

VIRGINIA:

A meeting of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors was held in the Administrative Building Board/Commission Meeting Room of said county on Thursday, January 29, 2015.

- Members Present: Jason D. Bellows, Chair
Ernest W. Palin, Jr., Vice Chair
F. W. Jenkins, Jr., Board Member
William R. Lee, Board Member
B. Wally Beauchamp, Board Member
- Staff Present: Frank A. Pleva, County Administrator
Don G. Gill, Planning and Land Use Director
Crystal Whay, Building/Land Use Secretary

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. David Brown, the Northern Neck Residency Administrator, stated that the department has been working on ditch maintenance, cutting back vegetation, repairing potholes and preparing for possible snow removal.

Mr. Brown stated that he would like to update the Board on the Merry Point Ferry. He stated that they have a service maintenance contract for the ferries at Merry Point and Sunnybank in Northumberland County. He stated that this time of the year has the lowest ridership and thus is, a good time for maintenance. He stated that the ferries that are in operation now were put into service in 2010. He stated that the maintenance included the inspection of the hulls, taking care of any corrosion, sandblasting, painting and any other mechanical work deemed necessary. He stated that this work should be

done about every three to four years. He stated that the Sunnybank Ferry is currently in dry dock and after its work is completed, it will come to the Merry Point location and the ferries will be switched.

Mr. Brown asked if there were any issues that the Board had for him or Mr. Harper.

Mr. Lee stated that there was a big pothole at the intersection of Harris Road (Route 1036) and Mary Ball Road (Route 3).

Mr. Harper stated that he was aware of the issue and the repair is on their list.

Mr. Bellows asked about the painting of the Robert O. Norris Bridge.

Mr. Brown replied that he had not received any information on that project. He stated that the Norris Bridge is one of the larger structures in the area and it was his understanding that VDOT is looking to separate the funding for larger jobs, such as bridge and tunnel maintenance from the regular maintenance funding.

Mr. Bellows stated that there is still a drainage issue on Ocran Road (Route 646) and Cardinal Lane (Route 793).

Mr. Harper stated that he would take care of that issue.

Mr. Beauchamp asked about the four-year ferry maintenance schedule.

Mr. Brown replied that they would like to have them maintained about every three to four years and this was the first opportunity they had. He stated that they are looking at the possibly of making it a two-year cycle, based upon what they are seeing this time.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CONSENSUS DOCKET

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

- 1) Minutes for December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting and 2015 Organizational Meeting

Recommendation: Approve minutes as submitted

- 2) Board of Zoning Appeals Activity Report 2014

Recommendation: Approve report as submitted

3) Wetlands Board Activity Report 2014

Recommendation: Approve report as submitted

4) Resolution Recognizing Constitutional Officers Week

RESOLUTION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER WEEK

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 1, of the Virginia Constitution provides for the direct election of local officials charged with the critically important duties of maintenance of public records, operation of the circuit courts, prosecution of criminals, protection of public safety, and the administration and collection of local revenues; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Lancaster's Clerk of the Circuit Court, Commissioner of the Revenue, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff and Treasurer continue a tradition of local administration of government functions that predates the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, these Constitutional Officers, their deputies and employees who serve in their offices provide the people of Lancaster County with a direct link to their government at the local level, unfiltered by bureaucracy and responsive to citizen's needs; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Officers embody Thomas Jefferson's ideal form of representative democracy which provides for direct accountability to the people by virtue of the people's right to vote for their Constitutional Officers; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Officers in Lancaster County are setting new standards of customer service, innovative service delivery, and responsiveness that fellow officers and other public servants in the Commonwealth would do well to emulate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Lancaster, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby designates the week of January 19 through January 23, 2015 as *Constitutional Officer Week in Lancaster County* to coincide with the Commonwealth's designation of *Constitutional Officer Week in Virginia*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges Lancaster's citizens to familiarize themselves with the services provided by their Constitutional Officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator as Clerk of the Board of Supervisors transmits copies of this Resolution to the Honorable Diane H. Mumford, the Honorable George E. Thomas, Jr., the Honorable Robert L. Cunningham,

the Honorable Ronald D. Crockett, and the Honorable Bonnie J. D. Haynie with the appreciation and respect of the Board of Supervisors for their service to the citizens of Lancaster County.

Recommendation: Approve resolution as submitted

VOTE:	Jason D. Bellows	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	William R. Lee	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye

CONSIDERATION DOCKET

The Board considered the following items on its Consideration Docket:

1. Approval of January 2015 Salaries and Invoice Listings

The motion was made by Mr. Palin to approve the salaries for January 2015 in the amount of \$249,468.12 and invoice listings for January 2015 in the amount of \$829,635.05*.

*Loan payments and interest - \$169,795.88

*Capital Improvements - \$178,749.95

VOTE:	Jason D. Bellows	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	William R. Lee	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye

2. FY 15 School Budget Appropriation Request for Non-County Funds Received from the Virginia Education Foundation, VACORP, School Security Equipment Grant Program and Title III Grant Funds

Mr. Pleva stated that Steve Parker, the Lancaster County Schools Superintendent, was present at the meeting, if the Board had any questions of him. He referred to a revised memorandum from Whitney Barrack, the Director of Finance for Lancaster Schools, and stated that the total amount of revenue and the total amount of expenditures is \$82,500. He stated that the change is that the school is requesting that the insurance claim check they have received for \$119,791 be allocated to a Capital Improvement Fund for construction of the new athletic facility at the high school.

Revenue:

LCVEF	3-251-018990-0006	\$1,000
Security Equip. Grant	3-251-024020-0108	\$80,000
Title III, Part A	3-251-033020-0027	\$1,500

Expenditures:

Contracted Services	4-251-061310-3000-900-100	\$1,000
Cap. Outlay Security	4-251-064200-8101-900	\$80,000
Educational Supplies	4-251-061100-6013-x-502	\$1,500

Mr. Palin made a motion to approve the FY 15 School Budget Appropriation Request for Non-County Funds Received from the Virginia Education Foundation, School Security Equipment Grant Program and Title III Grant Funds and to allocate the VACORP insurance money to the Capital Improvement Fund for the new athletic facility at the high school.

VOTE:	Jason D. Bellows	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	William R. Lee	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye

3. FY 15 School Budget Request to Create an Additional “Textbook” Fund Category for Carryover State Aid for Textbooks

Mr. Pleva stated that the General Assembly’s adopted budget encouraged that any unexpended textbook funds be put into a textbook fund account and not revert back to the general fund. He stated those funds would then be available for future fiscal year textbook purchases.

Mr. Bellows stated that he did not see a dollar amount and asked if the school was asking for any monies at this time.

Mr. Parker replied that their request is that they be able to set up the fund now and take any unexpended funds from this year and place them into the fund. He stated that the schools’ budget request for the upcoming fiscal year will include a request for funding the textbook account. He stated that this will give them greater purchasing power. He stated that they will be able to buy more when they can carry funds over.

Mr. Bellows stated that it is a way for the school system to save some money because they will be able to buy textbooks in bulk.

Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the FY 15 School Budget Request to Create an Additional Textbook Fund Category for Carryover State Aid for Textbooks.

VOTE:	Jason D. Bellows	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	William R. Lee	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Jenkins referred to the restoration of the old clerk’s office and jail and stated that the contractor, Charles Rackley, will be presenting a work plan, in the near future, to the Mary Ball Washington Museum’s Facilities Committee and the Board of Supervisors for review. He stated that if everything goes according to schedule, Mr. Rackley anticipates beginning sometime in May.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Pleva stated that at next month's regular meeting there will be a public hearing conducted concerning an utility easement for Dominion Virginia Power. He stated that the public hearing is necessary because an interest in real estate is being conveyed. He further stated that the General Assembly has directed Dominion Virginia Power to bury, over the next ten years, 58,000 miles of overhead power lines to reduce outages. He stated that one of those lines is going across the County's convenience center off of Regina Road (Route 604).

Mr. Pleva stated that he had polled the members of the boat tax committee, including the Board of Supervisors and the citizen members and the next boat tax meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Pleva stated that the school board anticipates approving their draft budget proposal for the Board of Supervisor's consideration on Monday, February 9th. There was some discussion of when the Board of Supervisors and the school board would meet for a budget work session. The consensus was to have the budget work session scheduled for Monday, February 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Lee made a motion to set the school budget work session for Monday, February 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

VOTE:	Jason D. Bellows	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	William R. Lee	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins to adjourn to Tuesday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m. for the boat tax committee meeting.

VOTE:	Jason D. Bellows	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	William R. Lee	Aye

B. Wally Beauchamp

Aye