

RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CALLED SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2014

Form of Action and Initiation

There will be a Special Called Meeting of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors, on Thursday, January 23, 2014 in the Public Meeting Room. This called meeting is in accordance with Section 15.2-1418 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Richmond County Public Meeting Room.

Members Present: F. Lee Sanders, Chairman; Richard E. Thomas, Vice-Chairman; Jean C. Harper, Member; John L. Haynes, Jr., Member; Robert B. Pemberton, Member

Also Present: R. Morgan Quicke, County Administrator; Jennifer L. Clark, Finance Officer; Andrew McRoberts, County Attorney

Citizens Present: David Gallagher, Cheryl Pierson

Chairman Sanders has called this meeting for the following purpose(s):

1. Discussion regarding the Department of Social Services Board

Only items specifically listed on the Agenda may be discussed by the Board of Supervisors unless all members are present.

Mr. R. Morgan Quicke, County Administrator, did consult with the Chairman of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors about the special called meeting as required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-1418 on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. and confirmed the meeting as scheduled. Mr. Quicke did notify, in writing, Andrew McRoberts, County Attorney for Richmond County, of the special called meeting as required by the above mentioned code section. The Editor of the Northern Neck News was notified of the special called meeting. Notices of the special called meeting were posted at appropriated locations in the County facilities.

Mr. Quicke stated that Ms. Cheryl Pierson, Mr. Walter Ball and Ms. W. Sue France's terms on the Board of Social Services expired on December 31, 2013.

Chairman Sanders stated that the reason they were meeting in a special called meeting was to recommend appointments/reappointments to the Board.

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Supervisor Thomas stated there were three Board representatives' from District 2; one representative from District 5 and no representatives from District 1 or 4. Mr. Thomas stated he felt very strong that there be equal representative from each District to the Boards that are appointed by Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Haynes stated he was also supportive of equal representation to the Boards; however, it is not a code requirement to be specific to Districts, but needs to be a County resident.

The Board of Supervisors discussed how the Board could appoint members through district appointment. Supervisor Thomas suggested an amendment to the Richmond County Board of Supervisors By-Laws to address equal representation by Board of Supervisors appointment. Mr. Haynes also agreed that the By-Laws could be changed with that wording.

Supervisor Pemberton suggested appointing a member from each district to the Department of Social Services Board and having a Board of Supervisor member on the Board as well; this would make it a 6-member Board.

Chairman Sanders suggested including a citizen member, Board of Supervisors' representative and County Administrator. This would make a 6-member Board with the County Administrator on the Board; in case of a tie, the County Administrator could be the tie-breaker.

Ms. Cheryl Pierson suggested staggering the terms for the DSS Board as not having a totally new Board at one time.

Supervisor Thomas suggested that when the members rotate off, there would be members who were familiar with issues of the Department.

Supervisor Haynes disagreed with the idea of keeping someone on because they were familiar with the issues; and stated that sometimes a new appointment can come in with fresh ideas.

Supervisor Harper suggested having two members from a district, then a 2-year term for first time members and then eligible for a 4-year term.

Mr. Quicke stated that it would give the Board flexibility to stagger the appointments.

Supervisor Haynes stated these appointments were needed as an emergency basis at this time and needed a Board to continue operating.

“On a motion made by F. Lee Sanders, the Board voted: F. Lee Sanders – aye; Richard E. Thomas – aye; Jean C. Harper – aye; John L. Haynes, Jr. – aye; Robert B. Pemberton – aye: to appoint W. Sue France to the Richmond County Department of Social Services Board with term to expire December 31, 2017.”

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Supervisor Haynes and Thomas both suggested waiting until the February 13, 2014 to make the other appointments.

“On a motion made by John L. Haynes, Jr., the Board voted: F. Lee Sanders – aye; Richard E. Thomas – aye; Jean C. Harper – aye; John L. Haynes, Jr. – aye; Robert B. Pemberton – aye: to create the Department of Social Services Board as a 5-member Board to include 1-citizen member; 1-Board of Supervisors member and County Administrator to be appointed as a non-voting member unless for a tie-breaker. Effective 02/13/2014.”

The Board directed Mr. Quicke to propose language where Board of Supervisors appointments will be made as equal district appointments.

There being no further business, Chairman Sanders adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

F. Lee Sanders, Chairman
Richmond County Board of Supervisors