

**Board of Supervisors Meeting**  
**May 08, 2008**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA**

A regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors was held in the Northumberland Courts Building, on Thursday, May 08, 2008

Present:        Ronald L. Jett – Chairman  
                  Richard F. Haynie – Vice-Chairman – Entered at 5:05  
                  A. Joseph Self, Sr. – Supervisor – Entered at 5:20  
                  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**

Dana V. Wilson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Thomas H. Tomlin, duly seconded by James M. Long, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for today's meeting with one change. The Public Hearing concerning the Amendment to Chapter 64 of the County Code to rescind the section titled "Erosion and Sedimentation Control" has been withdrawn. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

**RE: MR. D. CLINT STABLES, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Mr. Stables reported that SOL testing will start this week and will continue into next week. He said everyone was glad to be at the point that the school year is finishing up and there will be more time to relax. Mr. Stables further commented that the new school facility is progressing and there will be 2 concrete pours today and the HVAC is in place.

Mr. Eades commented and said that he suggests that the local fire departments do a walk through before everything is covered up. He said he will work with the departments and Mr. Stables to schedule the walk through.

Mr. Stables stated that they are working with the Farm Museum and announced the grand opening is May 24, 2008 from 11a.m. to 3p.m. The greenhouse from the high school has been relocated to the Farm Museum. Mr. Stables talked about some changes in spending in various line items and concluded that graduation at the High School will take place on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Stables will supply the Board with special dates for the graduation events coming up to the end of the school year.

**RE: SEAN TRAPANI, RESIDENCY ADMINISTRATOR, NORTHERN NECK VDOT RESIDENCY**

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON SECONDARY SIX-YEAR ROAD PLAN BUDGET**

Mr. Trapani read off the proposed six year plan for the secondary system. The number one priority is Rt. 604 (Mob Neck Road). Number 2 priority is Rt. 640 to Rt. 604 for paving. Paved priority number 3 is Route 604 (Indian Valley Road) from route 360 to undetermined West of Route 360. Route 607 Ditchley Road is paved priority number 4 for .20 miles from route 200. Surface Treat Non Hard-surface Road to be determined by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Trapani suggested Rt. 741, to the end of state maintenance which is Hope Union Lane.

*Public Hearing Opened*

Mrs. Ginny Estell who lives in White Sands Harbor stated that she is aware money is tight and there is nothing wrong with the end of Rt. 604. She also commented that Rt. 740 is nothing wrong with that either. When money is as tight as it is, the money could be spent somewhere else.

Mr. Trapani said if the board wants to rearrange the priorities, that can be done, but he does not recommend taking out Mob Neck Road.

Chairman Jett asked what the intentions were in the Horsehead area. Mr. Trapani said some alignment changes were necessary taking out an "S" curve. Supervisor Self asked how soon repairs will begin in Horsehead. Mr. Trapani said probably 4-5 years.

Mr. Trapani was asked how much money has already been spent on studies for Rt. 604 (Mob Neck Road), he said approximately 42,000 dollars.

Upon motion by James M. Long, duly seconded by A. Joseph Self, Sr. the Board voted to adopt the Secondary Six-Year Road Plan Budget that VDOT recommended. 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	

Mr. Dave Ogle, from the Fredericksburg VDOT Office attended the meeting and spoke on the Highway Safety Challenge which is a partnership relative to saving lives. It is made up of all local counties, the ABC Board, DMV, and Virginia State Troopers to come together and making motorist more aware when driving by encouraging obeying the speed limit, avoid drugs and alcohol and to buckle up. There goal is to save 100 lives by the year 2010. Supervisor Self asked if there was any information that we could run in the local paper. Mr. Ogle stated he will be sending something to Mr. Eades to be put in the paper.

Supervisor Tomlin asked Mr. Ogle how much longer will VDOT maintain the roads. Mr. Ogle responded saying that last he heard the dollars may be fewer than the prediction. This would mean that the roads would only be maintained until 2017.

Supervisor Tomlin then asked how long does it take to get a 6 year project built. He said it takes 4-5 years to get design and an additional 6-8 years after and that is if the project continuously receives money.

Supervisor Self commended the local VDOT crew on how well they work. He said they are all good people to work with. Mr. Ogle said he appreciates the comments and that it isn't often they get appreciated and it was good to hear.

County Administrator Eades discussed the widening of Academic Road with the Board. Funds are available through 50/50 revenue sharing grants. It was suggested to have Timmons Group, who did the design work for the new school, and VDOT at an onsite meeting. Supervisor Tomlin asked how was the existing turning lane originally paid for? The answer was unknown.

**RE: MR. CHUCK BACKUS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REEDVILLE FISHERMAN'S MUSEUM**

Mr. Backus showed a power point presentation of the Northumberland 3<sup>rd</sup> graders that had visited the Museum. He said that the "hands on" experience for them was excellent to learn what it means to grow up in the Northern Neck.

Mr. Backus said the museum is open 7 days a week from 10:30a.m.-4:30p.m.

**RE: BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Total construction cost for the month	\$ 5,056,181.00	\$ 4,667,306.00
Total Bldg. Permit Cost for Month	\$ 9,037.20	\$ 7,054.36
Total Zoning Permit Cost for the Month	\$ 4,030.00	\$ 3,520.00
Total Levy Fee for the Month	\$ 151.38	\$ 123.92
<i>Total Construction cost year to date</i>	\$19,724,441.00	\$24,068,489.50

**RE: RESOLUTION – GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA DESIGNATION**

Mr. Eades pointed out that the Board has a resolution from SAIF water asking the Board to support Ground Water Management Area Designation for the Northern Neck. He further stated that the Planning District Commission was going to have a presentation on this designation and asked the Board to wait until they have additional information.

**RE: KATHERINE NEWSOME, SHIRLEY ASHBURN CONTINUATION REQUEST FROM NOVEMBER 2007 ON PERMIT TO LIVE IN CAMPER**

Mr. Eades stated that Mrs. Newsome had been the hospital and has asked to extend her temporary permit to live in her camper for 30 more days.

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr. duly seconded by James M. Long, the board voted to approve the request to extend Mrs. Katherine Newsome's stay in her camper home for 30 more days. 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: REV. FONTAINE OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. Fontaine came before the Board to explain there request for the Child Care Institute and ask the Board to reconsider their contribution. Rev. Fontaine stated that he started as pastor at First Baptist 10 years ago and realized there is no immediate help to assist children in their early growth stage or any assistance to parents. He said they have set out to provide children and parents with assistance. They have 19 children so far in the program and would like to expand. They need additional septic, food facility, bathroom etc. They also would like to provide counseling services.

Ms. Melissa Bunns asked the board if they had any questions regarding the community outreach program. No questions were asked from the board.

**RE: NORTHERN NECK REGIONAL JAIL BUDGET**

Mr. Eades discussed the Northern Neck Regional Jail budget. The total for the jail in FY 08/09 is \$8,552,365.00 and there are no funds requested from Northumberland County. Each of the governmental jurisdictions that are members of the jail need to approve the budget request.

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr. duly seconded by Richard F. Haynie the board voted to approve the budget for the Northern Neck Regional Jail. 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: NO WAKE MARKERS**

Mr. Eades stated that he has been in touch with the Game and Inland Fisheries Department to discuss a simplified process to the "No Wake" markers. He said the DGIF only looks at safety and not erosion as a reason to approve a marker. One of the ideas is to have DGIF act on a request before the Board of Supervisors which will reduce the number coming to the Board.

**RE: VTECH – CNU**

Mr. Eades informed the Board that the Virginia Electronic Commerce Technology Center from Christopher Newport University will be locating a satellite office at the Planning District Commission's building in Warsaw. The purpose of this Center is to assist local businesses in technology that is beneficial to small businesses.

**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	

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 10 AND APRIL 24, 2008**

Upon motion by James M. Long duly seconded by Thomas H. Tomlin the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on April 10, 2008 and April 24, 2008. 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: BOARD COMMENT PERIOD**

Supervisor Thomas H. Tomlin discussed the information that both VML and VACO presented during this past General Assembly. VML seemed to be quicker to produce information and had more explanation and detail. We may want to consider joining VML.

**Public Hearings**

**RE: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 64 OF THE COUNTY CODE TO RESCIND THE SECTION TITLED “EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL” (WITHDRAWN)**

**RE: REQUEST BY CYNTHIA H. COTTRELL, OWNER AND RENEEN ROBINSON, APPLICANT, FOR A PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A FAMILY MOBILE HOME PARK AT 1334 BLACKBERRY ROAD NEAR REEDVILLE**

Zoning Administrator, W.H. Shirley described the request. He received no written comments on this matter. Ms. Cottrell and Ms. Robinson were not present.

Upon motion by James M. Long, duly seconded by A. Joseph Self, Sr. the Board voted to approve the request for a family mobile home park at 1334 Blackberry Road near Reedville with the following conditions:

- 1) The permit is for a Family Mobile Home Park and only immediate family members of the property owner, Cynthia H. Cottrell, are allowed to reside with in each manufactured home
- 2) The permit is issued to Cynthia H. Cottrell and in the even the property is conveyed to anyone outside of her heirs, this permit will become null and void
- 3) Each approved manufactured home must be connected to the Reedville sewer system.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

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

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

**RE: REQUEST BY DAVID R. AND PATRICIA K. SMILEY FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A BOATHOUSE ON LODGE CREEK/SOUTH YEOCOMICO RIVER AT 24 BLUEBIRD LANE OFF PALMERS DRIVE NEAR LOTTSBURG**

Zoning Administrator, Shirley, described the request. No comments were received.

Supervisor Tomlin questioned the difference in the length of the boathouse in the application versus what was advertised. The difference is the addition of the pilings. County Attorney, Les Kilduff agreed that this was alright.

*Public Hearing Open*

Mr. Charles Folk, representing Mr. Smiley mentioned some changes in the dock. The comments were not relevant to the request for the boathouse.

*Public Hearing Closed*

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr. duly seconded by James M. Long, the board voted to approve the request to David R. and Patricia K. Smiley for a permit to construct a boathouse on Lodge Creek/South Yeocomico River at 24 Bluebird Lane, off Palmers Drive in Lottsburg. The request is approved with the following conditions:

- 1) The permit is valid for two (2) years and will expire on May 8, 2010, at which time the boathouse must be completed;
- 2) The boathouse must be constructed as shown on the application and cannot exceed the dimensions requested;
- 3) All exterior lighting must be non-reflective and directed downward;
- 4) A fire extinguisher that is accessible from the pier must be located within the boathouse; and
- 5) The approval of the boathouse does not imply nor grant the establishment of a riparian apportionment.

The vote on the motion is as follows:

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

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

Mr. Folk commented on the lighting as one of the conditions that was given as a restriction. Mr. Folk said at the end of the pier there will be a light that is required by the Coast Guard to be put up.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. Ron Herring stated that a 40 house subdivision is being built in Lancaster. It is a work force housing project, not a Section 8 housing type deal. He said it's a shame that Northumberland County didn't jump on the opportunity for this. He said the budget really needs to be looked at as far as the infrastructure for housing. We need to do something to get the opportunities back into this county.

Mr. Charles Folk wanted to make another comment on the request for Mr. Smiley's boathouse. He stated the walkway around the boathouse is 2 feet wide. Mr. Shirley, Zoning Administrator said access piers are not considered with the allowed permit.

*End Public Comment Period*

## **RE: BUDGET WORKSESSION**

Supervisor Self stated the Board needed to advertise a gross amount for the budget and what the levy will be.

The Board discussed the amount that may have to be cut out of the school budget. Mr. Long stated that the teachers should get the same percentage as county employees, 2 percent raise. Mr. Eades was questioned on the suggestion to cut part-time jobs in the county. Mr. Eades said two may be eliminated with what is proposed. Mr. Long asked how this would affect their livelihood.

Supervisor Self stated that after the Public Hearing for the budget, the Board needs to have a serious sit down. It was decided to have a budget worksession on June 3, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Old Courthouse Board Room.

Each Board member was asked to discuss their position on the increase amount of the tax levy to advertise. Supervisor Tomlin suggested 4 cents, Supervisor Long suggested 5 cents. Supervisor Haynie suggested 4 cents, and Supervisor Self suggested a 4 cent increase.

Upon motion by Richard F. Haynie, duly seconded by James M. Long, the board voted to advertise the 2008-2009 with a 4 cent increase per \$100 assessed value in the real estate tax rate. The vote on the motion is as follows:

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

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

County Administrator Eades stated that if the state had not cut \$1.2 million out of the county's budget we would not have been discussing an increase in the levy.

## **RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by A. Joseph Self, Sr., the Board voted unanimously to carry the meeting over to May 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the Budget Hearing. 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

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Kenneth D. Eades, Clerk