

Regular Meeting (Thursday, May 12, 2022)

This meeting is held pursuant to and in compliance with the Emergency Ordinance for Continuity of Government due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Members of the Board of Supervisors were present together at the New Courts Building, 220 Judicial Pl., Heathsville, VA 22473. Members of the public were present in attendance and virtually with approximately 15 call-ins noted.

Members present:

Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Other Staff Present:

Mr. Luttrell Tadlock, County Administrator

Mr. Drew Basye, Assistant County Administrator

Ms. Morgan Wilson, Executive Assistant

Mr. Robert Headley, IT Administrator

Mr. Matthew Bailey, IT Assistant

Mr. Eric Gregory, County Attorney

1. Opening of Meeting 5:30 P.M.

Procedural: A. Invocation - Supervisor Long

The invocation was led by Supervisor Long.

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Brann led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action: C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting.

Motion by: James M. Long, second by: Thomas H. Tomlin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: A. April 14, 2022, Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2022 regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: James M. Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action, Minutes: B. April 20, 2022, Special Called Budget Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the special called Board of Supervisors budget meeting on April 20, 2022.

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: James M. Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action, Minutes: C. September 9, 2021 Regular Meeting

County Administrator Luttrell Tadlock clarified that the September 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes were previously approved, but staff found a resolution placed under the incorrect action item. So, staff made some necessary corrections to portray what occurred at that meeting and brought the minutes back to the Board for reapproval.

Motion to approve the revised minutes from September 9, 2021.

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: James M. Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

3. Presentations

Action, Discussion: A. Three Rivers Health Department

The COO for the Three Rivers Health District, Brenden Rivenbark, and the Environmental Health Manager, David Fridley, came to the meeting as requested at the April 20, 2022 meeting to address any questions or concerns the Board may have.

Mr. Rivenbark provided a budget request to the Board in the amount of \$199,430 and introduced Mr. David Fridley to the Board in the intent of him addressing any of their concerns.

Supervisor Tomlin asked how many sanitarians there were based in Northumberland County.

Mr. Fridley answered by stating that there are three environmental staff members that serve Northumberland County and two of them are based in the local office.

Supervisor Jett expressed his concerns on an environmentalist traveling over two hours to inspect his business recently.

Mr. Fridley explained to Supervisor Jett that due to covid restrictions, they had food and safety inspectors from the entire ten county district travel from many different locations in order to get businesses up to date which had been deferred during covid.

Supervisor Tomlin asked if those staff members who are in the Northumberland office have to serve other counties as well.

Mr. Fridley stated that Mr. Hank Becker is one hundred percent committed to serve Northumberland County primarily with septic and well permits. Mr. Troy Randell serves both Northumberland and Westmoreland counties for the purpose of food safety inspections.

County Administrator reminded the Board that at the April 20, 2022 special called budget meeting they requested a representative from the Health Department to address questions/concerns before appropriating additional funds to the Health Department for FY22.

Motion to approve the additional funding requested by the Health Department based on the JLARC Study for the current fiscal year (FY22) with a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$22,270 to line-item 5101-6001.

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: James M. Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Supervisor Tomlin requested any businessowners and landowners who are affected by Health Department Services, to let the Board know this in the future so they can question a follow-up.

Information: B. Update from the Virginia Department of Transportation

Mr. David Beale came to the Board with an update regarding asphalt patching, pipe & ditch cleaning, patching potholes, and other work orders county wide. Mr. Beale informed the Board that mowing season is upon us and mowing will take place on primary and secondary routes starting in Lancaster at the end of the month and Northumberland will follow. Sight distance mowing will occur in the meantime. In regard to the paving schedule, they are still working in Richmond County, so Mr. Beale anticipates that they will be working in Northumberland towards the end of summer.

Supervisor Jett asked if the paving going on in Burgess is going to extend all the way to Cedar Point.

Mr. Beale confirmed that the paving will cover from Cedar Point to the four-lane highway east of Burgess on route 360.

Supervisor Tomlin asked Mr. Beale to consider putting a reduction of speed sign ahead on the Glebe Point side of route 200 when approaching the stop light.

Supervisor Long asked who oversaw the Norris and the Downing bridges.

Mr. Beale stated that there is a group of people that takes care of all the bridges in the district.

Supervisor Long expressed his concerns on the Norris bridge.

Mr. Beale informed the Board that it is costly to replace the bridge but there is a long-term program taking place and Mr. Beale offered to get those dates and funding for what is planned to Supervisor Long.

Supervisor Tomlin asked which residency oversees each bridge.

Mr. Beale stated that Saluda oversees the Norris bridge and Mr. Beale (Northern Neck Residency) oversees the Downing bridge.

Action, Information: C. Proclamation - National Safe Boating Week

Motion to approve the proclamation for National Safe Boating week as presented:

**Proclamation
For National Safe Boating Week
May 21-27, 2022
County of Northumberland, Virginia**

During National Safe Boating Week, May 21 through May 27th this year, the U.S. Coast Guard and its federal, state, and local safe boating partners encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly.

Safe boating begins with preparation. The Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for most boating accidents and that life jackets could prevent nearly 86 percent of boating fatalities. Through basic boating safety procedures – carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober when navigating – we can help ensure boaters on America's coastal, inland, and offshore waters stay safe throughout the season.

National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout the year.

- Whereas, in 2021, 19 people died and 47 were significantly injured on Virginia waters.
- Whereas, each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S., almost 84% of fatalities are caused by drowning; and
- Whereas, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and
- Whereas, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets.

Therefore, The Northumberland County Board of Supervisors, do hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 21-27, 2022 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating. In Witness Thereof, I urge all those who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating. Given under my signature and the seal of the County of Northumberland, VA, this 12th day of May, 2022.

Motion by Thomas H. Tomlin, second by Ronald L. Jett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action, Information: D. Resolution - EMS Week

Motion to approve the resolution for EMS week as presented:

**EMS WEEK RESOLUTION
May 15-May 21, 2022**

A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Northumberland County, Virginia, recognizing the important contributions made to the well-being and safety of the County's citizens by Emergency Services personnel, and, establishing the week of May 15 through May 21, 2022, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Northumberland County.

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and,

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Northumberland County, Virginia, hereby commends all Emergency Services Personnel who serve this county for their dedication to the safety, health, and well-being of all County citizens, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the week of May 15 through 21, 2022, shall be observed throughout the County as Emergency Medical Services Appreciation Week with this year's theme being, "THIS IS EMS: Caring for Our Communities."

ADOPTED: May 12, 2022

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: James W. Brann.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action, Information: E. Resolution - Police Week

Motion to approve the resolution for Police week as presented:

**DESIGNATING MAY 15-21, 2022 AS
VIRGINIA POLICE WEEK**

WHEREAS, police officers throughout state of Virginia work tirelessly to protect and serve citizens, enforce laws, keep our neighborhoods, schools and families safe; and

WHEREAS, police officers report for duty aware of the sacrifices they may be called upon to make and risk their lives each and every day in order to safeguard the public and enforce laws of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the selfless dedication and bravery of our local, Northumberland County police officers as our safety and well-being is promoted by their devotion to maintaining peace and security; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Police Week is an opportunity to honor officers and recognize the sacrifices made by the families of those that continue to protect and serve our county and the state of Virginia, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors recognize Virginia Police Week and hereby commends all police officers in the County and in the state of Virginia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages all members of our community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our officers for their dedication and devotion to their work.

ADOPTED: May 12, 2022

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: Richard F. Haynie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action, Information: F. Resolution - Public Service Recognition Week

Motion to approve the resolution for Public Service Recognition week as presented:

**Public Service Recognition Week
Resolution of Appreciation**

WHEREAS: public servants give tireless efforts every single day to serve Americans at many levels of government.

WHEREAS: public servants in Northumberland County include local, state, and federal government employees from varied professions; and

WHEREAS: public employees take not only jobs, but solemn oaths;

WHEREAS: day in and day out they continue to fulfill their duties by providing the diverse services demanded by the American people of their government with efficiency and integrity; and

WHEREAS: without these public servants at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors do hereby announce and proclaim to all citizens and set hereto, that May 1-7, 2022, is Public Service Recognition Week. All citizens are encouraged to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government servants within Northumberland County, Virginia.

Adopted: May 12, 2022

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: Richard F. Haynie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action, Information: G. Resolution - Teacher Appreciation Week

Motion to approve the resolution for Teacher Appreciation week as presented:

**NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 2, 2022 – MAY 6, 2022**

WHEREAS, teachers mold future citizens through guidance and education; and

WHEREAS, teachers encounter students of widely differing backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, our country's future depends upon providing quality education to all students; and

WHEREAS, teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students and performing community service; and

WHEREAS, our community recognizes and supports its teachers in educating the children of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors proclaims May 2-6, 2022, to be **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages all members of our community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.

ADOPTED: May 12, 2022

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: James W. Brann.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action, Information: H. Update from Northumberland County Schools

District III School Board member, Denise Mazyck, came to the Board to address any questions they may have regarding the provided packet update.

County Administrator Tadlock stated the Board received additional answers to their questions and it was requested to schedule a date for another joint meeting with the School Board.

Motion to hold a public hearing on May 26, 2022 at 7 p.m. for FY22 budget amendment.

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: James M. Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

4. County Administrators Report

Information: A. Building Permit Report

Action, Information: B. Re-appointment - Luttrell Tadlock, Middle Peninsula Juvenile Detention Commission

Motion to approve the re-appointment of E. Luttrell Tadlock on the Middle Peninsula Juvenile Detention Commission.

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: James M. Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action, Information: C. Re-appointment - Lee Allain, Economic Development Commission District I

Motion to approve the re-appointment of Lee Allain for the Economic Development Commission, District I.

Motion by: James M. Long, second by: Thomas H. Tomlin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action: D. Re-appointment - Jamie Tucker, Rappahannock Community College Board

Motion to approve the re-appointment of Jamie Tucker for the Rappahannock Community College Board.

Motion by: Ronald L. Jett, second by: Thomas H. Tomlin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action, Information: E. RFP- Water/Wastewater Engineering Services on retainer

County Administrator Tadlock provided an RFP document for water/wastewater engineering services on retainer for the Board's review. County Administrator Tadlock expressed staff's desire for having an engineer on retainer rather than putting out for a RFP each time such services are requested.

County Attorney Eric Gregory recommended the County start off with a three-year term that can be renewed for two additional one-year terms, totaling a five-year term.

Motion to advertise the RFP on water/wastewater engineering service on retainer with County Attorney Gregory's recommendation of a three-year term with two additional one-year terms, totaling five years.

Motion by Ronald L. Jett, second by Thomas H. Tomlin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action, Information: F. Certificate of Satisfaction

In 1996, a deed of trust was made by and between Joseph R. Taylor, Sr., Florence Taylor (widow), Bernard E. Taylor, Kermit Taylor, Mabel Taylor, and Janet Kieve – GRANTORS, and Northumberland County, TRUSTEE, for a forgivable loan over a five-year period. This five-year period has passed, but to date nothing has been recorded saying that the loan is satisfied.

County Administrator Tadlock has been working with County Attorney Gregory on a certificate of satisfaction and requested the Board's authorization to sign and have it recorded.

Motion to approve the certificate of satisfaction, giving County Administrator Tadlock authorization to sign and have it recorded in the Northumberland County Clerk's office.

Motion by: James M. Long, second by: James W. Brann.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Information: G. Upcoming Budget Updates/Information

County Administrator Tadlock informed the Board that the Planning Commission held their public hearing on the capital improvement plan and staff will be getting that information to the Board in order to set up future dates.

A proposed budget meeting schedule can be accessed in board docs but is subject to change.

Information: H. EVB Roof Update

County Administrator Tadlock provided a draft document from the engineer regarding the roof on the EVB building and asked the Board to let him know of any questions so he can notify the engineer.

Information: I. Other County Administration Items

The County received a response from the Office of the Attorney General in reference to the request for redistricting and the changes of the County's voting districts. The Office of the Attorney General found no reason to object the proposed changes, so staff is moving forward with the Registrar's Office by providing the necessary information for them to make the appropriate changes.

County Administrator Tadlock presented the Board with some future dates for the Fire Study presentation.

The Board asked Mr. Tadlock to provide Fire Programs the dates of July 20 and July 27, to see which date works best for them.

Mr. Tadlock also informed the Board that the local emergency declaration ends at the end of May 2022, so with this ending the covid leave policy in place would be terminated.

Action, Information: J. Northern Neck Regional Jail Board Budget

Provided in board docs is the Northern Neck Regional Jail Board budget totaling \$10,177, 218 and is no cost to the localities. The Jail Board did approve this budget at their last meeting, but each locality will need to approve as well.

Motion to approve the Northern Neck Regional Jail Board Budget.

Motion by: James M. Long, second by: Thomas H. Tomlin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

5. Board of Supervisor Items

Action: A. Approval of Check Register

Motion to approve the check register for May 2022.

Motion by: James M. Long, second by: James W. Brann.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Information: B. Board Comments

No comments were made at this time.

6. Items Related to Closed Meeting

Action: A. Convene into Closed Meeting

Motion to Action: A. Convene into Closed Meeting: convene into closed meeting as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3); 3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: Ronald L. Jett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action: B. Reconvene into Open Meeting

Motion to reconvene into open session.

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: James W. Brann.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Action: C. Certification of Closed Meeting

Motion that the Northumberland Board of Supervisors return to Public Meeting and certify by roll call vote that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered during the closed meeting.

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

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James W. Brann, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James M. Long

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: Ronald L. Jett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Information: D. Action(s) taken from Closed Meeting

No action was taken.

7. Public Comments

Mr. O'Brien explained to the Board that he has been going through the contract for the new school facility building and it does not contain anything specific on the design specification of the building. Mr. O'Brien expressed that because of this, it's impossible to understand what they are doing other than going by what was stated at the joint meeting with the School Board on May 4, 2022. Mr. O'Brien stated that the citizens of the County are extremely concerned about this building and urgently advise the Board to delay the approval until the full facts behind it are disclosed.

Ms. Brooks came to the Board to speak on the school's budget. As a teacher, she is concerned that there has not been a budget approved yet when the school is only asking for level funding. Her concerns are that if the Board does not approve a budget soon, we will have teachers who will finish the year without next years contracts, which will cause the schools to lose teachers permanently. Ms. Brooks stated that she is aware the Board is being conservative because the state has not approved their budget, but the state is in a surplus right now, so the County is not going to lose money.

Mrs. Sterrett informed the Board that at the last joint meeting with the School Board a document was presented that answered all of Mr. O'Brien's concerns. Mrs. Sterrett stated that the building contract and design is open and available to anyone who would like to see it. She expressed that this building is needed for the school system, so she asked the Board to approve the appropriation to allowing the kids to benefit from such an opportunity.

Mrs. O'Bier is disappointed that the Board of Supervisors has not voted on approving the school budget or the appropriation of funds for the new school facility. She stated that every year there has been a delay in passing the school budget which hinders the ability to secure the contracts of the school employees before the last day of school.

Mrs. Blue, the Library Director in Northumberland County provided a new mobile library schedule for the Board. She would like to see the Board share this with the public in efforts to see more people using the new mobile library.

Ms. Smart came to the Board to make them and the public aware of her observations. Ms. Smart stated that she has attended other Board meetings in other counties in this area and in other parts of the state and noticed that usually more than one School Board representative attends their regular meetings. She informed the Board that when the School Board approaches their Board of Supervisors, they provide appropriate information involving what is going on in their school system. Ms. Smart stated that for several months attending Board meetings in this County, no School Board representatives were present, but one started attending early this year. Upon being asked a question, the statement "I will get back to you" was frequently made. Ms. Smart also brought up some of her concerns with the timeline of the RFQ advertised for this new facility building and thinks the Board should look further into this.

Mr. Dickens is the Chemistry and Physics teacher, along with being the Supervisor of the engineering and game design students. He expressed that he was one of these many reasons why the school needs this building and that he is teaching real world skills that takes larger equipment to do so, desperately needing space for storage.

Mr. Johnson shared his observation of many inconsistencies with insufficient information given on the contract for the new facility.

Mrs. Baker stated that the new facility building for the school is funded.

Dr. Crockett expressed the need for balance between the School Board and Board of Supervisors. She emphasized that we are not thinking about the well-being of everyone if we were to put

everything into a diagram. Dr. Crockett believes that some individuals have a hidden agenda, and everyone just need to think rationally so we can create that balance.

Ms. Lesley Newman spoke on her experience as a newcomer to the Board meetings. She was disappointed that the County recognized Teacher Appreciation Week with a resolution a week late.

Mr. Perez expressed that the statements read in the paper were very disheartening. Along with this, Mr. Perez stated that if the Board wants information from the School Board, they must seek it and that going back and forth will never create a good outcome. He also stated that the Board of Supervisors and the School Board cannot continue to blame each other for lack of communication when they are the source, emphasizing that they need to work together successfully to do what is best for the County.

8. Public Hearings 7:00 P.M.

Action, Information: A. Request by Hacks Neck Farms, LLC, owner, and Myles Cockrell, applicant for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a commercial aquaculture operation (rearing and harvesting of oysters) off the Great Wicomico River on property zoned B-1, Business. The property is shown as Tax Map Parcel #36-A(1)-67- and is located at 104 Glebe Point Lane.

Claudette Lajoie, agent of the project, came to the Board to answer any questions they may have.

Chairman Haynie asked Mrs. Lajoie to explain the project.

Mrs. Lajoie stated that this project is taking place at Glebes Point, right at the base of the Wicomico bridge. There are existing docks already in place there, and the plan is to put four upwellers that are approximately 20' x 40' in four of those existing slip areas for harvesting oysters. Submitted was a joint application and they are currently working with the core of engineers and VMRC to answer any questions they may have as well.

Public Hearing Open.

No comments were made.

Public Hearing Closed.

Zoning Administrator Philip Marston read the suggest conditions concerning this project.

Suggested Conditions if Approved:

1. All required permits and/or licenses shall be obtained from all appropriate regulatory agencies, including but not limited to the Va. Marine Resources Commission.
2. All exterior lighting shall be non-reflective and directed downward.
3. The commercial piers shall be repaired and/or secured to prevent any further navigation issues.
4. The four oyster upweller systems shall be placed inside the existing slips on the commercial pier as shown on the joint permit application.

Motion to approve the conditional use permit to allow a commercial aquaculture operation (rearing and harvesting of oysters) off the Great Wicomico River with the suggested conditions.

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: James M. Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann

Due to technical difficulties, during the public comment period there were other citizens who were unable to speak, so these individuals spoke at this time.

Mr. Lemon is the JROTC instructor at the Northumberland High School and expressed his need for this building in order to teach his JROTC students properly.

Mrs. Choya Haynie stated that she was not against the new facility building but there are other things in the County that also need to be paid for, so it's just about making sure all the money goes to the right places.

Mr. Brumley had two sons who were in JROTC and believes that the best recruits, volunteers, and soldiers are those who have some background in military discipline.

Supervisor Long expressed his appreciation for those in the County who work so hard for the students and does not see why he shouldn't support this new facility for the school.

Supervisor Long motioned to approve the supplemental appropriation for the School Board so they can move on with the grant on the facility building.

Chairman Haynie mentioned to Supervisor Long that the Board must hold a public hearing on the budget amendment before a motion can be made.

County Administrator Tadlock informed Supervisor Long that the Board held a public hearing on the ESSER II funds and a portion of ESSER III, and these monies are placed in the budget, but they are not appropriated. So, the remaining portion of the ESSER III funds and the other grants must be presented to the Board before approval of the appropriation because it is more than one percent of the County's budgeted expenditure for the current fiscal year. A public hearing for this budget amendment will need to take place and is scheduled for May 26, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Supervisor Tomlin asked County Administrator Tadlock to clarify how long the ESSER money is good for.

County Administrator Tadlock stated that these monies are good through September of 2024.

After some clarification from County Administrator Tadlock, Supervisor Long withdrew his motion.

9. Closing of Meeting

Action: A. Carry-Over

Motion to carry-over to the May 18, 2022 called Board of Supervisors meeting with the Radio Committee at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by: Thomas H. Tomlin, second by: James M. Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Ronald L. Jett, James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, Thomas H. Tomlin, James W. Brann