

## **VIRGINIA:**

A joint meeting of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors and the Town Councils of the Towns of White Stone and Kilmarnock was held in the courthouse of said county on Thursday, February 14, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: B. Wally Beauchamp, Chair  
Donald O. Conaway, Vice Chair  
F. W. Jenkins, Board Member  
Cundiff H. Simmons, Board Member  
Patrick G. Frere, Board Member  
William H. Pennell, Jr., County Administrator

### Others

Present: Lloyd B. Hubbard, Jr., David Jones, Bonnie Abbott, Jack Boles, Jack Johnson and Stephen James of the White Stone Town Council; Emerson Gravatt, Michael Christopher, Emerson Russell, Robert Wille and Paul Jones of the Kilmarnock Town Council; James Cornwell, County Attorney; Dexter Rumsey, White Stone Town Attorney and Robert Hoff, Rappahannock Record

Mr. Beauchamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **White Stone and Kilmarnock Town Councils on the 2001 Redistricting**

Prior to any discussion of the issue, Mr. Frere abstained from participating in discussions and excuses himself from the board table.

The Honorable Lloyd B. Hubbard, Mayor of White Stone stated he had the pleasure of serving on the Redistricting Committee. He stated the committee had about

three or four meetings which addressed issues of both the upper and lower end of the county. He said he voted for Plan One knowing that they would meet again. Once the committee met again Plan Two appeared to be a better plan. Then a board member came up with Plan Three which was better with more equality for everyone. Some of the concerns were not just for White Stone citizens but for all the citizens in Lancaster County who would have to pass one polling place to get to another. He understands that the county was under time limitation to present a plan. He knows that the guidelines for preparing a plan were compactness, contiguity and minority representation.

Mayor Hubbard stated he hopes that the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors will be able to work with both the White Stone and Kilmarnock Town Councils to resolve their redistricting concerns.

Mr. Emerson Gravatt, Kilmarnock Town Council, stated that Kilmarnock has a corporate district that votes for mayor and council members and the districts have always been split. He said the plan adopted has some residents going to White Stone to vote. He said 1/3 of the citizens are in District 3 and 2/3 of the citizens are in District 4. They already have a unique situation because part of Kilmarnock is also in Northumberland County. He and the citizens of Kilmarnock would like to see Kilmarnock in one district.

Mr. Conaway asked both Town Councils if their main two concerns were distances to the polling place and being contiguous. He asked if it's the boundary changes or polling places that is the issue.

Mr. Gravatt stated the Town of Kilmarnock would like to be contiguous and have one supervisor to represent the town.

Mr. Cornwell gave a description of the county's inability to redistrict again. He described what he believed to be acceptable minor boundary changes that would be approved by the U. S. Department of Justice. He cautioned, however, that one could not predict what the Department of Justice would approve or not approve.

Mayor Hubbard stated they are supportive of Plan Three which brings the percentage of each district closer and would like to have as much of White Stone in one district.

Mr. Conaway said he did not support Plan Three because of the loss of the majority/minority population of Corbin Lewis Estates from his district.

David Jones, White Stone Town Council Member said he realized that this would not be easy but it could be doable. The Town Council wanted to know what the Board of Supervisors position was on the concerns raised by the Towns.

Jack Johnson, White Stone Town Council Member said that the elderly citizens would have trouble getting around to the polling places.

Mr. Simmons commented that he regretted that the Town Councils did not request the assistance of the Board of Supervisors prior to hiring independent counsel and making the process adversarial from the start.

By consensus, the Board of Supervisors agreed that it would consider any boundary line changes recommended by the representatives of White Stone and Kilmarnock. To provide assistance to the Towns, the Board of Supervisors agreed to make the services of Glenn D. Rowe, Director of General Services, available to the Town Councils to set up and operate the software provided by the U. S. Census Bureau to prepare redistricting maps and data.

Mr. Frere returned to the board table.

## **VMRC Commissioner Reappointment**

Mr. Pennell stated he received a letter from the Mathews County Board of Supervisors asking the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution supporting the reappointment of William A. Pruitt as Commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

Mr. Frere made a motion to adopt the following resolution supporting the reappointment of William A. Pruitt as Commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

### **SUPPORTING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM A. PRUITT**

**WHEREAS**, William A. Pruitt has served as Commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission since 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Pruitt has provided strong leadership to the VMRC during his tenure as demonstrated by his numerous reappointments; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Pruitt has exhibited the ability to bring elected officials, environmental interests, business interests, commercial watermen and recreational fishermen together to find solutions to various issues of importance to the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, William A. Pruitt has proven himself to be an asset to the Commonwealth and its citizens.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors respectfully urges and requests Governor Mark Warner to reappoint William A. Pruitt to the position of Commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

VOTE: B. Wally Beauchamp Aye  
Donald O. Conaway Aye  
Patrick G. Frere Aye  
F. W. Jenkins Nay  
Cundiff Simmons Aye

### **Historic Resources Commission**

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to appoint Maurice Duke to the Historic Resources Commission for District I.

VOTE: B. Wally Beauchamp Aye  
Donald O. Conaway Aye  
Patrick G. Frere Aye  
F. W. Jenkins Aye  
Cundiff Simmons Aye

### **Morning Star Baptist Church**

Mr. Pennell stated he received a letter asking the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors for a donation to place an ad with words of congratulation in the souvenir book of Morning Star Baptist Church celebrating its 92<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.

Mr. Conaway made a motion to make a donation in the amount of \$25.00 to Morning Star Baptist Church's 92<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

VOTE: B. Wally Beauchamp Aye  
Donald O. Conaway Aye  
Patrick G. Frere Aye  
F. W. Jenkins Aye  
Cundiff Simmons Aye

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to adjourn to February 26, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Capital Improvement Budget.

VOTE:	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	Donald O. Conaway	Aye
	Patrick G. Frere	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins	Aye
	Cundiff Simmons	Aye