

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**MARCH 1, 2016**

In accordance with §15.2-1418 of the Code of Virginia, you are hereby notified that the Richmond County Board of Supervisors will hold a Special Called Meeting starting at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 in the Richmond County General District Courtroom, located at 101 Court Circle, Warsaw, Virginia 22572.

The Purpose of the Special Called Meeting is:

- To discuss the ongoing clean up of debris along Rappa Point Road as a result of the Tornado that touched down on the night of Wednesday, February 24, 2016, and to discuss the possible solutions to the common debris located throughout the site.

This action was called by Chairman F. Lee Sanders and was made to the clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County Administrator Morgan Quicke on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. in person. County Administrator Morgan Quicke consulted with County Attorney, Andrew McRoberts.

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**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - MINUTES**

At a special called meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Richmond County, Virginia, held on the 1st day of March 2016, thereof in the General District Courtroom of the Richmond County Courts Building.

Present:

F. Lee Sanders, Chairman  
Richard E. Thomas, Vice-Chairman  
Robert B. Pemberton, Member  
J. David Parr, Member  
William C. Herbert, II, Member

Also Present:

R. Morgan Quicke, County Administrator  
Greg Baker, Director of Emergency Services  
Clifton Jenkins  
Penn Burke

Edward Bucker  
Approximately 8 others

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**DISCUSSION OF TORNADO IMPACT AND STORM DEBRIS CLEANUP**

Mr. Quicke thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Quicke provided the Board members with a map and list of owners affected by the tornado. He said that he and Chief Baker met on-site today with four (4) contractors and they provided him with the following bids:

<b>DEBRIS CLEANUP BIDS</b>	<b>Primary Site (Roadway)</b>	<b>Alternate Site (Debris at 90)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Jones Brothers	\$29,260.00	\$11,820.00	\$41,080.00
Barrack & Sons	\$10,300.00	\$7,650.00	\$17,950.00
Gibraltar Contracting	\$19,000.00	N/A	\$19,000.00
Gawen & Sons	\$8,700.00	\$10,000.00	\$18,700.00

Mr. Quicke said that the bids are for labor, equipment, and hauling of the debris along Rappa Point Road, from Naylor's Beach Road (near bridge), all the way to the 90 degree bend, on both sides of the road. He said the bid does not include the dump fees, which will be paid directly by the County. Mr. Quicke said that the alternate site, priced by the contractors, is the debris that has been piled in Mr. Jenkins' field. Mr. Quicke said that the homeowners are aware that the removal is for the common debris, not the actual home sites. Mr. Quicke said that he and Chief Baker have met with VDEM and FEMA and they are sending a debris specialist to the area to assess tomorrow. He stated that they will continue to assess the damage and follow proper procedures with the guidance from the experts in case any federal funds become available.

Mr. Thomas asked if any of the contractors indicated a start date. Mr. Quicke said that the contractors know how urgent this is and can start when needed. He reminded the members that although the need is immediate, it will need to wait until the debris specialist has been on site.

Chairman Sanders asked how long it would take the debris specialist to give an answer. Chief Baker said that they should know something immediately.

Mr. Herbert asked what is the debris expert going to do. Chief Baker said he will help with the documentation process. Mr. Quicke said that by having the debris expert involved, it helps them to know that they have followed the proper procedures, if funds become available.

Mr. Herbert asked if the property owner's insurance companies could be responsible for some of the alternate site debris. Mr. Thomas said he didn't think the insurance companies would come to an agreement, but he may be wrong.

Chairman Sanders asked if they could involve two contractors; by using the lower bid for each pile. Mr. Baker left the room to contact Mr. Barrack by phone to ask that question.

Chairman Sanders asked how much money has the County invested at this time. Mr. Quicke said roughly \$10,000.00 and the expenses will likely continue.

Mr. Thomas said there are other areas in the County that also received damage. Mr. Quicke said that any cost associated with the Lancaster Creek/Lanier Road areas will be included in the statewide event.

Chief Baker informed the Board that Mr. Barrack's response to his phone call was that his alternate site quote was contingent on being awarded the primary site.

Mr. Thomas asked about the clean-up in detail. Mr. Quicke said the expectation is to remove the pile in the field, not remove every piece of debris in the field. He said that the contract includes removing all of the debris in the wood line, including cutting down trees that are down. Mr. Quicke said they will try and save as much of the hedgerow as possible.

Mr. Thomas suggested that the Board meet again after the debris expert comes. Mr. Quicke said that if he feels a meeting is needed, he will advise.

August Edward Bucker, 340 Rappa Point Road, asked why the County requested two bids instead of just one bid. Chairman Sanders said that the contractors were asked to the site, to bid on one area, and once there, Mr. Quicke asked them to also bid the alternate site. Chairman Sanders said it looks like one contractor will be removing both sites.

Penn Burke, 404 Rappa Point Road, said that he has been on site since day break on Thursday morning and thanked Chief Baker for being there almost continuously since the tornado, and thanked Mr. Quicke for pitching in and keeping him so informed. Mr. Burke said that his house is total destruction. He said that his insurance company will cover the clean up on his property, but not his debris that ended up on Mr. Davenport's property. Mr. Burke said that the community supports Richmond County and appreciates what clean-up is being proposed. He said that he sent one email to the Director of the Naylor's Triathlon and within twelve (12) hours, sixty (60) plus athletes show up to assist with piling the debris in the field. Mr. Burke thanked Chief Baker's persistence to make this meeting happen tonight and graciously ask for support for the full time and the almost full time property owners.

Clifton Jenkins, 442 Strangeway Road, asked about the small debris removal. Chief Baker said that Mr. Barrack's proposal includes using a power rake, which would remove the majority of the debris in the field. Mr. Jenkins said that he and Mr. Davenport received the majority of the debris. He said that his insurance company won't do anything because the debris is not from his buildings.

Mr. Quicke said that they have had help from the Northern Neck Regional Jail and hope to have Camp 17 inmates assist with getting debris removed from some of the tough areas. He said that he is going to reach out to the Friends of the Rappahannock to assist with the marsh areas.

Mr. Parr asked if the contractor is allowed to salvage the debris. Mr. Quicke said that he told the contractors that he wants the trees and limbs to go to the Indianfield brush site, which will cut down on the hauling costs. He said that the it is up to the contractor what they do with the mixed debris, unless he is told differently by FEMA or VDEM.

***“On a motion made by Robert B. Pemberton, the Board voted: F. Lee Sanders – aye; Richard E. Thomas – aye; Robert B. Pemberton – aye; William C. Herbert, II – aye; J. David Parr - aye: to award Barrack & Sons the contract to clean debris from the primary and alternate sites for \$17,950.00.”***

**ADJOURNMENT**

After no further business, Chairman Sanders adjourned the meeting.



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F. Lee Sanders, Chairman  
Richmond County Board of Supervisors