

**VIRGINIA:**

A meeting of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors was held in the courthouse of said county on Thursday, February 25, 2010.

- Members Present: Ernest W. Palin, Jr., Vice Chair
- Peter N. Geilich, Board Member
- B. Wally Beauchamp, Board Member
- F.W. Jenkins, Jr., Board Member
- Staff Present: William H. Pennell, Jr., County Administrator
- Jack D. Larson, Assistant County Administrator
- Don G. Gill, Planning and Land Use Director

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

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Commending Marvin Lee, Merry Point Ferry Operator

Charles Costello stated Marvin Lee has operated the Merry Point Ferry for 30 years and will be retiring at the end of the month and asked the Board of Supervisors to consider presenting Mr. Lee with a resolution at the March 25, 2010 recognizing him for his service.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to have a resolution prepared for Marvin Lee to be presented at the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on March 25, 2010.

VOTE:	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	Peter N. Geilich	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye

## Robert “Capt. Bob” Jensen Overview

Robert “Capt. Bob” Jensen stated he has provided the Board of Supervisors with a handout and wanted to give an overview.

Mr. Jenkins informed Capt. Jensen that the board has received and reviewed his handout, however; the public input session is to present something to the board that is not otherwise on the agenda, to make the board aware of something. The Board of Supervisors is already aware from the information that was provided to us. It appears he would like to make a presentation at this point. He told Capt. Jensen if he would like to give a presentation he would need to schedule with the County Administrator to be placed on the agenda for a presentation.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

None

## **VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### Countywide Maintenance

Mr. Trapani stated they have been busy with snow removal and currently doing pothole patching and clean up.

### Secondary Six Year Plan Work Session and Public Hearing

Mr. Trapani said it is time to schedule a work session and public hearing for the Secondary Six Year Plan, he is requesting that the Board of Supervisors schedule for the next regular meeting on March 25, 2010.

Mr. Pennell stated that the Board of Supervisors can have both the work session and public hearing of the Secondary Six Year Plan at the same meeting.

The Board of Supervisors agreed by consensus to hold both the Secondary Six-Year Plan work session and public hearing at the next regular board meeting to be held on March 25, 2010.

Mr. Trapani informed the Board of Supervisors that he would have a number of representatives from the district attending the work session and public hearing at the March meeting. Because there will be a change in structure this would possibly be the last time he would present the Secondary Six-Year Plan because the district office will assume that responsibility. He stated the restructuring will take place in April 2010.

#### Merry Point Ferry Update

Mr. Trapani stated the ferry should be operational next week weather permitting.

#### VSH 201/White Chapel Road

Mr. Palin asked Mr. Trapani about the standing water on VSH 201/White Chapel Road as you turn off Courthouse Road.

Mr. Trapani stated VDOT is aware of this situation.

#### VSH 774/Granville Bay Road

Mr. Jenkins asked about VSH 774/Granville Bay Road and how unsafe is this road because people are still driving around the temporary barricade.

Mr. Harper stated half of the road has collapsed. He said they would put up a better barrier.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**CONSENSUS DOCKET**

Motion was made by Mr. Beauchamp to approve the Consensus Docket and recommendations as follows:

A. Minutes for January 28, 2009

Recommendation: Approve minutes as submitted

VOTE:	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	Peter N. Geilich	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye

**CONSIDERATION DOCKET**

The Board considered the following items on its Consideration Docket:

1. Approval of February 2010 Salaries and Invoice Listings

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins to approve the salaries for February 2010 in the amount of \$214,696.87 and Invoice Listings for February 2010 in the amount of \$1,520,568.78.

VOTE:	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	Peter N. Geilich	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye

**BOARD REPORTS**

Historic Resources Commission

Mr. Geilich stated the Board of Supervisors should have received a letter for Robert McKinney concerned about the destruction of historic homes on private property.

He requested that the County Administrator refer this issue to the Historic Resources Commission including Pete Ransone, Staff Liaison.

Building Code Appeals Board

Mr. Palin made a motion to appoint Clyde Ritchie to the Building Code Appeals Board to represent Lancaster County District 4 for a four year term which expires April 30, 2012.

VOTE:	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	Peter N. Geilich	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Virginia American Water Company Public Hearing

Mr. Pennell stated he received a call from the Virginia American Water Company they will hold a public input session on March 8, 2010 at Rappahannock Community College, Warsaw one session at 3:00 p.m. and a second session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss proposed rate increases.

Real Estate Assessment

The Board of Supervisors has talked about coordinated Real Estate assessment processes for the Northern Neck counties. He said the county administrators of the Northern Neck have been discussing this for a number of years. He said not all the Commissioners of the Revenue have been accepting of this idea. Recently, Richmond County has had some serious troubles with their reassessment and has not gotten their last year tax bills out yet. There is a similar but not as serious problem occurring in Westmoreland County. He and Kenny Eades, Northumberland County Administrator,

have talked and he would like to suggest the Board of Supervisors that Lancaster and Northumberland Counties prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) for reassessment for the two counties together. The Northumberland County Board of Supervisors has already accepted this idea. He stated even if there is not a cost savings there may be a quality improvement if the two counties are assessed together.

By consensus of the Board of Supervisors, have the County Administrator work with the Northumberland County Administrator to draft a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the next reassessment of real estate values.

Mr. Jenkins stated if the Northern Neck Planning District Commission would go together as a one assessment group, one or two counties maybe hurt in the short run but over the long run it would be better. It costs approximately \$300,000 to do a reassessment in Lancaster County alone.

### Broadband Grant Results

Mr. Pennell stated the Broadband Grant of \$17,000,000 - \$19,000,000 which the four counties of the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula County applied for was rejected. Two letters of rejection were received, one from RUS (U. S. Department of Agriculture) and the other from NTIA (Department of Commerce). The letter from NTIA stated “program staff concluded that the applicant did not convincingly demonstrate the ability of the project to be sustained beyond the funding period.” The Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula knew this was an issue but expected to be able to respond as the due diligence for the grant proceeded.

Mr. Pennell said a Jeff Shapiro article in the Richmond Times Dispatch indicated this may be a political decision to support candidates who face serious challenges in future elections. He said the State of West Virginia received \$130 million of broadband funding.

Mr. Pennell stated the Northern Neck county administrators do not recommend proceeding with a second round application because the local match is so much greater (70/30 vs. 80/20).

Mr. Pennell stated Dr. Russell would like to schedule a meeting with Senator Jim Webb and have as many representatives from the Northern Neck counties attend and tell him how disappointed and frustrated we are about the decision.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Beauchamp to adjourn.

VOTE:	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	Peter N. Geilich	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye