

**Board of Supervisors Meeting  
February 11, 2016  
5:00 P.M.**

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA**

The meeting was convened for the regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors that was held at Northumberland Courts Building, on Thursday, February 11, 2016.

Present:        Ronald L. Jett - Chairman  
                  Richard F. Haynie - Vice Chairman – arrived at 5:20 p.m.  
                  Joseph Self, Sr. - Supervisor  
                  Thomas H. Tomlin - Supervisor  
                  James M. Long- Supervisor

W. Leslie Kilduff, Jr. – County Attorney  
Luttrell Tadlock – County Administrator

**RE: INVOCATION**

Rev. Tyron Williams, Mt. Olive Baptist Church led the invocation.

**RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Long led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RE: OPENING STATEMENT FROM CHAIRMAN JETT**

Chairman Jett opened the meeting saying that he had received concerns about a talk at the Library this evening and in no time did he ever attempt to cancel the event and neither did any of the other board members, he was just passing along citizen's concerns of calls he had received. Supervisor Long thanked Chairman Jett for making the statement.

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr. duly seconded by Richard F. Haynie, the Board voted to approve the agenda for today's meeting. The vote on the motion is as follows:

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

**RE: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Todd VanLandingham reported on the recent snow storm that hit the area and outlined the plan of attack they took to clear the roads. He said the primary roads were the first priority while the secondary roads had a tremendous amount of drifting.

He then thanked everyone for helping out during the storm and added he was happy that everyone worked together.

Mr. VanLandingham stated there are many potholes due to the recent bad weather. He said they are working on them continuously trying to get them patched up. He then addressed some of the drainage issues with which they have been dealing.

***\*Supervisor Haynie entered the meeting***

Supervisor Self thanked VDOT and said this was definitely a hard snow to push. Supervisor Long asked for the representatives to meet him one day next week to look at a problem on Light Street. Supervisor Tomlin noted potholes in the North Bound Lane of Rt. 200 and Rt. 360. Supervisor Haynie also noted potholes on Firehouse Lane.

Supervisor Tomlin questioned Mr. David Brown about the need for snow fences in the County. During Supervisor Tomlin's research, he has noticed that plastic fencing is now being used. Mr. Brown stated he would look into it.

Supervisor Self said he would get in touch with Mr. Brown concerning Rt. 360 turning West.

Mr. Brown updated the board on the project at the end of Academic Lane. He said they are receiving bids for potential construction to start in May.

**RE: DR. REBECCA GATES, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Dr. Gates also talked about the recent snow storm. She thanked Mr. Jett and Mr. Tadlock for the help they gave in trying to clear the bus loop. With the days missed from snow she also gave a new schedule concerning SOL retakes.

Dr. Gates spoke briefly on the upcoming budget. She said they have had a long list of requests and have narrowed it down. She invited the board to discuss the budget with them and boxed dinners will be provided. She also added that a table-top exercise will be done through EMS soon.

Supervisor Long invited everyone to an event put on by the NAACP on Black History Month on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**RE: BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

Month of January	2016	2015
Total construction cost for the month	\$ 1,616,614.46	\$ 2,023,519.00

Total Bldg. Permit Cost for Month	\$ 2,678.04	\$ 4,037.24
Total Zoning Permit Cost for the Month	\$ 890.00	\$ 920.00
Total Levy Fee for the Month	\$ 53.56	\$ 80.75
<b>Total Construction cost year to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,616,614.46</b>	<b>\$ 2,023,519.00</b>

**RE: 2015 YEAR END REPORT**

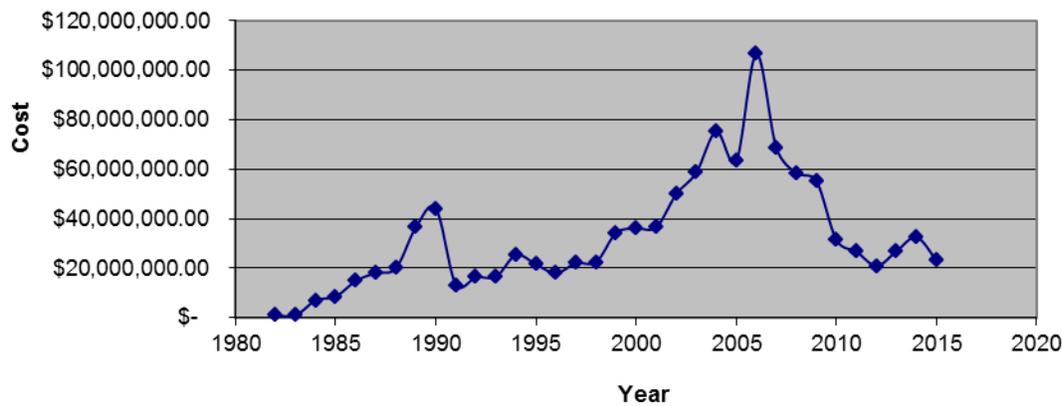
County Administrator Luttrell Tadlock presented the 2015 year-end report. The complete copy is in the Board of Supervisor Papers for the month.

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 2015 calendar year, which were processed through this office.

*Comparison of Construction Cost:*

In 2015, the total estimated cost of construction was \$23,175,770.00 compared to \$32,553,021.78 for 2014. The total estimated cost of construction showed a decrease of approximately -29% from 2014 to 2015.

**Total Construction Cost (1982-2015)**



*Figure 1 displays the Total Construction Cost from 1982 through 2015 for Northumberland County. These numbers are obtained from the December Building Permits Report Comparison Sheet of each year.*

*Comparison of Structures:*

Type of Structure	2014 Number of Structures	2015 Number of Structures	% Difference	2014 Avg. Square Ft	2015 Avg. Square Ft	2014 Avg. Cost	2015 Avg. Cost
Single Family Dwelling	41	23	-44%	3,669	3,537	\$290,875.51	\$292,782.61
Modular	16	14	-13%	2,600	2,338	\$207,894.63	\$233,073.29
Double Wide	2	3	50%	-	-	\$97,500.00	\$75,000.00
Mobile Home	6	9	50%	-	-	\$26,408.33	\$29,879.39
Commercial	4	0*	-	6,794	0	\$842,000.00	0

Table 2 compares structures for 2014 and 2015. The (\*) denotes there were no new commercial buildings constructed, this figure does not include any remodel repair commercial work performed.

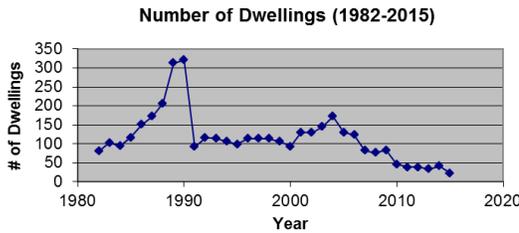


Figure 2 shows the total number of Single Family Dwellings permitted from 1982 through 2015.

**Comparison of Structures- By Magisterial District:**

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

	<b>Fairfield</b>	<b>Heathsville</b>	<b>Lottsburg</b>	<b>Wicomico</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Dwelling</b>	6	5	4	8	<b>23</b>
<b>Modular Home</b>	6	2	4	2	<b>14</b>
<b>Double Wide</b>		1	1	1	<b>3</b>
<b>Mobile Homes</b>	1	1	6	1	<b>9</b>
<b>Commercial</b>					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>49</b>

Table 3: Numbers of each type of structure are given to show the magisterial district in which construction took place for the year 2015.

**RE: MR. MIKE PARKER, APPOINTMENT TO TRI-RIVER ASAP BOARD**

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr., duly seconded by James M. Long, the board voted to appoint Mr. Mike Parker as Northumberland County’s representative to the Tri-River ASAP Board.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

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

**RE: MR. ED KING, RE-APPOINTMENT NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr., duly seconded by Richard F. Haynie, the board voted to re-appoint Mr. Ed King to the Northumberland County Planning Commission. Mr. Kings Appointment will expire on March 13, 2020.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

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| Ronald L. Jett – AYE | Thomas H. Tomlin – AYE |
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A. Joseph Self, Sr. – AYE  
James M. Long – AYE

Richard F. Haynie – AYE

**RE: PEMS LETTER RECEIVED**

County Administrator Tadlock explained to the Board about the Restructuring of the Peninsulas Emergency Medical Services Prehospital Committees. Under the new structure, the separate prehospital committees will be combined into one EMS Operations Committee. The Board is being asked to select one representative and an alternate to represent Northumberland County and all licensed EMS agencies in the County.

The Board asked for this matter to be discussed by the EMS Team and for them to make a recommendation to the Board.

**RE: SCHOOL REVENUE BOND UPDATE**

County Administrator Tadlock stated the School Board passed the resolution required to make application for the refunding opportunity through the Virginia Public School Authority. He noted the Board has heard from two potential financial advisor firms that could aid the County in submitting the refunding application. A decision would need to be made tonight with which firm the Board wished to proceed with as the application is due on February 29. Refunding of the bonds could save the County as much as 5 or 6 million over the term of the bond. This total savings is not known yet as the rate will be set at a later date.

Upon motion by James M. Long, duly seconded by Thomas H. Tomlin, the board voted to select Davenport and Company as the Financial Advisor to refinance the 2006 High School/Middle School original school bonds.

Chairman Jett asked Supervisor Long if there were any reasons in particular for selecting Davenport and Company. Supervisor Long stated that he felt that Davenport answered his questions more thoroughly. Supervisor Self said if we use Jim Johnson with Raymond James, then he did the first school bonds but he was fine with either.

The vote on the motion is as follow:

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

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

County Administrator Tadlock was asked about the refinancing of the Sanitary District Bonds. He said he does not have the total savings on this bond if refinanced, however, refinancing the Sanitary District Bond would lock in the rate whereas they are currently variable towards the end of the bond. The Board asked for more information on refinancing the Sanitary District Bonds.

**RE: GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD IN MARCH**

Upon motion by Thomas H. Tomlin, duly seconded by A. Joseph Self, Sr. the board voted to hold the public hearing on the General Obligation Bonds at the March 10, 2016 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

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

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

**RE: VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT CENTER TO CLOSE- UPDATE**

Theresa Lambert from our Economic Development Commission stated she had received information concerning the February 24<sup>th</sup> closing of the local VEC office. She said they are trying to get an agreement with the PDC on some space to have through June 30<sup>th</sup> and they are having further discussions with local libraries for staff etc. Supervisor Tomlin asked if she had heard why they were closing. She said the only thing they will say is because of cut backs. Supervisor Long stressed the importance of getting this information out to the public.

**RE: APPROPRIATION – SHERIFF OFFICE**

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr. duly seconded by Richard F. Haynie, the board voted to appropriate the following:

\$18,000.00 – to 3102-7005 for reimbursement of car #5792  
\$ 305.00 – to 3102-3012 for tow bill paid  
\$ 530.00 – to 3102-7005 for reimbursement of front push-bar of car #5792

The vote on the motion is as follow:

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

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

**RE: APPROPRIATION - COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT**

Upon motion by Thomas H. Tomlin, duly seconded by James M. Long, the board voted to appropriate \$35,000.00 to line item 5302-6002 (Comprehensive Services Act) due to emergency placements and the additional use of the Services.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

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

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

**RE: RADIO COMMUNICATIONS QUOTE AS REQUESTED**

County Administrator Tadlock updated the board on the quote that he was asked to get concerning an alarm system. Mr. Tadlock presented the Board with the quote received.

Ms. Jennifer Packett from Northumberland County Dispatch explained the alerts they receive in the event of a failure. Supervisor Self asked if she was comfortable with the changes they have made at this time and she said yes she was comfortable with the changes.

The Board decided not to proceed with the additional hardware and software for radio outage alerting purposes.

**RE: CHILD AT PLAY VDOT SIGN ON LIGHT STREET**

County Administrator Tadlock informed the board that the Children at Play signs are up on Light Street.

**RE: RESOLUTION – RECOMMENDING JUDGE R. MICHAEL MCKENNEY FOR CIRCUIT COURT**

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self Sr., duly seconded by Richard F. Haynie, the board voted to send the following resolution in support of Judge R. Michael McKenney:

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING R. MICHAEL MCKENNEY**

**WHEREAS;** Judge Harry T. Taliaferro, III, has announced his retirement from the Circuit Court bench for 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District effective July 1, 2016, and

**WHEREAS;** Judge R. Michael McKenney is a nominee of the Northern Neck Bar Association for Circuit Court bench for the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, and

**WHEREAS;** Judge R. Michael McKenney is a native of Northumberland County, Virginia, a graduate of Northumberland High School, Rappahannock Community College, Mary Washington College and T. C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond where he served on the Editorial Board of Law Review, and

**WHEREAS;** Judge R. Michael McKenney began his legal career as an associate of law with the firm of Smith, Murphy and Taliaferro, and

**WHEREAS;** Judge R. Michael McKenney was elected Commonwealth's Attorney of Northumberland County in 1995 serving until his election to Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge in 2009, and

**WHEREAS;** while Commonwealth's Attorney, Judge R. Michael McKenney initiated the Multi-Jurisdictional Grand Jury of the Northern Neck to aid in investigations of drug related crimes and crimes of violence, helping to make our region safer, and

**WHEREAS;** Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Judge, R. Michael McKenney started the Court Improvement Program in Richmond County to improve practice across the region for foster care children and their families, and

**WHEREAS;** Judge R. Michael McKenney examines every case which is heard by him in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court with thorough consideration and does not rush to any judgement prior to understanding all information being presented, and

**WHEREAS;** the same Judge R. Michael McKenney has served his community away from the court room as a life member of the Callao Volunteer Fire Department, Charter member of Northumberland Little League Board of Directors, and as Lay Leader of Henderson United Methodist Church,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE** Northumberland County Board of Supervisors recommends Judge R. Michael McKenney for election to the Circuit Court for 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

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

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

**RE: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 85 (REGULATION OF UTILITY COMPANIES)**

Upon motion by Thomas H. Tomlin, duly seconded by A. Joseph Self, Sr., the board voted to approve the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 85 IN THE 2016 SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**WHEREAS,** Aqua Virginia currently operates a water system that provide services to several residential communities in Northumberland County, including, Mallard Bay, River's Bend Estates, Bon Harbor, Brown's Store, Burgess, Callao, Chesapeake Bay Estates, Glebe Point, Heathsville, Indian Creek, Lottsburg, Town of Reedville, Wicomico Church and Wicomico Ridge; and

**WHEREAS,** many of these customers have expressed dissatisfaction with the service they receive from Aqua citing exorbitant prices, frequent rate increases and poor communication and service; and

**WHEREAS,** these County residents have no other alternative to procure these essential services and struggle to keep pace with ever increasing bills and fees imposed by Aqua; and

**WHEREAS,** Virginia Senate Bill 85, patroned by Sen. Thomas A. Garrett, Jr., has been approved by the Senate and is now before the House during the 2016 Virginia Assembly session; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill requires the SCC to make information relating to (i) salaries and other remuneration paid by a public utility to its executive officers, (ii) payments or transfers by a public utility to its parent corporation, and (iii) the content of communications between the employees of the SCC and representatives of public utility companies open to inspection and copying by any citizen of the Commonwealth and provides several other provisions designed to protect the interests of corporate utility consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill will benefit Aqua customers in Northumberland County and corporate utility customers throughout the Commonwealth.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors hereby declares its strong support for Senate Bill 85 and urges the bill's passage in the 2016 Virginia General Assembly session.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

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

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

**RE: CONTINUED FROM JANUARY MEETING - REQUEST BY QUANG THUAN D. NGUYEN FOR A CONDITIONAL USE TO CONSTRUCT A SECOND PIER ON HIS LOT LOCATED ON CIRCLE DRIVE IN BAY QUARTER SHORES SUBDIVSION**

The public hearing for this request was held last month but no decision was made.

Upon motion by Richard F. Haynie, duly seconded by A. Joseph Self, Sr., the board voted to approve the request by Quang Thuan D. Nguyen for a conditional use permit to construct a second pier on his lot located on Circle Drive in Bay Quarter Shores with the following condition:

1. All necessary permits shall be obtained from all regulatory agencies.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

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

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

**RE: BOARD COMMENT PERIOD**

Supervisor Long asked if there had been any progress with the EVB building. County Administrator Tadlock stated that he has met with Tray Davis from the Northern Neck Technical Center and he has walked through and obtained information that he needed. He said he is hoping to catch up with him next week.

Supervisor Long asked about the old Sheriff Office. The board decided to schedule a time to walk through the building soon.

**RE: CHECK REGISTER**

Upon motion by James M. Long, duly seconded by Richard F. Haynie the board voted to approve the check register.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

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

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

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Reverend Lucia Lloyd asked everyone in the audience that supports Mr. Michael Ransome on his speech to please stand.

A representative from the Julius Rosenwald gave information on their plans on a presentation at the High School on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February at the High School.

Mr. Jimmy Brann from Callao Rescue Squad gave an update on the EMT students as well as the new members that have joined the volunteer organization. Supervisor Long said to keep up the good work. Supervisor Tomlin asked about the hybrid class and how it was going. Mr. Brann said the test is going to be difficult and they will have to travel to take the exam.

Pastor Tyron Williams gave a talk on “White Privilege” and said that Mr. Ransome is exercising his right to give the speech tonight.

**RE: CLOSED MEETING**

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr., duly seconded by, Richard F. Haynie, the Board voted unanimously to convene into closed meeting to discuss a personnel matter and discussion of a contractual matter as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) and (7). The vote on the motion was as follows:

A. Joseph Self, Sr. – AYE  
Richard F. Haynie – AYE  
Thomas H. Tomlin – AYE

Ronald L. Jett – AYE  
James M. Long – AYE

**RE: OPEN MEETING**

The Board convened back into open session upon motion by Thomas H. Tomlin, duly seconded by A. Joseph Self, Sr., the Board voted unanimously that in the closed meeting just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matters lawfully permitted to be so discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in the motion. The vote on the motion was as follows:

A. Joseph Self, Sr. – AYE  
Richard F. Haynie – AYE  
Thomas H. Tomlin – AYE

Ronald L. Jett – AYE  
James M. Long – AYE

**RE: MOTION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

A motion was made by A. Joseph Self, Sr., duly seconded by Richard F. Haynie, the Board voted unanimously to certify the closed meeting:

WHEREAS, The Northumberland County Board of Supervisors, herein Board, has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to the affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act: and

WHEREAS, 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board specifically to discuss a personnel matter, use of public property and a contract matter.

The vote on the motion was passed by a roll call vote as follows:

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

**RE: PURCHASE RESCUE SQUAD FROM MID-COUNTY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD**

Upon motion by Ronald L. Jett, seconded by James M. Long, the Board voted unanimously to purchase the Rescue Squad and all equipment on the Squad at a cost of \$35,000. The vote on the motion was:

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

**RE: CARRY-OVER MEETING**

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr., seconded by Richard F. Haynie, the Board voted to carry-over the meeting to schedule a time to look at potential improvements at the Northumberland Little League Facility. The vote on the motion was:

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

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E. Luttrell Tadlock, Clerk