

**MINUTES
KING WILLIAM COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION OF NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of King William County, Virginia, was held on the 7th day of November, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building.

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Greenwood called the work session to order.

RE: ROLL CALL

The members were polled:

William L. Hodges	Aye
Travis J. Moskalski, Vice Chairman	Aye
David E. Hansen	Aye
Robert W. Ehrhart II	Aye
Stephen K. Greenwood, Chairman	Aye

Others in attendance:

Sanford B. Wanner, Interim County Administrator
Daniel M. Stuck, County Attorney
Bobbie Tassinari, Director of Financial Services
Wally Horton, Director of Community Development
Stephen A. Aigner, Chief of Fire and EMS
Bobbi Langston, Deputy Clerk to the Board

RE: PROPOSED WORK SESSION AGENDA

a. Meet with General Assembly Delegation to discuss the King William County 2017 Draft Legislative Program – Chairman Greenwood introduced and welcomed Senator Norment, Delegate Peace, and Delegate Hodges.

The legislators shared insight on several important subjects that included the tight State budget; shortfall in revenues due to the slow recovery after the recession; recognition that revenues are limited and need to be recognized; raises for State employees will probably not happen, nor additional revenues for Constitutional Officers; higher education is always being looked at; composite index is not expected to change; sales taxes are off which are also attributed to a shortfall in revenues; economic development is a very important factor; Department of Defense spending is a challenge; Medicaid expansion is not expected to happen for a variety of reasons; and Virginia cannot afford for Medicare costs to increase. The legislators strongly suggested collaborating and partnering with other jurisdictions on items important to King William County.

The discussion continued on the list of items on the County's draft legislative program and concerns the Board wants addressed in future State legislation. Questions were raised on whether the State can support increases in local education funding moving forward. Concerns of continued increasing costs for social services were brought up. The Board expressed interest in expanding taxation authority and State funding for water supply efforts.

Senator Norment elaborated on the subject of water supply and said such efforts are long term projects. He added that the coordination between multiple localities would be required to reach a viable solution to acquire enough water without causing damage to an underground aquifer that supplies drinkable water to the region. He noted education funding falling short was a result of a State revenue shortfall.

Delegate Peace said the State budget covers social services and although there is a greater dependence on these services a fair amount is being put in for these services. Other measures are being looked at to help with this effort; a downturn in the economy puts greater pressures on these services.

Delegate Hodges said that access to broadband is a problem in the Middle Peninsula. He noted people are not going to relocate to areas if this service is not available, however new initiatives are in the works. Economic development is important and he feels the recently organized Economic Development Organization in the Middle Peninsula is a plus. He stressed the importance of moving forward with keeping and securing jobs locally, so people stay in the area they live and spend money here instead of spending elsewhere.

Mr. Wanner shared that the State Office of Pesticides cut back the funding for Colony Collapse Disorder, a disease attacking the honeybee industry of Virginia. Funding was withdrawn from the three year study performed by Virginia Tech. He said this has a great economic impact on the honeybee industry, particularly in King William County. He will provide contact information to the legislators.

Delegate Peace recognized the good work provided by the office of Sheriff Walton and the office of Commonwealth's Attorney Mathew Kite for King William County. He stressed the importance of support for law enforcement. Delegate Hodges echoed and agreed.

RE: RECESS:

Meeting Recessed – at 8:30 p.m. Chairman Greenwood declared a short recess.

Meeting Reconvened – at 8:40 p.m. the meeting was reconvened in open session by order of the Chair.

b. Comprehensive Plan work session – Mr. Horton, Director of Community Development, gave a brief summary of the item for discussion. He explained that a Comprehensive Plan is not a legal document guide and does not regulate, it is for guidance and serves as a long term plan. The Plan presented meets the requirements of State Code and includes regulations that govern comprehensive plans. He envisions this Plan to be reviewed yearly by the Planning Commission when amendments can be initiated. He also noted that demographic information and statistics in the document should be kept up to date.

Mr. Horton introduced Mr. John Breeden, Chairman of the King William County Planning Commission. Mr. Breeden shared that the current Comprehensive Plan was approved in 2002. The Planning Commission, in their meeting of September 6, 2016, recommended approval of the current document and approval was given to Staff to make grammatical corrections to the document. He prefers consideration by the Board of Supervisors is done prior to focusing on the County budget process.

Discussions included enough housing to accommodate expected population growth; roadway improvements and traffic impacts; the two Indian Reservations in the County are mentioned in the tourism section of the document; and urban development areas and affordable housing.

The Board agreed to review and consider the revisions to the document presented tonight. It was recommended where septic tank disposal is referenced in the document be replaced with “onsite disposal system”. Also, it was suggested references should be made to the statistic sources.

A public hearing on this matter is scheduled for the regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors on November 21, 2016. It was noted the draft Comprehensive Plan is available on the County website for viewing.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Greenwood adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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Stephen K. Greenwood, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Bobbi L. Langston
Deputy Clerk to the Board