

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 11, 2016**

MINUTES

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Richmond County, Virginia, held on the 11th day of February 2016, thereof in the Public Meeting Room of the County Office 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
Denise Dunaway, Development Services Manager
Dr. Greg Smith, RCPS, Superintendent
David Brown, VDOT, Residency Administrator
Kristie S. Brann, Treasurer
Stephan B. Smith, Sheriff
Greg Baker, Director of Emergency Services
Randy Passagaluppi, RCVFD, Chief
Halle Keyser, Voter Registrar
Tayloe Emery
Paul Lee, Auditor, Robinson Farmer & Cox
Kathy Vesley, Executive Director, Bay Aging
Ken Pollock, Bay Transit
Jennifer Beck
Stacie Rest
Cynthia Talcock
Wayne Oliff
Princess Wise
Pat Sanders
Christine O'Keefe, Extension Agent
Vanessa Livingstone, Social Services Director
Approximately 10 others

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., gave the invocation, and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RICHMOND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dr. Smith thanked the Mr. Brown and the VDOT staff for a job well done during the recent snow storm.

Dr. Smith informed the Board that the Niche report has ranked the Richmond County Public schools 31 out of 132 school divisions in Virginia. He said that this is based on academics, health and safety, parent survey, cultural and diversity, teacher quality, facilities, extracurricular, and sports and fitness.

Dr. Smith reported that the school has three (3) committees that are in action, including the one-on-one technology committee, the non-resident tuition committee, and the budget committee.

VDOT

Mr. Brown reported that the recent snow storms have been challenging, but a learning opportunity for VDOT. He said that he appreciated the patience from the citizens during the storm.

Mr. Brown reported that when they are not dealing with snow, they continue with the general maintenance operations, which consists of filling potholes and cutting back vegetation.

Mr. Brown provided the two new Board members a manual that will help with guidance on how the county interacts with VDOT. Mr. Brown encouraged the Board members to contact him directly if they have questions or when matters arise.

Mr. Brown reported that they will soon be receiving bids for the Business 3 and Rt. 360 intersection project, which will consist of adding pedestrian signal heads, crosswalks, and handicap ramps. He reminded the Board that the Town received a grant to make sidewalk improvements on Rt. 360 towards the Food Lion, which will be subsequent to VDOT's project.

Mr. Brown said he will be meeting with Mr. Quicke around the end of March to begin discussing the Secondary Six Year Plan.

Mr. Thomas asked Mr. Brown about extending the state maintenance on Creek View Lane. Mr. Brown explained the process for extend a private road. Mr. Thomas said this portion was the old Rt. 3. Mr. Brown said he would check into this issue. Mr. Thomas said that this road is now in District 2.

Mr. Quicke asked Mr. Brown on how to proceed with the abandonment of the Rt. 360 side of Indianfield Road. Mr. Brown explained the procedures for abandoning a road and said if the Board doesn't have any objection; he will work with Mr. Quicke regarding the process. The Board agreed for Mr. Brown and Mr. Quicke to move forward with the abandonment of the Rt. 360 portion of Indianfield Road.

Chairman Sanders thanked Mr. Brown and his staff for a job well done during the last snow.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Smith presented the following report for the month of January: dispatched 673 calls for service; served 223 civil papers; served 33 arrest warrants; and served 72 traffic summons. He said that the jail population this week for Richmond County was 16.

Sheriff Smith reported that his office responded to 23 traffic incidents during the snow storm.

Sheriff Smith reported that his office received a one-time grant for a community safety partnership program, which will allow the department to purchase materials to start neighborhood watch and business watch programs in the County and Town. He said that this grant will allow them to provide the citizens with several personal safety programs throughout the year.

Sheriff Smith said that his office has received several reports of tax fraud and identity theft. He said they are working with the IRS regarding this problem.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Sheriff Smith presented the following Animal Control report for the month of January 2016: 1 dog bite; 33 dog calls; 16 dogs transferred to pound.

Sheriff Smith said that the Animal Control Officer responded to 30 deputy calls.

TREASURER

Kristie Brann, Treasurer, presented the Trial Balance Report for the month of January, 2016.

PLANNING/ZONING/LAND USE

Mr. Quicke reported that the Planning Commission did not hold a meeting in January.

Mr. Quicke said that he has received four applications for the Planner position and he plans to interview applicants next week.

CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Bakers presented the following EMS report for the month of January: 113 calls in Richmond County; 1 call for mutual aid into Richmond County; 5 calls for mutual aid to bordering counties; and 2 fly-outs.

Chief Baker reported that \$21,435 was collected during the month of January for EMS recovery billing.

Chief Baker said that Code Red is now operational and they will soon be working on radio ads and newspaper releases on how residents can sign up for the service.

Mr. Baker said that the most recent snow was one of the worst snow amounts that they seen in several years and caused many obstacles and sacrifices that they had to overcome. Mr. Baker explained that most patients had to be placed in the departments 4x4 pickup truck and transferred to the transport unit on the main roads. He said that crews were busy clearing sidewalks and driveway entrances. Mr. Baker thanked all those involved for an awesome job.

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Passagaluppi, RCVFD, presented the following report for January 2016: Company 1: 21 total calls (2 EMS assists); Company 2: 6 total calls; Company 3: 6 total calls (3 EMS assists).

Chief Passagaluppi said that it has been a busy start to the New Year with many calls being for mutual aid for surrounding counties as well as some that were storm related.

Chief Passagaluppi presented the following report for the year 2015: Company 1: 197 calls; Company 2: 82 calls; Company 3: 107 calls; and 88 total EMS assists. Chief Passagaluppi reported that they responded to 52 additional calls over 2014.

Chief Passagaluppi thanked the County for moving forward with the Code Red program.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Ms. Keyser informed the Board that there will be a Federal Primary on March 1st. She reported that she has ordered 113% in ballots and an additional 7% to meet state criteria. Ms. Keyser said her office will be open full time through April and will be open three (3) days a week through July.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tayloe Emery, Mill Pond Road, told the Board that he has picked up eighteen (18) tires along the side of the road near his property within the last two weeks. He asked the Board to seek a solution for the tire problem.

Mr. Thomas said he has brought this issue up in the past and that he continues to experience the same problem.

Mr. Emery said the current solution seems to be to cut the tires in fours and take them to the dump, but that is dangerous and no one wants to do that. He said that he is willing to put time and effort into a solution.

Chairman Sanders said they would discuss this issue later in the meeting.

FY 2014/2015 AUDIT REPORT – ROBINSON, FARMER AND COX

Mr. Lee presented the FY 2015 audit report to the Board. Mr. Lee commended the staff and said that the audit went very smoothly and everyone was very helpful.

Mr. Lee stated that Richmond County received an un-modified opinion on the financial statements and that there were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies to report.

Mr. Lee said that this is the first year that the pension benefits obligation through VRS had to be included on the report.

Mr. Lee said that the unassigned fund balance was 1% of the total FY15 expenditures and they still recommend a 15% balance. He also recommended adapting the current accounting software to integrate the general ledger for revenues and expenditures.

Mr. Lee explained that the CSA money that was received this year spiked considerably and he recommended someone checking to see if another locality's Medicaid adjustments were taken off. Mr. Herbert asked who is going to check into the reason for the spike. Mr. Quicke said that this is a mix-up between the City of Richmond and the County of Richmond. He said that he recently sent an email to Ms. Livingstone and another County auditor about this issue and is working to get it resolved. Mr. Lee and Ms. Livingstone both agree that the State is the one responsible for taking the Medicaid adjustments off.

Mr. Pemberton asked Mr. Lee if he thinks twice-a-year billing has been beneficial to other counties. Mr. Lee said that twice-a-year billing will give you a onetime windfall and it would help the cash flow. He said that he audits 19 localities and about 25% do twice-a-year billing.

BAY AGING REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KATHY VESLEY

Ms. Vesley, CEO of Bay Transit and Bay Aging, thanked the Board for allowing her to speak and introduced Jennifer Beck, Stacie Rest, Ken Pollock, and the Board's appointment, Cynthia Talcott. She thanked the Board for their past support and updated the Board on the services that Bay Aging is providing within the County. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Pollock introduced Wayne Oliff, Princess Wise, and Pat Sanders to the Board and thanked the Board for their ongoing support for the past fifteen years. Mr. Pollock said that last year Bay Transit provided 8191 rides to residents of Richmond County. Mr. Pollock reported that the Net Connect program was discontinued on January 15, 2016 due to ridership being less than substantial. He said that all of the riders that they were using the Net Connect program are

now using the regular demand response bus service. Mr. Pollock explained the New Freedom Program, which targets disabled senior and provides up to two rides a month to doctor's appointment outside of the Bay Transit service area. Mr. Pollock said that have started a volunteer driver program, known as Med Carrier, and are recruiting drivers from Richmond County. Mr. Pollock said that they have a community training meeting room at the Bay Transit facility that can be used by the public during regular business hours for no charge.

Mr. Wayne Oliff, driver for Bay Transit, told the Board that he has been driving for three years and is amazed how many residents in the County are landlocked. He said that Bay Transit is stressed with just one bus and said that safety continues to be there number one priority.

Ms. Talcott said that it is a pleasure to serve on the Bay Aging Board and every time she attends a meeting, she is more impressed with the staff. Chairman Sanders thanked Ms. Talcott for her service and thanked the Bay Aging and Bay Transit staff for coming to the meeting.

RICHMOND COUNTY AGRICULTURE EXTENSION AGENT – CHRISTINE O'KEEFE

Ms. O'Keefe thanked the Board for their past and future support and updated the Board on the programs that they provided in 2015. (Attachment 2)

Mr. Herbert asked Ms. O'Keefe to explain what the Envirothon Team does. Ms. O'Keefe said the Envirothon team meets weekly and studies natural resources and then participates once a year in a statewide competition.

RESOLUTION – CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT RECIPROCITY – OPINION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. Quicke provided the Board with a copy of an email and a copy of a resolution adopted by Grayson County in response to the recent decision of Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring to void the concealed carry permit of twenty-five (25) states. Mr. Quicke explained that there appears to be a compromise on this issue at the General Assembly, but they can still consider this resolution. He said that Sheriff Smith informed him that there are approximately 15-20 concealed permits issued each month in Richmond County and that the total permits in Richmond County exceed 2,500. Mr. Quicke said at this point, fifteen (15) localities have adopted the resolution and many that had planned to adopt decided to put it on hold with the announcement of the compromise at the General Assembly.

Mr. Thomas said he would like to have additional time to study the resolution.

Mr. Herbert suggested giving the Legislature time to work on this issue. Chairman Sanders said that the resolution is a way to let the Richmond County citizens know that the Board supports those that have a concealed carry permit.

The Board voted by consensus to table this issue at this time.

COUNTY – SCHOOL BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT OF CIP POLICY BEGINNING FY16

Mr. Quicke explained that this is an issue that has been discussed many times over the last few years and the creation of this policy would automatically do the following: any RCPS surplus at the end of the Fiscal year would revert back to the County's General Fund at 50% and the remaining 50% would go to the School's Capital Improvement plan; all monies dedicated to the TCPS CIP would be held by us, the Board of Supervisor's, because the School Board by code is not allowed to hold money from year to year, and must have a \$0 balance at the end of the Fiscal Year; the monies that would be placed into the RCPS CIP would be used for just that- Capital Projects that are non-reoccurring and generally have a life span of at least 10 years; RCPS CIP monies would not be used for reoccurring costs, such as staff positions, raises, operational budget, etc; and all monies withdrawn from this account and proposed to be used by the RCPS must be presented to and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Quicke said that he is a strong believer, that in government, you should refrain from having the "use it or lose it" attitude. Mr. Quicke said he wants to encourage savings throughout each departments and if incentives are given to spend less and curtail unnecessary end of the year spending, it will make us a better managed County financially.

Mr. Quicke said that this topic is specifically oriented towards the School Board but he believes that the same policy could be used in other departments within the County.

Chairman Sanders recommended setting up a policy with the school and then work with the different departments individually.

Mr. Quicke said he would start working on a policy.

ON-CALL CONTRACT – MERCEDES PIERCE – FINANCE OPERATIONS

Mr. Quicke reminded the Board that Mercedes Pierce has submitted her resignation from the County and her last day will be February 15th. Mr. Quicke said that Ms. Pierce has been a great asset to the County and will be extremely difficult to replace.

Mr. Quicke said that the position has been advertised and he hopes to have it filled by the first of April. He stated that the daily duties will not stop and Chris Jett will be integral during this transition.

Mr. Quicke asked the Board to allow him to create an on-call contract with Ms. Pierce, which will allow the County to utilize her throughout the transition. Mr. Quicke said he anticipates 20-30 hours overall and thinks that a fair price for the services would be \$50.00 per hour.

Mr. Herbert questioned if 20-30 hours would be enough to continue the finance operations and train the new employee. Mr. Quicke said he feels that 20-30 hours would be enough but if more is needed, he will report to the Board.

Chairman Sanders recommended putting in the contract that the hours shall not exceed fifty (50) hours.

“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 allow R. Morgan Quicke to create a short-term contract with Mercedes S. Pierce, not to exceed 50 total hours, at an hourly rate of \$50.00.”

FARNHAM CREEK BOAT LANDING – UPDATE

Mr. Quicke reported that the Farnham Creek Boat Landing is complete with the exception of the two signs being installed. He said that the grand opening will be scheduled as soon as the signs are installed.

MONTHLY APPROPRIATIONS – RICHMOND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

“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 appropriate \$85,000.00 to the Richmond County Department of Social Services for the month of March 2016.”

MONTHLY APPROPRIATIONS – RICHMOND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

“On a motion made by Richard E. Thomas, 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 appropriate \$1,277,842.00 to the Richmond County School Board for the month of March 2016.”

MONTHLY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Quicke explained six (6) supplemental appropriations for the Board to consider this month.

“On a motion made by Richard E. Thomas, 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 approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for line item 6661, Richmond County Little League, for the Department of Support of Recreational Programs.”

“On a motion made by Richard E. Thomas, 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 approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$7,385.00 for line item 6162, Maintenance of E911 Equipment, for the Department of E911.”

“On a motion made by William C. Herbert, II, 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 approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$9,268.00 for line item 4001, Salary – Clerk of Court, for the Department of Clerk of the Circuit Court.”

“On a motion made by William C. Herbert, II, 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 approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$9,659.00 for line item 4001, Salary – Commonwealth Attorney, for the Department of Commonwealth’s Attorney.”

“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 approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$7,430.00 for line item 4001, Salary – Treasurer, for the Department of Treasurer.”

“On a motion made by Richard E. Thomas, 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 approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,556.00 for line item 4001, Salary – Registrar, for the Department of Voter Registrar.”

“On a motion made by William C. Herbert, II, 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 approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for line item 6641, School Operation Budget, for the Department of Public School.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2016

“On a motion made by William C. Herbert, II, 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 approve the minutes from the January 14, 2016 meeting.”

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Thomas said that the Board needs to discuss how they can assist Bay Transit with the funding for another bus. Mr. Quicke said that Mr. Pollock asked him about splitting a bus with Westmoreland County, which would be an additional \$18,000.00. Mr. Thomas said that it needs to be discussed in the near future. Mr. Thomas suggested that Bay Transit seek volunteers for their Med-Carrier program by talking to the local churches.

Mr. Pemberton asked Mr. Quicke to report on the status of the County entry signs at next month’s meeting. Mr. Pemberton asked Mr. Quicke how constitutional officer accrue vacation time. Mr. Quicke said that traditionally, Richmond County Constitutional Officers have followed the County personnel policy, which dictates vacation and sick leave for constitutional officers and their employees.

Chairman Sanders asked Mr. Quicke to contact the surrounding counties and see if they have a tire policy. Mr. Herbert said he isn't sure what the state regulations are for tire disposal, but recommended working with another locality to come up with a plan. Mr. Quicke said that it has been discussed in the past to use the Household Waste Disposal Day to have a tires disposal facility available, but when a company was contacted, the date didn't work for them. Mr. Quicke said he would work on the tire disposal issue within the next month.

Mr. Quicke reminded the Board that they will be having lunch at the Library today with the Library Board. Mr. Quicke informed the Board that the March meeting will include afternoon budget presentations between 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

RECESS

Chairman Sanders recessed the meeting until 7:00 p.m. to hear public comments regarding the Capital Improvement Plan.

RECONVEYNE MEETING – 7:00 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING

Present:

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

Also Present:

R. Morgan Quicke, County Administrator
Harry Smith
Vanelia Gallagher
Randy Passagaluppi, Chief, RCVFD

PUBLIC HEARING

- To receive public comment on the Fiscal Year 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan. The Capital Improvement Plan provides long-term planning objectives from each department in identifying future improvement needs. The proposed FY 17-21 CIP can be viewed in person at the Richmond County Administrator's office at 101 Court Circle, Warsaw, Virginia 22572 between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Mr. Quicke read the notice of public hearing. Mr. Quicke briefed the Board on the proposed FY17-FY21 Capital Improvement Plan. (Attachment 3)

Mr. Quicke told the Board that the main conversation that needs to come from this plan is the proposed fire station. He said that it is a 1.5 million dollar project and is a proposed project

for FY18. Mr. Quicke asked the Board if they want to move forward with this project and if so, how to pay for it. Mr. Quicke stated that the debt service is good, but any additional debt that the County takes on will require some financial commitments, which will likely come in the form of a tax increase.

Chairman Sanders opened the public hearing.

Chief Passagaluppi told the Board that they are in great need for a new building and he believes it would be a great asset to the fire department and the EMS.

Chairman Sanders closed the public hearing.

Mr. Thomas questioned the location of the new building. Chairman Sanders said that the fire department has gone in a different direction.

Chief Passagaluppi said that when Rappahannock Church of Christ decided to sell their land on the bypass, the fire department purchased the property and took out a ten year note. He said that their plan is to pay the property off with the anticipation that one day it will house the new fire department/EMS building.

Chairman Sanders said that they have outgrown the current EMS building and they have to find a solution until the County gets into better financial shape. Mr. Quicke said that a new rescue unit will be needed in roughly 18 months.

Mr. Herbert said it seems that the repairs to the EMS building will include a little bit more than just constructing sleeping quarters. Chairman Sanders said he would like to have Mr. Quicke get quotes on the renovations that are needed and constructing a 5-bay building.

Mr. Thomas questioned the stormwater requirements. Mr. Quicke said that it would likely take an engineered retention basin.

Mr. Herbert said he would like to see figures for the proposed buildings. He said that renovating existing buildings can be just a band aid.

Chairman Sanders said that there is a 2 acre parcel of land going into the Little League Park that was designated for fire and rescue. Mr. Quicke said that the parcel is tight for both fire and rescue. Mr. Parr said that is the problem that we have now. Mr. Parr suggested having someone to look at the pad in the existing rescue squad building and said if that is an issue that could be a disaster. Mr. Quicke said he would have someone check the pad.

Mr. Pemberton asked Mr. Passagaluppi how many signed the loan. Mr. Passagaluppi responded that three signed the loan and they are also paying on a truck loan, which totals roughly \$400,000.00.

Mr. Pemberton agrees that a building is needed and asked Mr. Passagaluppi if this was discussed with EMS. Mr. Passagaluppi said that he and Mr. Baker have had conversations and they both liked the property for a joint use building.

Mr. Herbert asked what the thought process is between fire and EMS. Mr. Passagaluppi said that his thought includes the fire department deeding a portion of the land to the County; the County constructing the building; and the fire department leasing the building from the County.

Mr. Quicke reminded the Board and Mr. Passagaluppi about the meeting last year that set up a plan for how to gel the two uses together and make the relationship work. He said that there was not a formal agreement but conversations have taken place had in the past. Mr. Quicke said that the County can't take on debt easily and they need to get on a path and talk about it seriously.

Chairman Sanders suggested adding a line for the EMS remodeling project and a separate line for a new Fire/EMS building. Mr. Thomas asked the Board to consider a plan for after-the-fact. Mr. Quicke said it is possible over the next five to ten years; Richmond County could be forced to have an animal shelter.

“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 approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan.”

The Board voted by consensus to allow Mr. Quicke to start the process of the proposed renovations needed at the current EMS building.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Thomas said he has reviewed the Concealed Carry Permit Reciprocity Resolution and is ready to move forward.

“On a motion made by Richard E. Thomas, 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 adopt the following resolution:”

RICHMONT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' OFFICIAL POSITION ON ATTORNEY GENERAL HERRING'S DIRECTIVE TO REVOKE CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT RECOGNITION FROM 25 RECIPROCAL STATES

WHEREAS, The Richmond County Board of Supervisors considers it a responsibility and duty to help insure the health, safety and welfare of its citizens and all those who find themselves to be within the boundaries of the County of Richmond, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the Richmond County Board of Supervisors has duly affirmed an oath to support and uphold both the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth, and feels it is the obligation under these oaths to put forth an official position to the

new measures imposed by Attorney General Mark R. Herring to revoke concealed handgun permit recognition from 25 reciprocal states effective February 1st, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the Board feels it equally important to identify, explore and implement ways to effectively reduce gun violence in the Commonwealth and to enhance public safety for both citizens and those who find themselves visiting the Old Dominion; and,

WHEREAS, the Board fervently contends that the consequential actions proposed by Attorney General Herring, as a result of the completed joint audit, is by definition a counterproductive measure and does not fully achieve the desired result of keeping the citizens of Richmond County nor those of the Commonwealth safer, in particular when traveling out of state, but rather reduces Virginians' ability to better protect themselves and their families, and to more responsibly enjoy their Second Amendment right; and,

WHEREAS, the Board implores both the Executive and Legislative branches of our state government to unhastily focus their efforts on meaningful and effective legislation and actions, such as working holistically with other states to reach a mutually acceptable conceal carry reciprocal agreement that will well serve upstanding and law abiding citizens and effectively achieve a safer Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the Board respectfully encourages Attorney General Herring to take into consideration the positions of the Commonwealth's local elected leaders, those locally elected Sheriff's charged with protecting their constituents, Virginia's Clerks of Circuit Courts charged with issuing said permits, as well as the positions of those tax payers, voters and citizens of whom make up this great state;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes the immediate actions taken by Attorney General Herring to revoke concealed handgun permit recognition from 25 reciprocal states effective February 1st, 2016, for logical reasons to include making Virginians less safe and less responsible in exercising their Second Amendment right while traveling outside the Commonwealth.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Richmond County Board of Supervisors desires that the County of Richmond's official position by Resolution be received and seriously considered by Attorney General Herring, Governor McAuliffe, the Virginia General Assembly and the Virginia State Police.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Richmond County Board of Supervisors wishes to share this position with our fellow Virginians and encourage all localities and municipalities in the Commonwealth to consider, by way of same Resolution, putting forth their official position on this matter and likewise providing it for serious consideration to Attorney General Herring, Governor McAuliffe, the Virginia General Assembly and the Virginia State Police.

February 11, 2016

F. Lee Sanders, Chairman
Richmond County Board of Supervisors

R. Morgan Quicke, Clerk to the Board
Richmond County Board of Supervisors

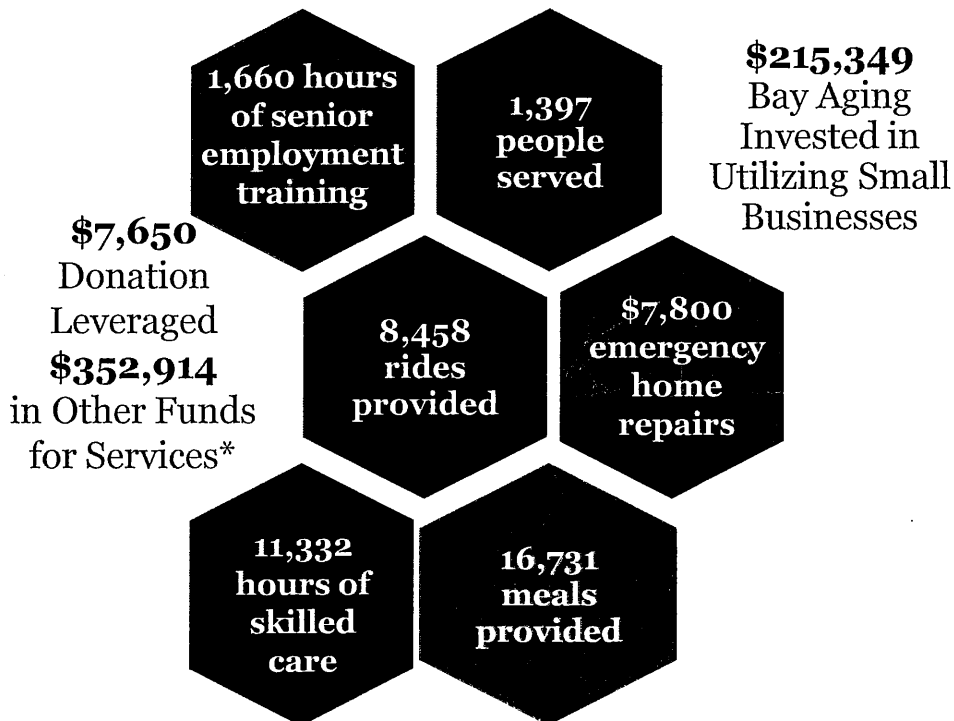
Mr. Thomas said he they should work to open up the closed portion of Indianfield Road. Chairman Sanders agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further business, Chairman Sanders adjourned the meeting.

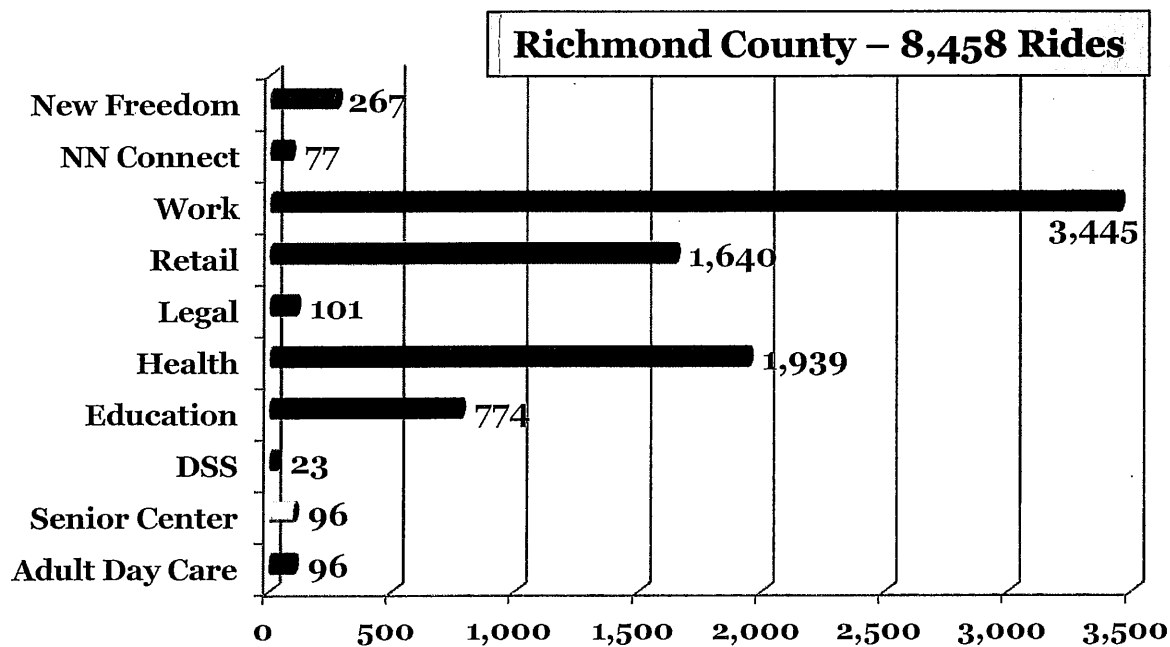


F. Lee Sanders, Chairman
Richmond County Board of Supervisors



**does not include Bay Transit*

Bay Transit – Getting People to Their Destinations





SERVICE IMPACT IN RICHMOND COUNTY Fiscal Year 2015

Volunteers delivered 16,006 meals and smiles to 110 seniors.

These meals help our seniors avoid hunger and from developing chronic illnesses that occur from lack of nutrition. Volunteers discreetly do a safety check that helps keep seniors healthy, safe and living independently.



23 seniors regularly attend the senior center where they also receive their main meal of the day. 725 nutritious meals were served. Several community groups, churches and business provide special meals and treats throughout the year.



Home and personal care, care planning and coaching services allow seniors to remain in their homes longer versus more costly nursing home care. **147 seniors received 11,986 hours of skilled care services**, lowering health care costs.

A very small but mighty group of 3 people volunteered 227 hours of their time, talents and resources to benefit the Richmond County community and saving \$5,652 in taxpayer dollars.

728 citizens of all ages benefitted from 8,458 rides through one or more Bay Transit services. Public transportation strengthens the entire community's infrastructure because people can get to work, maintain employment, access health care services, higher education, and other consumer goods and services.

An additional **76** seniors received services ranging from fans and air conditioners to employment training, counseling services and education.

3 people (1 family), is benefitting from living in a home that is safer and healthier through Emergency Repair services.



2 seniors received **1,660 hours** of instruction and workforce training to successfully re-enter the workforce.



4-H in Richmond County 2015

Enrolled **1070 youth** and **51 volunteers** in Richmond County 4-H programming

RHS / 4-H Envirothon Team

- Co-coaches: Martha Berger, Master Naturalist; David Holt, Science Teacher
- Weekly training sessions based at RHS & RC Extension Office
- Composed of RHS, LHS & Home School Students



Richmond County Fair

- Community volunteers conducted interview judging for all youth entries – 519 entries from 60 youth
- Youth livestock shows – beef, goat, sheep, poultry, rabbit/cavy – 26 youth participants
- “Farmer for the Day” day camp program – 14 youth participants, 2 teen volunteers

Camping at the Jamestown 4-H Center

- 10 campers, 1 teen leader, 1 adult volunteer from Richmond County
- 1 former camper/CIT/teen leader serving as summer staff member
- Campers completed written evaluations that indicate that more than 90% felt that because of their 4-H camp experience, they learned a new skill, can help others and can work well in groups



School Enrichment

- 95 Fifth graders received 10 lessons from Health Rocks!
 - 95% showed intent to pursue healthy behaviors and avoid risky behaviors.
- 87 Sixth graders enrolled in “A River Runs Through Us” watershed & stewardship education program
 - 95% increase in science benchmark scores and an overall pass rate of about 90-92%
- 90 Eighth graders enrolled in Reality Store financial literacy program
 - 94% of the participants agree that the Reality Store helped them to increase their awareness of making smart financial decisions.
 - 66% agree that there is a clear relationship between performance in school, participation in community activities and future careers



Community Events

- 4-H members rang the bell for Salvation Army in Warsaw for the 9th year
- 4-H presence at many Tractor Supply Co events

Richmond County Committees

- Member of Richmond County Fatherhood Initiative Steering Committee
- Member of Richmond County Resource Council

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Virginia Cooperative Extension Family Nutrition Goals

The Virginia Cooperative Extension partnered with Richmond County Elementary Public School to provide a nutrition education program that can help students learn to choose better foods, move more and create good lifestyle habits. This 2015 school year the program reached **589 students**. In reaching this many students, they become aware of their responsibility of making healthy choices in physical fitness, food safety and good food choices to prevent chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and heart disease. The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education program is funded by USDA-CSREES (United State Department of Agriculture-Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Services). This Program has been very successful in Richmond County since 2012.

The curriculum is in compliance with Virginia's Standards of Learning for Health and Physical Education. The adopted curriculum is focused on developing behavior impacts to improve their nutrition practices. Here are some key initial and intermediate outcomes for Healthy Children:

In our first year through our third year of the program the students:

- 1) Become aware of the importance of Nutrition and Physical Activity
- 2) Develop knowledge of what is in a healthy snack and beverage

In the fourth through the fifth year of the program the students:

- 1) Become aware of what is a sensible portion size of the five food groups
- 2) Are encouraged to develop long term goals to increase their Physical Activity

The long term goal of the program is to see:

- 1) Improvement in Academic Achievement
- 2) Increase the students understanding about type 2 diabetes and other obesity-related conditions

There are six lessons for each group in the curriculum. Students who participated in the sessions illustrated an improvement in their nutrition behavior practices by trying new foods, eating a healthy breakfast, increasing their intake of dairy products, drinking real 100% fruit juices instead of sweeten drinks, and know that they need to decrease their selection of sweets, chips, and other low-nutrient foods as snacks. They are encouraged to decrease their time watching TV, playing video games and other sedentary activities. In the grades Kindergarten through Second grade the students are taught about the major organs in their bodies and the importance of drinking water, eating fiber, eating breakfast, making healthy food choices, food safety, and being active to keep those organs in good health. In Third through Fifth grade the students are introduced to the importance of reading food labels so that they can cut back on sugar, salt and fat, learn about portion control and how physical fitness burns calories.

We have developed significant partnerships with the Richmond County Elementary to make this program a success. The students of Richmond County Elementary in this program have illustrated significant behavior awareness and understanding of the importance of Healthy Nutrition and Physical Fitness in their post evaluations.

Invent the Future

Richmond County Cooperative Extension

Agriculture and Natural Resources Programming Efforts, 2015

Conferences

- NORTHERN NECK VEGETABLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE
 - Annually, the value of fruit and vegetable sales is close to \$9 million in the four county region
 - Specialists from Virginia Tech, agents, growers, and local agribusiness/industry representatives provided pertinent information and updates directly to our local growers
 - 48 growers were in attendance representing over 8,100 acres of vegetables in the Northern Neck region
 - 72% of the respondents plan to implement at least one new management technique learned at the workshop, and 74% expected to increase profits by an average of 11% the following season by implementing knowledge gained at the meeting
- FREDERICKSBURG FEEDER CALF ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
 - 45 local producers attended for networking opportunities, and received updates on the cattle market from the Executive Secretary of the Virginia Cattlemen's Association
- NORTHERN NECK FARMER TO FARMER COVER CROP CONFERENCE
 - 80 local producers participated in a discussion forum covering multi species cover cropping best management practices



Continued Education/Recertification Courses

- PESTICIDE APPLICATOR RECERTIFICATION COURSES
 - In order to comply to state and federal laws, and ensure safe and responsible pesticide application for our area, pesticide applicators must attend recertification classes every two years, which are conducted by extension agents
 - Multiple classes were held in which 116 private applicators and 16 commercial pesticide applicators gained additional knowledge in pesticide safety and Integrated Pest Management, and updated their certifications
- BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE RECERTIFICATION CLASS
 - Provided an opportunity for beef farmers to produce a value added product

Research

- ON-FARM SOYBEAN, CORN, AND WHEAT TEST PLOTS
 - Provided local producers with variety comparisons grown locally, to support cultivar selection decisions
- ALFALFA VARIETY TRIALS
- COVER CROP TEST PLOTS

Additional Programs

- RICHMOND COUNTY FAIR YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW
 - Increasing youth knowledge of our livestock industry is imperative, and raising and show project animals is a wonderful way for youth to experience firsthand the nutrition, genetics, feed production, and market factors that influence profitability of livestock production
 - 26 youth showed 45 livestock animals, and 16 youth showed 75 poultry
 - Five adult volunteers who are well respected within their industries served as judges
- VIRGINIA PESTICIDE DISPOSAL PROGRAM
 - 26,178 lbs. worth of pesticide product was collected and removed from our community
- MASTER GARDENER LED HORTICULTURE THERAPY AT THE ORCHARD
 - Monthly sessions incorporating horticulture designed for the residents



