

**Northumberland County Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting
April 24, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.
Minutes**

This was a special meeting for the purpose of continuing the April 10, 2008 regular meeting for the consideration of a leash law for Wicomico View Subdivision, Section 1 and to have a budget worksession. The County Administrator, Kenneth D. Eades, Assistant County Administrator Luttrell Tadlock, Superintendent Clint Stables, School Board Members, Dean Sumner and Lee Scripture were present.

Supervisor Ronald L. Jett, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Ronald L. Jett, Chairman
Richard F. Haynie, Vice Chairman, entered at 4:50 p.m.
A. Joseph Self, Sr.
Thomas H. Tomlin
James M. Long

RE: LEASH LAW WICOMICO VIEW, SECTION 1

Chairman Jett began the discussion by stating that he had talked to the person that has the dog which is creating the problem within the subdivision. He said that the dog has been chained up and let go during lunch to run and then chained again until they leave the railway. He added that several other people in the area spoke to him about being opposed to a leash law because the dog is outside the development and rural areas should not have a leash law.

Mr. William Coleman, the resident requesting the leash law, said he wants to keep the area rural and does not want a lot of changes either, but there are a lot of subdivisions and when dog owners don't live in the development and let their dogs run everywhere something needs to be done.

Chairman Jett commented that the dog is only let go at lunch time and is watched when they can watch him.

Mr. Coleman said he hasn't seen the dog in a few days and the other two dogs that follow him haven't been a problem.

Supervisor Tomlin said that he did some research and state law allows a county to be more stringent with dog regulations. Prince William County has a no trespass notice that can be filed against an owner to keep their dog for coming onto an aggrieved person's property. The ordinance can also prevent a dog from entering the road.

Mr. Coleman said that the County Attorney suggested a law suit which costs and you may have to go multiple times. Supervisor Tomlin stated that he is not in favor of a leash law for a six lot subdivision. Mr. Coleman said the leash law will work.

Supervisor Tomlin suggested that we advertise changes to our ordinance to allow for the no trespass notices for dogs. Mr. Coleman agreed that this would probably be the best way to go on their issue.

Upon motion by Thomas H. Tomlin, duly seconded by James M. Long, the Board voted unanimously to advertise the no trespass notices for dogs. 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: BUDGET WORKSESSION

Superintendent Stables began the session by going through a power point presentation which showed the loss of state funds in the amount of \$888,000 for FY 09. The changes in disbursements totaled \$417,847. Increases occurred in the Regional Programs, Energy Costs and Salaries.

Mr. Eades presented the following for the overall FY 09 county budget:

Seventeen million dollars is in budget to cover the Bond Proceeds for the New School. The best guess on the state funding cuts for FY 09 amounts to \$1,189,974.

Total Assessment: \$ 2,937,754,745.00

Removed from the total assessment is \$159,553,755 for land use taxation which amounts to \$574,393 at the current tax rate. Estimated relief for the elderly - \$12,000.00.

FY 09	1¢ on levy is \$293,775
FY 08	1¢ on levy is \$288,553
FY 07	1¢ on levy is \$281,094

Salaries – Budgeted a 2.0% for all County employees beginning July 1st.
In Budget proposal; Schools 3.25% varies depending on step beginning July 1st (includes step)

- 1% increase in County Salaries = \$28,153.20
- 1% increase in School Salaries = \$110,000.00
- FICA/Med. – 7.65%
- Virginia Retirement System – 12.30% of salary.
- Unemployment Rate is .0012 on first \$8,000
- Group Life Insurance - .89% of salary.
- Health Care Credit - .06% of salary.
- Mandatory Hazardous Duty benefit – 1.99%
- Health Care – Did not increase and remains at \$5,112/yr. per person.

- Mileage Reimbursement will need to be increased from 44.5 cents to 50.5 cents per mile which will be the state reimbursement.

Mr. Eades added that the budget as proposed reflects the actual requests which came from all the departments.

	<u>FY 09</u>
EST. BEGINNING UNDESIGNATED GENERAL FUND BALANCE:	5,600,000
REVENUE ESTIMATES:	
Local Sources.....	12,873,610
Other Local Sources.....	19,659,674
State & Federal Sources.....	9,938,773
Subtotal Revenues	42,472,057
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	48,072,057
EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES:	
General Government Administration.....	1,369,623
Judicial Administration	736,982
Public Safety	3,312,620
Public Works	1,227,069
Health and Welfare	3,036,906
Education	16,649,277
Parks, Recreation and Culture	160,000
Community Development	469,867
Non-departmental	19,583,695
Subtotal Estimated Expenditures	46,546,039
Undesignated General Fund Balance	1,526,018
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES & FUND BALANCE	48,072,057

After a brief discussion, it was decided to have another worksession on Monday May 5, 2008 at 5:30 p.m., the public hearing on May 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and the budget adoption on June 5, at 5:00 p.m. If additional worksession are needed they can be scheduled at a later date.

RE: SUPPORT OF WATERMEN

Chairman Jett commented that the watermen have been meeting and with the Virginia Marine Resource Commission going to even more regulations on crabbing, the Board should consider sending a resolution that we support the watermen and don't want the state to harm the industry.

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr., duly seconded by James M. Long, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator to draft a resolution supporting the watermen and send it to the Board members for the final okay. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ronald L. Jett – YEA

James M. Long – YEA

Thomas H. Tomlin – YEA

A. Joseph Self, Sr. - YEA

Richard F. Haynie - YEA

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was carried over to 5:30 p.m. on May 5, 2008 at the board room for a budget work-session. Upon motion by Thomas H. Tomlin, duly seconded by A. Joseph Self, Sr., the motion was unanimously approved to carryover the meeting.

Kenneth D. Eades Clerk for the Board of Supervisors