

Joint Quarterly Meeting with the Board of Supervisors and the School Board (Wednesday, November 2, 2022)

Northumberland County, Virginia

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

The joint quarterly meeting with the School Board was convened by Chairman Haynie and held at the Northumberland Courthouse located at 220 Judicial Place, Heathsville, VA 22473.

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

The School Board Chair called the School Board meeting to order as this was a joint meeting. Attending the meeting was Betty Christopher, Gayle Sterrett, Denise Mazyck, Dr. Cheryl Davis, and Dana O'Bier.

Information: A. Discussion - Joint Meeting with School Board

Chairman Haynie handed the discussion over to Superintendent Wargo to begin her presentation.

Superintendent Wargo began by announcing that the interim Finance Director, Shelley Vanlandingham, could not attend tonight's meeting. Dr. Wargo then introduced the new Finance Director, Tara Booth, whose official start date will be on November 7, 2022.

Superintendent Wargo and Mrs. Booth presented multiple updates on topics such as the school's enrollment, the average daily membership, the new construction building for the JROTC/STEM/athletic programs, the new construction of a school board office on Academic Lane, the passenger bus and special education bus quotes, the status of federal grant funds, the school's accreditation, the employee bonus compensation, and the current job vacancies. Lastly, presented to the Board was a report update on the maintenance and facilities projects throughout the school division. This full presentation can be accessed in Board Docs.

Chairman Haynie complimented Dr. Wargo on a well done report.

Supervisor Brann mentioned Mr. Hooper's generous donation of time and materials for the asphalt repair at the school and asked if the school division recognizes this in any way.

Superintendent Wargo stated that letters of appreciation are sent out and sometimes the School Board will do something publicly at their monthly meetings.

Supervisor Brann would like the Board to thank Mr. Hooper for his donation to the school.

Supervisor Brann believes that the Board needs to have further discussion at their next Board meeting on the roof at the bus garage.

The Board of Supervisors requested Mr. Jeff Brann's attendance at the regular meeting on November 10, 2022 so further discussion can be made regarding the bus garage roof.

Mrs. O'Bier would like an update on the roof at the old EVB building.

County Administrator Tadlock stated that the engineer, Dave Liebal, has been back to the facility and is currently drafting the construction documents.

Mrs. O'Bier asked what the timeframe looked like for completing the project.

County Administrator Tadlock stated that we are looking at receiving those documents around December or January, and once we do receive them, then the County would go through the bidding process. The County would be in the position to award that contract in early Spring if not sooner, and from there it would depend on the contractor's time frame and when they are able to get started on the project.

The Board of Supervisors and School Board agreed to schedule their next joint quarterly meeting for February 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Mazyck asked about the status of the old school board office building in Lottsburg.

County Administrator Tadlock stated that the County was waiting for a survey to be completed and staff received it this week, so once that is presented to the Board tonight, this matter should be close to being resolved.

The School Board's Chair, Betty Christopher, adjourned to close the joint meeting.

Action: B. Tourism ARPA Funds Budget

County Administrator Tadlock provided a spreadsheet created by several members working on the ARPA Tourism Funding Program that shows what types of funding the County anticipates putting this money towards.

Motion to approve submitting an application to the Virginia Tourism Cooperation for the ARPA Tourism Recovery Program.

Motion by: James W. Brann, 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

2. 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)(1)(3); 1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively. 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: James M. Long.

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 M. Long.

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

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: D. Action(s) taken from Closed Meeting, Sanitary District Position

Motion to hire Patrick Palmiotto for the Sanitary District Wastewater Operator/Maintenance starting on November 1, 2022 with a starting salary of \$34,532.57.

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: E. Action(s) taken from Closed Meeting, Interim Position of EMS Chief

Motion to hire Darren Clegg as the part-time interim Chief of Emergency Services at an hourly rate of \$32.50 per hour.

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. Closing of Meeting

Action: A. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

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