- Unfunded Local Mandates
 - Opposition and rejection of new unfunded mandates and/or reinstate any “local aid to the Commonwealth” measures.
- Single use Plastics
 - Authority for localities to ban or other means of dealing with the environmental impacts.
- Library Funding
 - Support for public libraries to receive appropriate funding as stated in the Code of Virginia.
- Transportation Safety Initiatives
 - Support of various initiatives which include electronic devices, seat belt requirements, and open container laws which would improve the safety of transportation within the Commonwealth.
- Inclement Weather Procedures
 - Support for any local government board or commission to follow the same continuation of meetings and rescheduling of public hearings when the chairman deemed the weather or other conditions would make the travel hazardous.

Mr. Zaremba suggested that the Board members contact the Legislators to receive feedback on the proposed priorities and positions if they were not discussed or considered.

Discussion followed on this proposal, and the Board members were in agreement to contact legislators after the session.

PRESENTATION FROM NEW BUILDING OFFICIAL

Mr. Lynn Underwood, Building Official, provided the Board with an overview of the Building Codes Division. The staff consists of 13 individuals who plan, review, conduct inspections, and issue Certificates of Occupancy once construction of a structure is complete. Mr. Underwood emphasized the importance of partnering with builders and community members. He explained he was currently reviewing all of the processes and conducting meetings with staff members to identify areas for improvement within the Division. Various technology improvements had been made with the addition of smart phones, laptops, and Bluetooth devices; and the use of electronic tablets were on the horizon for staff. Mr. Underwood explained the division would transition to electronic plan review in the future. He expressed the importance of cross training within the division, and he had incorporated various low cost training opportunities. Other areas that were being explored include succession planning and the incorporation of a green and sustainable building design. Mr. Underwood stated the Division was scheduled to undergo a name change in the near future to the “Building Safety Division” due to the overall goal of the staff to ensure that buildings were built safely.

Mr. Shepperd asked whether the County was up to date on green buildings. He noted a lot of Homeowners' Associations were facing the issue of solar panels within their respective subdivisions.

Mr. Underwood explained this was an area the County needed to update. He indicated future training would provide staff with the necessary tools to help both the Associations and citizens.

Mr. Shepperd suggested that a reference sheet be created to assist the Associations in this area.

Discussion followed on what determined a building to be green and the energy efficiency associated with the rating.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mrs. Noll moved that the Consent Calendar be approved as submitted, Item Nos. 3, and 4, respectively.

On roll call the vote was:

Yea: (5) Zaremba, Noll, Green, Wassmer, Shepperd
Nay: (0)

Thereupon, the following minutes and resolution were approved and adopted:

Item No. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 6, 2019, Regular Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors were approved.

Item No. 4. SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD: R19-110

A RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE THE EXISTING YORK/POQUOSON SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD, TO CREATE A BOARD COMPRISED OF THE POQUOSON CITY MANAGER AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR YORK COUNTY, AND CREATE A SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the County of York (County) and the City of Poquoson (City) entered an agreement on January 1, 1977, to establish and create a joint welfare board and to agree to the joint operations of the York-Poquoson Social Services Department. The agreement directed the County to administer the operation of the department on behalf of the parties and set forth the manner in which costs would be shared between the County and City; and

WHEREAS, currently York-Poquoson Social Services has an administrative board that is responsible for oversight of the York-Poquoson Social Services Department; and

WHEREAS, § 63.2-305 and §63.2-307 of the Code of Virginia, together, pro-vide that the County Board of Supervisors and Poquoson City Council may appoint the chief executive officers of each jurisdiction as the local social services board, and may appoint a board to serve in an advisory capacity to such local social services board; and

WHEREAS, the York County Board of Supervisors, desires to appoint the County Administrator for York County, and the City Manager for the City of Poquoson, as the local Social Services Board, and to establish an advisory board to serve in an advisory capacity to such local social services board, as permitted by §63.2-305 and §63.2-307 of the Code of Virginia; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of September, 2019, subject to the adoption of a similar resolution by the City Council of the City of Poquoson, that the current local board governing the York-Poquoson Social Services Department be dissolved effective September 30, 2019, and that the County Administrator for the County of York and the City Manager for the City of Poquoson shall, effective September 30, 2019, constitute the local social services board for the York-Poquoson Department of Social Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to §63.2-305 of the Code of Virginia, there is hereby created a York-Poquoson Social Services Advisory Board, which shall have all the powers and responsibilities contained in the Code of Virginia. The Advisory Board shall have 7 members, 5 of which shall be appointed by the York County Board of Supervisors, and 2 of which shall be appointed by the City of Poquoson City Council.

The initial York members of the Advisory Board and their respective terms shall be:

Karen Brown	-	term ending June 30, 2020	
Andrew Engemann	-	term ending June 30, 2020	
Vivian McGettigan	-	term ending June 30, 2023	(staff representative)
To be appointed	-	term ending June 30, 2023	
To be appointed	-	term ending June 30, 2023	

Upon the expirations of the initial terms of the members as stated above, subsequent appointments shall be for terms of four years, for a maximum of two consecutive terms for any member, except as provided in Code of Virginia §63.2-305. The County Administrator for York County and the City Manager for the City of Poquoson shall be ex officio members of the Advisory Board, without vote.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Zaremba asked what the progress was concerning with Airbnbs in the County.

Mr. Morgan explained the Planning Commission had held their first meeting concerning the topic.

Mr. Barnett also explained that the Assistant County Attorney had conducted research on policies consistent with Airbnb. He felt a list of considerations may be drafted to consider when dealing with the specific Airbnb requests.

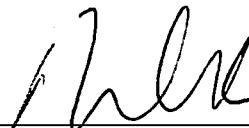
Discussion followed on the factors associated with the approval of Airbnbs in a locality.

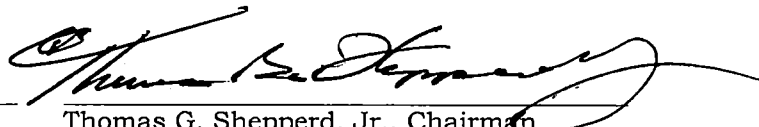
Mrs. Noll made comments regarding the loss of print media. She stated the recent loss of the Yorktown Crier was unfortunate as the County had lost small town news stories. With the consolidation of the Virginia Pilot, Daily Press, and Virginia Gazette; the print media had lost its variety in news stories which was unfortunate.

Mr. Green made positive comments regarding the Citizen News publication produced by the Public Affairs Office. He stated a wealth of information was included in each publication and was beneficial for the citizens of the County.

Mr. Shepperd spoke regarding the importance of hurricane preparedness. He urged citizens to consult the website as it listed information they needed when preparing for a hurricane.

Meeting Adjourned. At 7:34 p.m. Chairman Shepperd declared the meeting adjourned sine die.


Neil A. Morgan
County Administrator


Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr., Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors