

**Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 11, 2010
5:00 P.M.**

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA

A regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors was held in the New Courts Building, on Thursday, February 11, 2010

Present: Ronald L. Jett. – Supervisor
 Richard F. Haynie – Supervisor
 A. Joseph Self, Sr. – Supervisor
 Thomas H. Tomlin – Supervisor
 James M. Long – Supervisor

W. Leslie Kilduff, Jr. – County Attorney
Kenneth D. Eades – County Administrator
Luttrell Tadlock – Assistant County Administrator

RE: INVOCATION

Supervisor James M. Long led the invocation.

RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Kenneth D. Eades, County Administrator led us in the pledge of Allegiance.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2010

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr., duly seconded by Richard F. Haynie., the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on January 14, 2010. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ronald L. Jett – YEA	A. Joseph Self, Sr. - YEA
James M. Long – YEA	Richard F. Haynie - YEA
Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA	

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr., duly seconded by Richard F. Haynie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for today's meeting with the following additions. The request tabled from last month for Arthur Kendall has been added and a Representative from Virginia Department of Transportation was not able to attend today's meeting. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ronald L. Jett – YEA	A. Joseph Self, Sr. - YEA
James M. Long – YEA	Richard F. Haynie - YEA
Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA	

RE: MR. CLINT STABLES, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Stables commented on the large amount of snow fall that hit our area and has been causing quite a problem with the school calendar. He said that with road conditions still being icy he didn't think school would be open again tomorrow and at this point they are down to 2 days for Spring Break. He said that Graduation is planned for June 12th to accommodate additional testing for some students.

As far as the budget, Mr. Stables reported that the Governor, who was once in favor of freezing the composite index, has changed his position. Mr. Stables said the worst case scenario would be to lose 1.6 million in funding. He also said that Title 1 funding that we receive may help. Mr. Stables said that he should have a draft of the budget by March 1st and to the county by April 1st.

Supervisor Long commented that back some years ago, more snow days were built into the school calendar. Mr. Stables responded saying the Labor Day Opening law causes a shorten schedule. Mr. Stables added that this year he was able to keep the staff needed for after school activities without cutting anyone. Next year may be different if they run a similar calendar. Supervisor Long asked if time could be added to the year because some parents have already made plans for the spring break. Mr. Stables responded that attendance would be an issue.

RE: MR. LUTTRELL TADLOCK – YEAR END REPORT

During the past year, the Northumberland County Planning Commission held ten (10) regular meetings and one (1) meeting held jointly with the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors. The amendments and the rezonings the Commission considered are as follows:

Amendments Considered:

1. Consideration of changes to the Northumberland County Zoning Ordinance in order to update the Ordinance (multiple meetings and public hearings).
2. Amendment to Chapter 54 Article IV, Section 54-17B of the County's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Ordinance in order to consider revised language for proposed remodeling, alteration, and/or additions to non-conforming lots or parcels within the seaward 50 foot Resource Protection Area (RPA).
3. Proposed Residential Recreation District (R-6).

Rezonings:

1. Request by William L. and Virginia H. Burgess, owner, for a change in zoning district classification to conditionally rezone Tax Map Parcel #37-(1)-202C from Residential Waterfront (R-2) to Agricultural (A-1), in order to operate an automotive repair shop near 414 Fox Point Rd.
2. Request by Paul R. Robertson, owner, and Manuel Haynie, agent, for a change in zoning district classification to rezone Tax Map Parcel #38B-(1)-141 from Residential Waterfront (R-2) to Business General (B-1).

The Commission spent its time this past year reviewing portions of the Zoning Ordinance and following the work plan as set in the Comprehensive Plan. During 2010 the Planning Commission will continue reviewing sections of the Zoning Ordinance and to follow the work plan as set in the 2006 Comprehensive Plan.

Office of Building & Zoning

The Office of Building and Zoning administers various ordinances involving building, zoning, wetlands, etcetera, as well as the planning functions of the County. The following is a compiled list of various requests from the 2009 calendar year, which were processed through this office.

Comparison of Construction Cost:

In 2009, the total estimated cost of construction was \$55,346,032.36 compared to \$58,370,822.60 for 2008. The total estimated cost of construction showed a decrease of 5% from 2008 to 2009.

Comparison of Structures- By Type:

- *Single Family Dwelling*
The average cost of permitted dwellings in 2009 was \$305,535.63 compared to the 2008 figure of \$311,807.42. In 2009, the average square footage of a single family dwelling was 3739, compared to 3681 square feet for a single family dwelling in 2008.
In 2009, the number of single family dwellings totaled 83 units which reflects an increase of 9% from the 76 single family dwellings in 2008.

- *Modular Homes*
The average cost of permitted modular homes in 2009 was \$206,567.06 compared to the 2008 figure of \$175,108.20. In 2009, the average square footage of a modular home was 2883, compared to 2564 square feet for a modular home in 2008.
Modular homes showed a decrease of 29% having 25 new modular home permits in 2009 compared to 35 new modular homes in 2008.

- *Double Wide Homes*
The average cost of permitted double wide in 2009 was \$58,800.00 compared to the 2008 figure of \$55,500.
Double wide homes showed an increase of 150% having 10 new double wide permits in 2009 compared to 4 in 2008.

- *Mobile Homes*
The average cost of a permitted mobile home in 2009 was \$13,708.33 compared to \$17,728.57 in 2008. Mobile homes showed a decrease of 14% having 12 new mobile home permits in 2009 compared to 14 new mobile homes in 2008.

Comparison of Structures- By Magisterial District:

The following table represents the location of dwellings, modular homes, double wides, and mobile homes by magisterial district.

	Lottsburg	Heathsville	Fairfield	Wicomico	TOTAL
Dwelling	18	11	30	24	83
Modular Home	3	10	10	2	25
Double Wide	2	2	6	0	10
Mobile Homes	4	1	4	3	12
TOTAL	27	24	50	29	130

Table 1: Numbers of each type of structure are given to show the magisterial district in which construction is taking place.

Comparison of Structures- By Zoning District:

During 2009, there were no dwellings, modulars, double wides, or mobile homes placed in the Industrial Light (M-1). The following table shows the number of new structures within the Conservation; C-1 zoning district, Agricultural; A-1 zoning district, Residential; R-1 zoning district, Business General; B-1 zoning district, Residential Waterfront; R-2 zoning district, and the Residential Restricted; R-3 zoning district.

	Dwelling	Modular Home	Double Wide	Mobile Home	TOTAL
Agricultural; A-1	24	6	6	7	43
Residential General; R-1	2	1	2	1	6
Residential Waterfront; R-2	48	18	1	2	69
Residential Restricted; R-3	8	0	1	1	10
Conservation; C-1	1	0	0	0	1
Business General; B-1	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	83	25	10	12	130

Considerations, Permits, and Inspections:

The Board of Supervisors, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Wetlands Board considered a combined total of 114 requests.

The Building & Zoning Office handled an assortment of permits. A total of 432 building permits, 274 mechanical permits, 383 electrical permits, and 175 plumbing permits were issued in 2009. There were approximately 2,160 building inspections conducted during the 2009 calendar year.

The following summary includes a list of each request and additional construction information for the past three years.

	2009	2008	2007
Zoning Permits	484	544	630
Conditional Use Permits	15	9	12
Special Exceptions Permits	3	8	11
Boathouse Requests- Board of Supervisors	1	3	3
Rezoning Requests	2	1	6
Mobile Home Permits	12	14	18
Single Family Dwellings	83	76	82
Modular Homes	25	35	42
Double Wide	10	4	12
Boathouses Permitted	8	10	10
Piers Applied For	54	55	74
Zoning Variances	4	12	5
Subdivision Variances	0	1	0
Chesapeake Bay Variances	2	2	3
Wetlands Permitted	83	74	118
Land Disturbing Permits	163	171	228
Land Disturbing Inspections	354	356	470
Mechanical Permits	274	283	300
Electrical Permits	383	425	478
Plumbing Permits	175	225	249

RE: BUILDING PERMIT REPORT:

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	2010	2009
Total construction cost for the month	\$ 2,792,544.00	\$ 4,293,122.00
Total Bldg. Permit Cost for Month	\$ 4,221.44	\$ 6,226.88
Total Zoning Permit Cost for the Month	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 3,100.00
Total Levy Fee for the Month	\$ 84.44	\$ 109.27
<i>Total Construction cost year to date</i>	<i>\$ 2,792,544.00</i>	<i>\$ 4,293,122.00</i>

RE: RESOLUTION FOR EAGLE POINT SUBDIVISION

Upon motion by Thomas H. Tomlin, duly seconded by James M. Long the Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: EAGLE POINT SUBDIVISION**

WHEARAS, “Eagle Point Drive” (extended) in the Eagle Point Subdivision as described on the attached VDOT Form AM-4.3, fully incorporated herein by reference, are shown on plat recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Northumberland County, and Plat Cab. 3, slide 59A.

WHEREAS, the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation has advised the Board the streets meet the requirements established by the Subdivision Street Requirements of the Virginia Department of Transportation,

WHEREAS, Northumberland County and the Virginia Department of Transportation have a comprehensive agreement for storm water detention in Northumberland County through the Erosion and Sediment Control Law, Code of Virginia Section 10.1-560 et seq, as amended, and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, Code of Virginia Section 10.1-2100 et seq, as amended, adopted locally on February 11, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board requests the Virginia Department of Transportation to add the street(s) described on the attached VDOT Form AM-4.3 to the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to Sec. 33.1-229, Code of Virginia, and the Department's Subdivision Street Requirements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board guarantees a clear and unrestricted right-of-way, as described, and any necessary easements for cuts, fills and drainage, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

Ronald L. Jett – YEA	A. Joseph Self, Sr. - YEA
James M. Long – YEA	Richard F. Haynie - YEA
Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA	

RE: APPROPRIATION REQUEST BY JANE WRIGHTSON – DRUG FORFITURE

Upon motion by Richard F. Haynie, duly seconded by James M. Long the Board voted to appropriate \$1,000.00 from the Drug Forfeiture Fund line item to the Part-Time line item (2201-1003). The vote on the motion is as follows:

Ronald L. Jett – YEA	A. Joseph Self, Sr. - YEA
James M. Long – YEA	Richard F. Haynie - YEA
Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA	

RE: POTOMAC WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr., duly seconded by Richard F. Haynie, the Board voted to reappoint Mr. Kenneth D. Eades to the Potomac Watershed Roundtable and Mr. Stuart Mackenzie from the Planning District Committee as an alternate. The vote on the motion is as follows:

Ronald L. Jett – YEA	A. Joseph Self, Sr. - YEA
James M. Long – YEA	Richard F. Haynie - YEA
Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA	

RE: REASSESSMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Eades informed the Board that he has been talking to Lancaster County about combining the upcoming reassessments to hopefully spark some more interest in the bids. Mr. Eades continued to say that he would like to advertise with Lancaster County for a combined bid and also for separate bids.

Supervisor Self asked if the bids are not sent back satisfactory, then do we have the right to refuse? Mr. Eades said that would be included in the Request for Proposals and that he is hopeful to have more bids with this process. Mr. Eades also informed the Board that Westmoreland County's reassessment was contracted as a drive-by reassessment and the costs were reduced in half.

Supervisor Self suggested checking with other counties that have an in-house staff to see how that was working out.

RE: APPROPRIATION FOR LIGHT STREET PROJECT

Mr. Eades said that in 2009, \$25,000 was appropriated for the Light Street CDBG Planning Grant. He explained that he needed to appropriate the remaining money into FY 2010. This appropriation is not additional funds for the project; it is just carrying over from one year to the next. These funds are also grant reimbursements from the state.

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr., duly seconded by James M. Long, the Board voted to appropriate \$10,175 in this fiscal year 2010. The vote on the motion is as follows:

Ronald L. Jett – YEA	A. Joseph Self, Sr. - YEA
James M. Long – YEA	Richard F. Haynie - YEA
Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA	

RE: ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPOSED BLUFF POINT HEARING

Mr. Eades explained that the application for the proposed Bluff Point project has been submitted and the Board needed to know if the Board wanted to hold the public hearing on a separate night and not during a regular monthly meeting.

Supervisor Tomlin suggested having it on a separate night from the normal public hearings.

The meeting was decided to be held on March 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Middle/High School auditorium.

RE: BOARD COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Tomlin stated that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) regular employees did a fine job of clearing the roads after the snow storms but he said he had problem with the contractors that were working for VDOT. They did not do as well and if we continue to have big storms they may have to go back to the snow fences.

RE: APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Upon motion by James M. Long., duly seconded by A. Joseph Self, Sr., the Board voted unanimously to approve the check register, as submitted. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ronald L. Jett – YEA	A. Joseph Self, Sr. - YEA
James M. Long – YEA	Richard F. Haynie - YEA
Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA	

Public Hearings

RE: RECONSIDERATION -REQUEST BY DAVID AND JENNIFER LUCKRITZ FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE ON OLD FAIRPORT ROAD WITHOUT A MAIN STRUCTURE.

Zoning Administrator W.H. Shirley described the request that was held last month and tabled after Mr. Brad Croxton had some questions about the request. Mr. Shirley explained that he had talked to Mr. Croxton and he said he understood the request did not affect him.

Upon motion by Thomas H. Tomlin, duly seconded by James M. Long, the Board voted to approve the request with no recommended conditions. The vote on the motion is as follows:

Ronald L. Jett – ABSTAIN	A. Joseph Self, Sr. - YEA
James M. Long – YEA	Richard F. Haynie - YEA
Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA	

** Chairman Jett abstained due to his absence at last month's public hearing.*

RE: RECONSIDERATION - REQUEST BY MELVIN BOWDEN, OWNER AND JEFF POOLE, APPLICANT FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THREE DWELLINGS ON INDUSTRIAL ZONED PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE OLD F. & K. LUMBER CO. PROPERTY IN HARRYHOGAN

Mr. Shirley described the request after the Board decided to table it last month do to some environmental concerns. Mr. Shirley explained that he was given a copy of the entire Phase 1 report and he doesn't see any concerns with it but does suggest one condition as follows:

The granting of the permit shall not be construed as a warranty against existence of environmental matters which could result in liability to the owners of the property or adversely affect the use for which the permit is granted.

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr., duly seconded by Richard F. Haynie the Board voted to approve the request to construct three dwellings on Industrial Zoned Property located on the old F & K Lumber Co. with the suggested condition by Staff. The vote on the motion is as follows:

A. Joseph Self, Sr. – YEA	Ronald L. Jett – ABSTAIN
Richard F. Haynie – YEA	James M. Long – YEA
Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA	

** Chairman Jett abstained due to his absence at last month's public hearing.*

RE: RECONSIDERATION - REQUEST BY ARTHUR G. KENDALL FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE BAY ACT ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT A BEDROOM ADDITION WITHIN THE 50 FOOT RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA LOCATED AT 226 CAROLINA DRIVE WITHIN BAY QUARTER SHORES

Zoning Administrator, Shirley stated that the Board tabled this request last month to get an opinion from the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department (CBLAD) on the request. Mr. Shirley explained that CBLAD did respond saying that the request was reasonable with sufficient mitigation.

Upon motion by Richard F. Haynie, duly seconded by Thomas H. Tomlin, the Board voted to approve the request with the following condition:

The applicant must comply with all storm-water mitigation requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Ordinance.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

A. Joseph Self, Sr. – YEA	Ronald L. Jett – ABSTAIN
Richard F. Haynie – YEA	James M. Long – YEA
Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA	

** Chairman Jett abstained due to his absence at last month's public hearing.*

RE: CONSIDERATION OF A NEW RESIDENTIAL RECREATIONAL (R-6) ZONING DISTRICT

Assistant County Administrator, Luttrell Tadlock described the request

He stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed this amendment and recommended two changes that included moving guest houses and restaurants to conditional use permits rather than permitted by right.

Public Hearing Open

No comments were given.

Public Hearing Closed

Upon motion by Thomas H. Tomlin, duly seconded by James M. Long, the Board voted to approve the request with the recommended changes by the Planning Commission as advertised and to change the zoning R-6 to R-4. The vote on the motion is as follows:

A. Joseph Self, Sr. – YEA	Ronald L. Jett – YEA
Richard F. Haynie – YEA	James M. Long – YEA
Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA	

ARTICLE VII Residential Recreational District R-4

§ 148-64. Purpose.

The purpose of this district is to allow for a wide range of open space, parks, and/or other leisure time recreational activities and their related uses in a medium density residential development.

§ 148- 65. Use regulations.

A. In this district, structures to be erected or land to be used shall be for one or more of the following uses:

1. Single-family dwellings.
2. Golf course, including driving range.
3. Pro shop/ship store.
4. Clubhouse (private or club).
5. Parks, trails, and playgrounds.
6. Preserves and conservation areas.
7. Swimming pools, tennis courts (private or club).
8. Community piers and ramps.
9. Seawalls and private piers.
10. Accessory structures.
11. Non-accessory tents (maximum 2-day event).
12. Home occupations.
13. Home professional offices.
14. Public water and sewer systems.
15. Poles/Towers < 100 feet.
16. Clustering (equal to the Area Regulations set forth in § 148-72).

B. The following uses are permitted upon the issuance of a conditional use permit as provided in 148-137:

1. Guardhouse/security building.
2. Private storage buildings.
3. Temporary construction offices.
4. Boathouses.
5. Marinas.

6. Clustering (greater than the Area Regulations set forth in § 148-72).
7. Multifamily dwellings
8. Guest House
9. Restaurant

§ 148- 66. Area regulations.

For lots containing or intended to contain permitted uses, the minimum lot area shall be 3/4 acre. Where both public sewer and water are available, the minimum lot area can be reduced to 1/2 acre. Public water and sewer systems shall be exempt from area regulations. Any area designated for open space, parks, and/or other leisure time recreational activities shall remain as open space in the event the recreational activity ceases.

§ 148- 67. Setback.

Structures shall be located 35 feet or more from any street right-of-way which is 50 feet or greater in width or 60 feet or more from the center line of any street right-of-way less than 50 feet in width. This shall be known as the "setback line."

§ 148- 68. Frontage.

The minimum frontage for permitted uses shall be 125 feet at the building line. The building line shall not apply to clustering.

§ 148- 69. Yards.

- A. Side. The minimum side yard for the main structure and/or guest house shall be 10 feet, and the total width of the two required side yards shall be at least 20 feet. The minimum side yard for each accessory structure shall be four feet.
- B. Rear. The minimum rear yard for the main structure and/or guest house shall be 25 feet. The minimum rear yard for each accessory structure shall be eight feet.

§ 148- 70. Height regulations.

Buildings may be erected up to a height of 35 feet. Chimneys, flues, cooling towers, flagpoles, church spires, belfries, cupolas, monuments, water towers, radio or communication towers or their accessory facilities not normally occupied by workmen are excluded from this limitation. Parapet walls are permitted up to four feet above the limited height from grade, except that:

- A. The height limit for buildings may be increased 10 feet, provided that there are two side yards for each permitted use, each of which is 10 feet or more, plus one foot or more of side yard for each additional foot of building height over 35 feet.

- B. No accessory building which is within 10 feet of any party lot line shall be more than one story high.

§ 148- 71. Special provisions for corner lots.

- A. The side yard on the side facing the side street shall be 35 feet or more for both main and accessory buildings.
- B. For subdivisions platted after the enactment of this chapter, each corner lot shall have a minimum width at the setback line of 125 feet or more.

§ 148- 72. Additional regulations for clustering.

- A. Clustering allowed as a permitted use in the Residential Recreational District shall have a density equal to the Area Regulation set forth in **§ 148-66**.
- B. Cluster developments shall have a net open space of at least 50% and shall contain no more than 35% impervious surfaces.
- C. Each building shall contain no more than eight dwelling units.
- D. Low impact development (LID) practices shall be incorporated into the site design to maintain the predevelopment hydrology.
- E. A Major Water Quality Impact Assessment shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator.

§ 148- 73. Septic regulations. [Amended 11-9-1989; 9-12-1991]

- A. All lots recorded after October 1, 1989, where public sewerage is not provided shall have a reserve drainfield site as well as a primary drainfield site that has been approved by the Health Department.
- B. All lots recorded prior to October 1, 1989, which do not have a Health Department permit issued prior to October 1, 1989, and where public sewerage is not provided shall have a reserve drainfield site as well as a primary drainfield site that has been approved by the Health Department. If the Health Department cannot locate both drainfield sites, then only a primary site will be required.

§ 148- 74. Signs.

Sign regulations shall conform to Article XVII of this chapter.

§ 148- 75. Minimum off-street parking.

Minimum off-street parking shall conform to § 148-192.

**RE: CONSIDERATION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
APPLICATION FOR THE LIGHT STREET PROJECT**

Ms. Donna Thompson from Scenario Inc., stated that last year they came before the Board to request to apply for a Planning Grant for the Light Street Project. The research has been done through the Planning Grant, which was \$25,000.00. After the review of all the houses and soils, the study has found 14 houses, with 4 mobile home families that will need to be relocated, which qualify for the project. Ms. Thompson explained that the problem with the land that these 4 family's live on is with the heirs of the property and they will not sign off on transferring the land to these individuals. She continued to say that overcrowding, no running water and no bathrooms were the primary factors in getting these family's a better place to live. The Management team for the project has been meeting on a regular basis with the state (DHCD) and has come up with figures and is acquiring land for the families that will need to be relocated.

The Board members were given the budget for the project. Chairman Jett asked why "Clearance and Demo" had a \$0 amount in that line item. Ms. Thompson explained that the cost was put in line item "Owner Occupied" cost. Mr. Doug Meredith, Engineer explained that he has made sure all money is within the budget. Chairman Jett asked if there were any money set aside for upkeep of the engineered septic systems. Mr. Meredith said that the soil work in the back part of the land sets for a traditional system but in case it doesn't have the potential for a traditional system, the engineered cost has been added to the budget and will include maintenance prepay.

Supervisor Self asked if there have been any site work studies done on the property. Mr. Meredith stated that none had been done. He went further to say they are looking at what had been done from the prior sale of the property and said the price of the contract will be negotiated if the soils will not be approved for a traditional septic system. Supervisor Tomlin said if there were insufficient soils then we need to look at another piece of land. Mr. Meredith said there is enough money in the budget for engineered systems.

Chairman Jett questioned the 8 acres that may be purchased and the price. Ms. Thompson said she had a letter of interest to sell. Supervisor Tomlin stated that a letter is not a contract. Supervisor Self asked if a contract is needed to proceed. Ms. Thompson said that yes she needed to include a contract and that the land owner is going to get an attorney from Westmoreland to write one up for the application. Mr. Pat Frere explained a little of the program income money that will be used for the project. Mr. Frere said the \$52,000 will be used to buy the 8 acres needed for the subdivision. Supervisor Tomlin questioned the amount per house to be used. Mr. Frere said the rule of thumb is \$10,000 but DHCD has clarified Program Income can exceed \$10,000.

Public Hearing Open

Mr. Ron Herring said he is in favor and said if you travel through some of the less fortunate areas you will see the need. Mr. Herring said it sounds like a lot of unanswered questions though but trusts this will move forward.

Public Hearing Closed

Supervisor Tomlin questioned the total grant amount because the total has changed from a previous prediction. Ms. Thompson explained that after a management team meeting last week the figures changed because of the increase in some line items.

Supervisor Tomlin noted some mistakes in the application, one being the Chairman's name was wrong. He continued to say that the figures don't match and the population is incorrect. He wants the

application to be correct. Chairman Jett agreed and said every week all the numbers keep changing and it is confusing. Supervisor Tomlin asked when the deadline was for the application. Ms. Thompson said March 31st.

Supervisor Tomlin asked Ms. Thompson how many families have zero dollars to pay. Ms. Thompson said 6 were unable to pay. Then Supervisor Tomlin asked if we are setting people up to fail? Supervisor Tomlin then questioned the real-estate taxes, sewage maintenance fees, homeowners insurance, etc. that will need to be paid on the property. Mr. Meredith spoke up and said that based on the HUD requirement, that the \$0 money to pay doesn't necessarily mean they don't have any income. Supervisor commented that he just didn't want to see anyone set up.

Chairman Jett stated that last year the Board was told that the land that was tied up with the heirs would not be any problem to get a clear title. Ms. Thompson said that they had to leave that alone and had to move past because there were three that just wouldn't sign. They had 16 signatures and 3 sisters that were not going to sign.

Chairman Jett said he wants this project to go through but wants it done right. Supervisor Self said that a contract is needed and soil work will be needed to know what were are looking at.

County Administrator Eades suggested the Board members to give their questions and to hold another Management Team Meeting to get those questions answered.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments were given.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Thomas H. Tomlin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The vote on the motion was:

Ronald L. Jett – YEA
A. Joseph Self, Sr. – YEA
James M. Long – YEA

Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA
Richard F. Haynie – YEA

Kenneth D. Eades, Clerk