

VIRGINIA:

A special called meeting of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors was held on James Wharf Road in said county on Saturday, October 11, 2003.

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

Mr. Jenkins called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Upgrade Public Safety Radio System

Mr. Pennell said the Sheriff, the three Lancaster County Fire Chiefs and the two Lancaster County Rescue Squad Captains have been trying to upgrade the Fire/Rescue radio system for many years. Currently, Fire/Rescue radio transmissions originate at the old Kilmarnock water tower and although it is reasonably high, it does not afford reliable communications throughout the county for fire/rescue emergency radio transmissions.

Mr. Pennell stated Radio Communication of Virginia is the company that has installed repeaters to the Sheriff's Office's radios. Repeaters are now (or soon will be) installed on a tower in White Stone, the WKWI tower and the Litwalton cellular tower. Sheriff Crockett has commented on how much these repeaters have improved sheriff radio communications.

Mr. Pennell said Lancaster County is the recipient of the following Homeland Security Grants:

1999	\$ 3,777.72	Used to purchase portable radios
2000	5,731.35	Available
2001	5,764.03	Available
2002	14,314.92	Available

2003 Base	27,389.00	Available
2003-II	<u>73,899.00</u>	Available
Total	<u>\$130,876.02</u>	(\$127,098.30 Available)

Mr. Pennell said the proposal submitted by Radio Communications of Virginia (RCV) does not include the installation of generators at each of these sites but Mr. Smithson of RCV is working up a proposal to add generators to each site. The county purchased a generator during Hurricane Isabel to ensure that the Fire/Rescue frequencies would work during the power failure. The old generator was on its last legs and was not believed to be reliable. If WKWI is successful in its effort to acquire a generator for its transmission need – Lancaster County may only have to purchase one more generator to have emergency power at each repeater site.

Mr. Pennell stated that he and Mr. Beauchamp have been meeting with emergency managers, now known as the Lancaster County Public Safety Committee, and are convinced that the most important investment the county can make to serve emergency services is the improve fire/rescue communications.

Mr. Pennell asked the board to approve the spending of \$88,326.30 from the Homeland Security Grants to purchase repeaters and equipment in accordance with the proposal submitted from Radio Communications of Virginia, Inc. and Brook Hill Communications.

Mr. Frere made a motion to approve the spending of \$88,326.30 from the Homeland Security Grants to purchase and install repeaters for fire/rescue radios in accordance with the proposal submitted from Radio Communications of Virginia, Inc. and Brook Hill Communications.

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

Hurricane Isabel – Waiver of Building Permit Fees

Mr. Pennell said a number of Lancaster County citizens have asked if the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors would approve the waiver of construction permits fees to repair damage incurred during Hurricane Isabel.

Mr. Pennell stated he has learned that other counties of the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula have approved the waiver of construction permit fees for work performed to repair damage incurred during Hurricane Isabel.

Mr. Beauchamp made a motion to approve a Waiver of Building Permit Fees for damages caused by Hurricane Isabel.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Frere to adjourn.

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