

VIRGINIA:

A meeting of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors was held in the courthouse of said county on Thursday, April 24, 2003.

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

Others

Present: Jack Larson, Planning/Land Use; Joe Staton, Carter White and Robert Harper, Virginia Department of Transportation; Donald McCann, Northern Neck Planning District Commission; Randolph Latimore, Sandra Walker, Tim Guill, Merle Stables, Craig Kauffman, Patricia Means, Nancy Carter, Diane Carter and Joan Gravatt, Lancaster County Public Schools; Linda McConahey, Angela Cohn, Ray Hinch and Nancy Thomas, Master Gardeners of the Northern Neck; Joan Wenner, Northern Neck News; Robb Hoff, Rappahannock Record

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None

PRESENTATIONS

1. Commending the Master Gardeners of the Northern Neck - Mr. Pennell stated the Master Gardeners of the Northern Neck have maintained the gardens in front of

the courthouse since they were planted by Brian Poole preparing for his Eagle Scout award.

Mr. Beauchamp made a motion to approve the following resolution commending the volunteer work of the Master Gardeners of the Northern Neck.

**COMMENDING THE MASTER GARDENERS
OF THE NORTHERN NECK**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the County of Lancaster were presented with the gift of landscaping at their courthouse by a Boy Scout preparing for his Eagle Award; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the County of Lancaster have been the recipients of an additional gift of many hours of volunteer service to maintain the garden areas at the courthouse; and

WHEREAS, members of the Master Gardeners of the Northern Neck participated in the initial planting of the gardens at the county courthouse; and

WHEREAS, through their volunteer efforts, the Master Gardeners of the Northern Neck continue to plant, cultivate and maintain the gardens in front of the courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the Master Gardeners of the Northern Neck have made plans to continue the seasonal planting, monthly weeding and replacement of mulch, purchase of supplies, shrub replacement and reconfiguring and edging sidewalk beds for calendar year 2003.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors commends the members of the Master Gardeners of the

Northern Neck for the work they have provided to maintain the gardens of the Lancaster Courthouse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors expresses the gratitude of its fellow citizens of Lancaster County to the members of the Master Gardeners of the Northern Neck.

VOTE:	Cundiff Simmons	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	Patrick G. Frere	Aye

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Staton stated at VDOT's April 17, 2003 meeting, the Commonwealth Transportation Board passed a resolution to focus on eight specific projects in the planning process and the first concern was to ensure highway safety. The annual video conference will be held on May 14, 2003 in order for the Board of Supervisors, Town Representatives and Legislators to review the draft six-year plan. The meeting will be held at the Fredericksburg District Office and letters of invitation should be sent out within the next week. He said the final vote of acceptance of the six year plan is anticipated by July 1st. He said the Route 3 project, along with 166, other projects was cut out of the plan due to lack of funding. He stated that he has received a number of calls from citizens and emergency personnel informing him of two accidents at intersection of Route 3 and 604 since April 5th and of total of four since January 1, 2003. The cost to widen the pavement for a left turn lane would be approximately \$200,000 - \$250,000. They have considered putting up a flashing light sign warning there are turning vehicles.

Mr. Jenkins stated the problem may be the afternoon sun when traveling toward Lancaster and approximately five signs causing a sight problem when traveling on Regina Road at the intersection.

Mr. Staton said the status of funds as of April 17th for snow removal for the maintenance program took \$48 million out of construction funds. He stated under a new program they will be allotted a certain amount of money per month in each department (example: \$70 million for April, \$95 million for May, and \$80 million for June).

Mr. Frere asked what will happen to the abandoned roads on Route 695. He stated 3.4 miles is half of the Windmill Point Bike Path. He would like to table the Resolution for VDOT to abandon portions of VSH 695, Windmill Point Road, to have this researched to ensure that discontinuing would not affect the possible construction of a bike path.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Highway Corridor Overlay District (HCOD) – Mr. Larson stated the Planning Commission was forwarding this proposed draft Highway Corridor Overlay District (HCOD) ordinance for approval.

Mr. Larson said Donald McCann, Transportation Planner, Northern Neck Planning District Commission, prepared the attached draft ordinance and presented it to the Planning Commission. The intent of the draft ordinance is to establish requirements for development along major traffic corridors in the Northern Neck. Affected corridors in Lancaster County are Routes 3, 354 and 200 for their entire length. It is Mr. McCann's vision that all four counties on the Northern Neck will adopt this ordinance or a very similar one as a means of controlling development along major transportation corridors and providing guidance for the orderly pursuit of such development. While Mr. McCann has presented this issue to other counties,

it is Mr. Larson’s understanding that no other county, to date, has given this issue the level of consideration that Lancaster County has.

Mr. Larson said at the Planning commission hearing on this issue, one member of the general public spoke in opposition stating that he felt that implementation of this ordinance would mean the loss of personal property rights and hurt small businesses. Advertising as required by law has been conducted for public hearing and to date; there has been no input from interested members of the public relative to this hearing.

Mr. Beauchamp made a motion to adopt the proposed Highway Corridor Overlay District (HCO) Ordinance exempting the Towns of Kilmarnock, White Stone, and Irvington.

VOTE:	Cundiff Simmons	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	Patrick G. Frere	Aye

2. FY04 School Board Budget Request – Dr. Latimore stated the Board of Supervisors received budget submitted by the School Board. He said he would briefly summarize the overall increase of \$854,000 for the budget. The following categories were increased:

Electric	\$ 7,000
Fuel	5,899
Auto Insurance	3,600
Liability Insurance	8,000
Communication	19,550 (Internet)
Buses (2)	110,000
SOL	36,331 (Additional Instruction for students)

Textbooks	156,495
Technology	27,018 (Software renewal)
Material	6,666
Benefits & Salaries	467,063 (2.25% increase for Teachers and 2% increase for other employees)
Technology Position	32,196 (Salary) 3,095 (Benefits)
Student Resource Officer	5,000

Mr. Simmons stated there were a number of discrepancies with the figures that were provided on the spreadsheet with the salaries and benefits category.

Mr. Frere said that perhaps a higher salaried employee left and the school employed someone at a lower salary. He stated there are more Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes which could account for the higher number of pupil enrollment.

Dr. Latimore stated the Department of Education asked for Kindergartens to be included to the enrollment count for the fall and the budget is based on a projected 1,370 students. He said the SOL test scores are improving and the schools are progressing. He said that local funding was being used wisely and the Lancaster County School system is receiving recognition statewide.

Mr. Beauchamp suggested that Mr. Simmons and Mr. Pennell meet with Dr. Latimore and Mr. Wiggins to discuss the discrepancies on the spreadsheet for the FY04 school budget.

Mr. Frere made a motion to schedule a budget work session for May 6, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of the School Board budget.

VOTE: Cundiff Simmons Aye

F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
Patrick G. Frere	Aye

CONSENSUS DOCKET

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

A. Minutes for March 27, 2003 and April 14, 2003

Recommendation: Approve the minutes

B. VDOT Changes to VSH 695 – Windmill Point Road

Recommendation: Table the adoption of the resolution

VOTE:	Cundiff Simmons	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	Patrick G. Frere	Aye

CONSIDERATION DOCKET

The Board considered the following items on its Consideration Docket:

1. Approval of April 2003 Salaries and Invoice Listings

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins to approve the Salaries for April 2003 in the amount of \$128,609.10 and Invoice Listings for April 2003 in the amount of \$454,440.13.

VOTE:	Cundiff Simmons	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	Patrick G. Frere	Aye

2. Waste Management Contract Renewal – Mr. Pennell stated the county’s contract with Waste Management expires on July 1, 2003. The original contract, which was executed in July 1998 may be extended by the county for four consecutive five year terms.

Mr. Pennell said Waste Management’s level of service has been favorable during the first five year terms. Currently, the county is charged \$22.31 for all waste that comes from our refuse collection sites. The original \$25.00 per ton rate has been subjected annual CPI increase over the past five years but is still \$10.00 per ton less than the State average and \$18 per ton less than Waste Management’s commercial tipping fee.

Mr. Pennell said staff recommends renewal of the existing contract with Waste Management.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to renew Waste Management Contract for and additional five year term.

VOTE:	Cundiff Simmons	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	Patrick G. Frere	Aye

3. Unmatched Health Department FY03 Appropriations – Mr. Pennell stated at the April 2003 meeting of Northern Neck County Administrators, Dr. Varghese, Director, Three Rivers Health District, and staff members made a presentation for the use of the excess of local funds from the FY03 approved health department budget.

Mr. Pennell stated that Dr. Varghese asks the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors to consider transferring the \$10,577 in excess funding to the Northern

Neck Planning District Commission to enable the PDC to undertake a project to put the Northern Neck Sewerage Treatment data into a database file accessible by anyone needing this information. Since Dr. Varghese took charge of the Three Rivers Health District, he has determined that the filing method for sewerage treatment applications over the past many years has been difficult to research because of different methods to file the documents.

Mr. Beauchamp made a motion to transfer \$10,577 in previously appropriated FY03 funding from the Health Department to the Planning District Commission on the condition that the other Board of Supervisors in the Northern Neck makes the same commitment.

VOTE:	Cundiff Simmons	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	Patrick G. Frere	Abstain

BOARD REPORTS

None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Sustainable Development Award Nomination

Mr. Larson stated he received correspondence requesting nominations for the Sustainable Development Award for the Tidewater Resource Conservation Development Area. He said anyone being considered for this award has to meet consideration in four different categories 1) the use of indigenous resources; 2) business impact; 3) positive environmental impact; and 4) contribution to the community. He stated that he recommends Bay Specialties in Lively because of his knowledge of some of the things

they have done to support the community, he believes they would be a good nominee. He asked the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors to make the nomination.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to forward the nomination of Bay Specialties for the Sustainable Development Award for the Tidewater Resource Conservation Development Area.

VOTE:	Cundiff Simmons	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	Patrick G. Frere	Aye

Northern Neck Bar Association

Mr. Pennell said the Northern Neck Bar Association would be having a reception for the Honorable George Mason on April 25, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.

2003 Local Government Officials Conference

Mr. Pennell said the LGOC will be held at the Norfolk Waterside Convention Center on August 10 -12, 2003.

National Weather Service Skywarn Training

Mr. Pennell stated the NWS Skywarn Training will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom.

Gloucester Bay Aging

Mr. Pennell said Gloucester Bay Aging will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary on May 6, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins to adjourn the meeting to May 6, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. for a school board budget work session.

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