

**MINUTES
KING WILLIAM COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of King William County, Virginia, was held on the 28th day of March, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the County Administration Building, with the following present:

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

K. Charles Griffin, County Administrator
Daniel M. Stuck, County Attorney

RE: CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The members were polled:

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| W. L. Hodges | Aye |
| T. J. Moskalski | Aye |
| D. E. Hansen | Aye |
| R. W. Ehrhart II | Aye |
| S. K. Greenwood | Aye |

RE: REVIEW OF MEETING AGENDA

There was general discussion of the meeting agenda items.

The Board recessed and moved to the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building to continue the meeting.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 7:15 p.m.

RE: MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Greenwood called for a moment of silence. He noted the recent passing of Mr. James Townsend and suggested that the family be kept in our thoughts and prayers.

RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Greenwood led the pledge of allegiance.

RE: ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Supervisor Ehrhart moved for the adoption of the agenda for this meeting as presented by the County Administrator with the following changes: under the Consent Agenda item 7a iv was added to approve the meeting minutes of the February 23, 2016 School Board meeting being incorporated into the Board of Supervisors minutes;

and item 7e was updated to revise the resolution that now becomes Resolution 16-20(R); motion was seconded by Supervisor Moskalski and approved by the following roll call vote:

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| T. J. Moskalski | Aye |
| D. E. Hansen | Aye |
| R. W. Ehrhart II | Aye |
| W. L. Hodges | Aye |
| S. K. Greenwood | Aye |

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Moskalski moved for approval of the items on the Consent Agenda, motion was seconded by Supervisor Hansen.

Chairman Greenwood called for any discussion.

There being no discussions the consent agenda was approved by the following roll call vote:

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| D. E. Hansen | Aye |
| R. W. Ehrhart II | Aye |
| W. L. Hodges | Aye |
| T. J. Moskalski | Aye |
| S. K. Greenwood | Aye |

a. Minutes:

- i. Work Session of February 8, 2016
- ii. Regular Meeting of February 22, 2016
- iii. Joint Meeting of February 23, 2016 between the Board of Supervisors and the King William County School Board.
- iv. Addition of the minutes of the February 23, 2016 Joint Budget Work Session with the King William County School Board, prepared by the School Board Clerk, to the minutes of the Board of Supervisors as an appendix.

b. Claims against the County for the month of March, 2016, in the amount of \$982,604.04 as follows:

(1) General Fund Warrants #81978-82058 in the amount of \$125,707.59; ACH Direct Payments #7445-7540 in the amount of \$121,742.54; Direct Deposits #21800-21936 in the amount of \$198,197.82; and Electronic Tax Payment in the amount of \$120,432.49.

(2) For informational purposes, Social Services expenditures for the month of March, 2016, Warrants #310848-310926 in the amount of \$20,494.78; ACH Direct Payments #1668-1689 in the amount of \$14,906.89; Direct Deposits #3691-

3716 in the amount of \$33,416.90; and Electronic Tax Payment in the amount of \$18,757.02.

(3) For informational purposes, Comprehensive Services Act Fund expenditures for the month of March, 2016, Warrants #82059-82071 in the amount of \$211,773.03; and ACH Direct Payments #7541-7552 in the amount of \$112,297.95.

(4) Tax refunds for the month of March, 2016, in the amount of \$4,878.03.

c. Resolution 16-18 as follows:

RESOLUTION 16-18
A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
TREASURER OF KING WILLIAM COUNTY
TO ISSUE A REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND
DUE TO ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT ON
FARM MACHINERY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue has determined an erroneous tax assessment has been made on certain farm equipment that is exempt from taxation under the King William County Code and certified the same to this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue has determined that the taxpayer paid all taxes due on the erroneous assessment and is entitled to a refund of excess taxes paid for the year 2015 in the amount of \$5,840.00, together with interest, and such refund has been consented to by the County Attorney, all as provided for in Section 58.1-3981 of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required to direct the Treasurer to issue a property tax refund together with the appropriate amount of interest calculated to the time of refund on the overpayment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of King William County this 28th day of March, 2016, directs the Treasurer to issue a refund of \$5,840.00, together with interest to the time of refund, calculated in accordance with law, to the taxpayer(s) paying the same.

d. Resolution 16-19 as follows:

RESOLUTION 16-19
A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
TREASURER OF KING WILLIAM COUNTY
TO ISSUE A REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND
DUE TO ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT ON
FARM MACHINERY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue has determined an erroneous tax assessment has been made on certain farm equipment that is exempt from taxation under the King William County Code and certified the same to this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue has determined that the taxpayer paid all taxes due on the erroneous assessment and is entitled to a refund of excess taxes paid for the year 2015 in the amount of \$2,642.00, together with interest, and such refund has been consented to by the County Attorney, all as provided for in Section 58.1-3981 of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required to direct the Treasurer to issue a property tax refund together with the appropriate amount of interest calculated to the time of refund on the overpayment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of King William County this 28th day of March, 2016, directs the Treasurer to issue a refund of \$2,642.00, together with interest to the time of refund, calculated in accordance with law, to the taxpayer, Farm Credit Leasing Corp.

e. Resolution 16-20(R) as follows:

Resolution 16-20(R)
Broadband Service from New Kent County
Water Tank Attachment Agreement

WHEREAS, the County Administrative Complex has longstanding, poor internet service. Download and upload speeds are quite slow making necessary tasks difficult to accomplish; and

WHEREAS, the cost to add a second T1 line, which would provide some improvement in speed; comes with a reoccurring cost of approximately \$11,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, there is no high speed carrier in the vicinity of the County Administrative Complex, however a "fixed wireless" connection is available to Cox Communications via the elevated water tank at the New Kent County Administrative Center for which there is an unimpeded line of sight to the Virginia Department of Forestry Fire Tower at the King William County Administrative Complex; and

WHEREAS, each of the buildings in the King William County Administrative Complex would immediately benefit from this "fixed wireless" high speed connection as each building is already connected to a buried fiber optic line; and

WHEREAS, only a short run of new fiber would have to be added to connect the westernmost building, Social Services, to this existing fiber network; and

WHEREAS, the New Kent County Board of Supervisors in their Regular Meeting of March 14, 2016, unanimously approved a five-year agreement allowing King William County to place the necessary antenna on their elevated water tank at the New Kent County Administrative Complex, conditioned only on King William County waiving New Kent County of liability if King William County's antenna were damaged and on King William County being responsible for any damage that might be caused by the placement of the antenna on New Kent's facilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the King William County Board of Supervisors approve Resolution 16-20(R), authorizing the County Administrator to sign an agreement with New Kent County that allows King William County to place a broadband antenna and equipment on the New Kent Water Tank, located at New Kent County's Administration Complex.

f. Resolution 16-22 as follows:

Resolution 16-22
King William County
Resolution in Support of National Crime Victims' Rights Week
April 10th through 16th, 2016

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, many victims of crime face challenges in finding appropriate services, and victims can feel disconnected from the justice and social response systems, losing trust in the ability of those systems to recognize them and respond to their needs; and

WHEREAS, Victims of repeat victimization who fail to receive supportive services are at greater risk for long-term consequences of crime; and

WHEREAS, the victim services community works to create an environment for victims that is safe, supportive, and effective; and

WHEREAS, intervening early with services that support and empower victims provides a pathway to recovery from crime and abuse; and

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims, including their right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

WHEREAS, serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as their communities; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 10 through 16, 2016, is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime – even those who are challenging to reach or serve – are offered accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

WHEREAS, the King William County Sheriff's Office, the West Point Police Department, King William County Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, and King William/King and Queen Victim Witness Assistance Program are each dedicated to serving victims of crime, building trust, and restoring hope for justice and healing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the King William County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of April 10-16, 2016 as CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the King William County Board of Supervisors hereby reaffirms King William County's commitment to creating and maintaining a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year.

RE: BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Resolution 16-21 – Recognition of the accomplishment of the Pamunkey Indian

Tribe in achieving federal recognition – Chairman Greenwood presented the resolution to Chief Robert Gray, accompanied by a number of the members of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe, while Supervisor Hansen read the resolution aloud.

Supervisor Hansen moved for approval of Resolution 16-21, motion was seconded by Supervisor Moskalski and approved by the following roll call vote:

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| R. W. Ehrhart II | Aye |
| W. L. Hodges | Aye |
| T. J. Moskalski | Aye |
| D. E. Hansen | Aye |
| S. K. Greenwood | Aye |

Resolution 16-21
KING WILLIAM COUNTY
RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe traces its ancestral roots to the Pamunkey River area back more than 10,000 years and grew in size and importance such that by

the early 1600s, the Pamunkey were the largest tribe in the Algonquin Powhatan Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe and their paramount chief, Chief Powhatan, provided essential assistance to Captain John Smith and his settlers such that the Jamestown settlers became the first successful settlement in America; and

WHEREAS, Chief Powhatan with deserved recognition is reverently buried in King William County near the Pamunkey River; and

WHEREAS, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe is one of only two tribes that retain their reservation lands as per their treaties of 1646 and 1677 with the colonial English government; and

WHEREAS, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe in 1982 documented their history and genealogy back to 1787 and began the process of applying for federal recognition; but faced significant opposition for a number of reasons, both political and economic; and

WHEREAS, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe successfully earned preliminary federal recognition in 2014; but faced additional opposition during the lengthy public comment period and challenge before the Interior Board of Indian Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe successfully withstood all challenges and appeals and in late January 2016 earned final federal recognition and now will receive all of the benefits and rights of federally recognized tribes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the King William County Board of Supervisors with much respect and admiration commend the Pamunkey Indian Tribe for successfully securing federal recognition and the rights and benefits that go with this much due recognition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the King William County Board of Supervisors pledges its assistance to the Pamunkey Indian Tribe as the tribe moves forward to secure and improve a high quality of life and liberty for its members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution expressing the respect and admiration of this Board of Supervisors on this matter shall be conveyed to Chief Robert Gray and his Tribal Council and shall be spread upon the meeting minutes of said Board of Supervisors.

b. Update from Arts Alive – Mr. Earl Wilson, President – Mr. Wilson addressed the Board and gave a brief summary of the history of Arts Alive, Inc., that has been in existence for over 10 years. The organization is devoted to promoting and stimulating an awareness and love of the arts and intends to achieve this goal by instituting, funding, supporting and administering arts programs. Programs are offered to the citizens of the counties of King William, King and Queen, New Kent and the Town of West Point.

Private dollars and earned income are raised through hosting events such as art auctions, art receptions and dinners before shows. They actively seek local community support from individuals, businesses and service organizations. Support for the organization is received from local governments in their service area, as well as the Elis Olsson Memorial Foundation, the Robins Family Trust, the Virginia

Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Local Government Challenge Grants help tremendously, each dollar up to \$5,000 contributed by local governments is matched dollar-for-dollar by the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Staff for the organization consists of 1 paid part-time employee and 15 volunteer directors from the service areas, over 80 vital volunteers assist throughout the year with events.

Some of the valuable programs offered to the community includes season performances; visual arts workshops and exhibits; summer camps for children; and college scholarships. For the 2015-2016 season there were 322 season subscribers, 168 from King William County which equals 52% of the season pass holders. Students are utilized to provide technology support, for most performances, which affords them with hands-on training in stage lighting and sound.

In closing, Mr. Wilson thanked the Board for their past and continued support and offered to answer any questions.

Supervisor Hansen asked for clarification that the match made by the County equals \$5,000.

Mr. Wilson confirmed that the match made by King William County in the past has been \$5,000. He further explained that upon a request made by Arts Alive to the Commission of the Arts a match is granted, dollar-for-dollar.

Supervisor Hansen suggested possibly holding events in the northern end of the County.

Mr. Wilson said this has been suggested in the past and agreed this should be revisited. He said the organization has had discussions on how to expand the services.

Supervisor Ehrhart asked for clarification of the total operational budget and how much is contributed by each participating locality.

Mr. Wilson stated 3 out of the 4 localities donate \$5,000. He said the total operational budget is approximately \$75,000 yearly. He noted there is one part-time employee on payroll.

Supervisor Hodges asked for clarification that donations are made back to the drama clubs.

Mr. Wilson verified that the organization donates to local schools and organizations by paid advertisements in event programs and donation of tickets for events for auctions or sales.

Supervisor Moskalski thanked Arts Alive for their services and said this is a good opportunity for local businesses and the community to come together. He noted his company has sponsored events and feels it is an opportunity to be a corporate citizen and be active in the community.

Supervisor Ehrhart asked for clarification of how the operational costs are covered; saying that basically half of the operational costs comes from donations and the other half comes from government entities.

Mr. Wilson confirmed that a large portion of the operational costs is covered by donations that are received from foundations and grants from various trusts.

c. Update from Quin Rivers – Dr. Jack Lanier, Executive Director – Dr. Lanier greeted the Board and stated he has been with Quin Rivers for just over one year. He gave a brief summary of the Community Action Agency and announced they are celebrating their 50th anniversary, which was created as part of the Economic Activities Act of 1964, Quin Rivers was created in 1970. Over the last several years they have enjoyed a very good working relationship with eleven counties extending from Charles City to Fredericksburg. He pointed out that Ms. Anne Mitchell, Director of Social Services, serves on their Board of Directors representing King William County. He also introduced his colleague, Emily DeCarlo, Client Services Director.

He stated the budget request from King William County for Quin Rivers this year is for \$5,000; noting the allocated amount last year was \$1,000. He said in terms of the overall contribution this represents approximately 2% of the total donations received from all localities participating. He reviewed some of the programs provided by the agency which include homeless prevention services; housing counseling for foreclosure prevention and pre-purchasing counseling; Project Hope a critical program to assist survivors, families and relatives, of domestic violence and sexual assault; safe date awareness program is brought to local schools; and supportive services for veteran families. He said in FY 2016 Project Hope has seen an increase from King William residents seeking advocacy services, he anticipates the trend to continue into FY 2017.

Continuing, he said this coming year the four rivers fatality review team has been reactivated in conjunction with the Commonwealth Attorney, the Victim Witness advocate, the King William Sheriff's office, and the West Point Fire Department. He said Quin Rivers' staff has worked in partnership with the King William Department of Social Services to coordinate staff funded by the Walmart Foundation, the first ever summer feeding program for children who receive free and reduced lunch and participate in the Back Pack Program for King William and West Point public schools. During the annual Take Back the Night event for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, Delegate Chris Peace was the guest speaker with more than 50 guests in attendance at the event. Quin Rivers has also participated in the mobile food pantry in West Point since 2015, where resources and outreach materials are provided.

Supervisor Hansen asked for clarification of where the data for the reported poverty levels for King William residents was obtained.

Dr. Lanier stated the numbers provided are from the State Department of Health and noted these numbers are continually updated. He has served on the State Board of Directors for eight years; serving as the Chair for five of those years.

Supervisor Hansen asked Chairman Greenwood if he could approach the speaker to share a copy of King William County Resolutions 16-15 and 16-16 adopted by the Board regarding the area of looking at better housing for workforce and senior housing. He feels this is helpful information so the speaker knows what direction the Board is moving in.

The County Administrator noted the Board of Supervisor's passed resolutions supporting the developers' application to State for senior and workforce housing.

Supervisor Hodges asked for clarification of the reported increase in services is related to domestic violence.

Dr. Lanier stated there has been a substantial increase in domestic violence. He asked his colleague, Emily DeCarlo, to speak to this matter.

Ms. DeCarlo said the increase reported is in the referrals for services they have received for sexual violence. She said this is attributed to the increase in outreach in partnerships and the presence they have had in the community the past year.

Dr. Lanier said this is good news to the agency as this shows the tremendous effort that staff has done to get the message out in the community.

Supervisor Ehrhart asked what is being done for prevention.

Dr. Lanier explained that House Bill 659 was recently passed, during the General Assembly session, that requires that any high school family life education curriculum, offered by a local school division, and incorporates appropriate age and elements of effective and evidenced program on the prevention of dating violence, domestic abuse, sexual harassment and violence. He explained this is a prevention initiative on the frontend.

Ms. DeCarlo noted a safe date curriculum that is offered, at no cost, in King William and West Point middle and high schools, as well as the alternative school, is an evidence based prevention program.

Supervisor Moskalski noted the program just finished up in King William schools and noted he received a call complimenting the way the students received the class. Evidence would bear out that getting to the kids early and young gives them the tools and information they need to prevent getting into the cycle of abusive relationships is how you stop it; but stopping it all is a tall order. He said there will always be a demand for aftercare for people who unfortunately do fall victim to abusive relationships. In his opinion, Quin Rivers is doing an excellent job to get in front of our students to let them know their options and they seem to be responding.

Supervisor Ehrhart asked for clarification of the annual operation costs for the agency and what portion is for administration.

Dr. Lanier noted the handout he provided to the Board contains the information that Supervisor Ehrhart asked for, in a composite way. He also noted the handout includes outcome results of the safe date program taught at the schools.

Supervisor Ehrhart asked for clarification that approximately 60% of expenditures goes towards salaries and fringe benefits.

Dr. Lanier clarified that with any organization the greatest expense is personnel. In closing, he said that Quin Rivers will be seen by the Board quite often to make sure this relationship is an effective one and of service to King William County.

d. Update from Rappahannock Community College – Dr. Elizabeth Crowther, President and Mr. Bill Doyle, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services – Mr. Doyle addressed the Board and stated that Dr. Crowther was unable to attend the meeting. He noted two RCC students were in attendance with him and will

speak later in the presentation. He said the financial support that is provided by King William County is very much appreciated. As well as the commitment of Ms. Kathy Morrison to the RCC Board as the representative for King William County. He explained by statute community colleges in Virginia rely on local funds for a variety of important budget needs, including construction, maintenance and repairs on campus grounds. He noted RCC has two campuses, two remote sites are maintained as well. Maintaining these sites are a budgetary challenge each year and local funds are an important and essential part of their overall budget. He said the request from King William is \$8,129 for their operating budget and \$8,071 for their capital budget. In the current fiscal year they received \$125,000 from the twelve contributing localities; \$92,000 goes to the operating budget and five localities have agreed to contribute to their capital budget, for a total of about \$33,000. He is hopeful the other localities will join in contributing to the capital budget. He said RCC has seen growth in both their credit and certificate programs. Currently of the King William County residents enrolled in higher education approximately 35% of them are enrolled at RCC; consistent with last year. He said a larger number of people are being served in their credit program after a dip last year, with a slightly lower number of dual enrollment students at King William High School, and with a larger number in the Workforce Development Program. He said the Governor approved recently, first in the nation, a performance based workforce credentials program to which the State of Virginia is going to contribute nearly \$19 million. He said this program will make more affordable the achievement of workforce credentials by citizens who are engaged in those programs at RCC.

Continuing, he said within the region RCC is an economic engine contributing to local business revenues, personal income, and local taxes. The estimated economic impact on King William County to be in excess of \$1.3 million annually. Across their service area the impact is similarly significant in each county with total estimated impact in excess of \$18 million annually. In every case the economic impact is far in excess of the budgetary support they receive through the local contributions. Faculty members, staff and College Board members contribute to this effort by participating in community events and organizations to improve the economic vitality of the communities in which we live and work.

Ms. Andrea Davis, an ambassador and student at RCC, spoke of her wonderful college experience. She praised the staff and faculty at RCC for their assistance. She feels the student and person she is today is because of her experiences while at RCC. She is on schedule to complete her studies at RCC this year and looks forward to the next chapter of her life.

Bethany, also a student at RCC at the Glenns Campus, said after graduating high school she enrolled in a four year university and soon found out that was not for her. She feels her choice in attending RCC has been good for many reasons to include the location of the campus in relation to her home and work, the lifted financial burden, and the benefits of the dual enrollment program she participated in while attending West Point Schools. She also is very pleased with the interaction she has had with faculty and staff while attending RCC. She looks forward to receiving her associate degree from RCC and enrolling in VCU for the next phase in her college experience.

In closing, Mr. Doyle thanked the Board for their past and continued support and offered to answer any questions.

Supervisor Ehrhart asked for the total enrollment at RCC; Mr. Doyle stated over 4,000. Supervisor Ehrhart also asked for clarification of the 35% stated for King William residents attending RCC; Mr. Doyle explained that of the King William residents enrolled in higher education 35% are enrolled at RCC.

Supervisor Moskalski stated that from his own family experience RCC has brought a great value; personally he has attended and both of his siblings obtained associate degrees from RCC. In his opinion, RCC gave them the groundwork to move onto larger colleges for continued studies. He added that given the cost of higher education the dual enrollment classes, offered at both King William and West Point schools, helps students to graduate high school with an associate degree. He said this is real value offered by RCC.

Supervisor Hansen asked for clarification if night classes are offered to the enrolled students from King William High School, or do they have to drive to another location.

Mr. Doyle clarified dual enrollment classes are taught during the school day at King William High School. He further clarified there are currently 229 students

participating in the dual enrollment program from King William. Students are eligible to enroll in this program as early as the 10th grade.

Supervisor Moskalski further explained that the dual enrollment classes are taught by school staff who are qualified to instruct college courses.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought before the Board.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 16-23 – A resolution amending the FY 2016 budget by \$7,955 to appropriate additional funding for the Victim Witness Program – Matthew Kite, Commonwealth’s Attorney and Robin Bostic, Director of Victim Witness – Mr. Kite addressed the Board and thanked them for approving Resolution 16-22 supporting National Crime Victims Right Week April 10th through 16th. He recognized Ms. Robin Bostic, Director of Victim Witness, and his assistant Sandy Walters, in the audience. He gave some brief details of what services are provided to citizens by the Director of Victim Witness that include meeting with victims to explain procedures of a case. Project Hope meets and coordinates with his office on occasion for certain cases to provide services that Ms. Bostic is not capable of providing because of restrictions of her funding. His office tries cases that involve property crime victims; breaking and entering; grand larceny; sexual assault; several heroin overdoses; domestic violence; and child abuse cases, all in conjunction with Ms. Bostic. The dynamic is, he is the County Prosecutor, he does not represent victims, so he cannot ethically provide legal advice but working in conjunction with Ms. Bostic she can fill the gaps sometimes.

He asked for Board consideration to amend the FY 2016 budget to reflect the additional funding awarded to the Victim Witness Program. He noted the funding that is granted to fund the victim witness program is primarily from the crime victim’s fund, which was established in 1984 by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and is a major source of funding for victims throughout the States. Each year millions of dollars are deposited to the fund which comes from fines and penalties paid by offenders. In 2015, the fund brought in \$5 billion and congress, in the last budget agreement, amended the amount of payout because of the increased amount coming in and they foresee these in the future. In this fiscal year Virginia alone was awarded \$47 million and is it administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS); King

William was awarded \$7,955. The additional funding does not require a local match and has been allocated based on the needs of the Victim Witness Program as recommended. He noted the County has been receiving this grant since 1998.

Supervisor Moskalski clarified these funds are not local tax dollars.

Mr. Kite further explained that when a fine is paid by an offender to the federal court the money goes into this fund.

Supervisor Moskalski moved for approval of Resolution 16-23, motion was seconded by Supervisor Hodges.

Chairman Greenwood called for any discussions.

Supervisor Hansen asked for just a yes or no, that not a single penny of tax payer dollars goes to this, correct. Mr. Kite answered no, and as he said \$3,296 is a County match, so the program gets \$3,296. He further explained the budget amendment before the Board is only funds that have come through the Department of Criminal Justice Services and then down to his office.

Supervisor Ehrhart thinks, there is a lot of synergism between Mr. Kite and staff and he thinks it provides citizens in the County with benefits maybe that would not otherwise be obtained. He thinks it is a good program and works well and wanted to compliment Mr. Kite.

Supervisor Ehrhart asked if King William is basically the conduit for the money that is brought in for both King William and King and Queen; Mr. Kite answered yes.

Supervisor Ehrhart asked, with respect to the grant special conditions going back to the financial type stuff, who is responsible for providing and doing the audit.

Mr. Kite stated that in June 2016 an auditor is scheduled to come from the DCJS to audit the grant. He is not aware of the process but clarified the audit is performed here in King William.

Ms. Six, Director of Financial Services, clarified that as part of the annual audit for the County a copy of the CAFR is sent to the DCJS, as well as a copy to King and Queen County, for all the joint operations held with King William County.

Chairman Greenwood called for any further discussion.

There being no other discussions Resolution 16-23 was approved by the following roll call vote:

W. L. Hodges Aye

T. J. Moskalski Aye
 D. E. Hansen Aye
 R. W. Ehrhart II Aye
 S. K. Greenwood Aye

RESOLUTION 16-23
 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET
 BY \$7,955 TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR
 THE VICTIM WITNESS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Victim Witness Program of King William and King and Queen County has been awarded additional funding for FY 2016; and

WHEREAS, this additional funding requires no local match and is collected from fines and penalties paid by offenders; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding has been allocated based on the needs of the Victim Witness Program as recommended by the Victim Witness Director and Commonwealth's Attorney,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the King William County Board of Supervisors this 28th day of March, 2016, that FY 2016 budget is amended to reflect the changes summarized below:

VICTIM WITNESS FUND

Source

Categorical Aid

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| DCJS Grant Award | \$ | 7,955 |
| Department Total | \$ | 7,955 |

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| Total Source: | \$ | 7,955 |
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Use

Victim Witness Program

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| Salary and Wages | \$ | 3,000 |
| FICA | | 286 |
| Retirement | | 317 |
| Professional Services Other | | 16 |
| Printing and Binding | | 475 |
| Mileage | | 1,725 |
| Convention and Education | | 586 |
| Dues and Association Memberships | | 100 |
| Office Supplies | | 220 |
| Uniforms and Wearing Apparel | | 100 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | | 600 |
| Computer Equipment | | 530 |
| Department Total | \$ | 7,955 |

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| Total Use: | \$ | 7,955 |
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In closing, Mr. Kite stated that Ms. Bostic just received a revision to the FY 2017 grant application which reflects the additional funding from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. He asked the Board to consider giving the County Administrator permission to sign the revised Statement of Grant Award in order to meet an application deadline of April 18, 2016. He noted a proposed amendment to the budget

and consideration of acceptance, should a grant be awarded, will be submitted to the Board at a later date.

By a unanimous vote, the Board granted permission to the County Administrator to sign the Statement of Grant Award for FY 2017 as explained by the Commonwealth Attorney; with the understanding that acceptance will be considered by the Board at a later date should the grant be awarded. The members were polled:

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| T. J. Moskalski | Aye |
| D. E. Hansen | Aye |
| R. W. Ehrhart II | Aye |
| W. L. Hodges | Aye |
| S. K. Greenwood | Aye |

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – K. CHARLES GRIFFIN, COUNTY

ADMINISTRATOR

a. Fire and Rescue Report – Chris Bruce, Emergency Management Coordinator – Mr. Bruce gave an update, for the Fire and Rescue Departments serving the County. He reviewed, for each department, the number of calls that were dispatched in the respective first due response area; responded to in each response area; dispatched to for out of the County mutual aid; responses for LifeCare; and a summary of calls throughout the entire County response system. He noted that Mangohick started EMS services on October 16, 2015. He also noted that in February a large number of departments responded to mutual aid to assist Essex County after the tornado.

Supervisor Hansen asked for clarification of the increase in EMS calls for King William Fire and Rescue for the month of October. Mr. Bruce said a trend has not been targeted for the increase in call volumes during specific time periods.

Mr. Bruce noted the suggested interest in seeing a narrative rather than raw data. He asked for additional input from the Board on other information that would be helpful for inclusion in this report.

Supervisor Moskalski feels it would be helpful to include information, for example a large storm that may have occurred in the area that might affect the number of calls.

Mr. Griffin stated staff will go back to presenting a narrative format for presentation purposes.

Supervisor Hansen agrees footnotes would be helpful to assist the information provided.

Supervisor Hodges asked for clarification that about 1/3 of the calls are still being missed by King William Fire and Rescue; Mr. Bruce confirmed that is the case.

Mr. Griffin announced that Mr. Bruce has accepted an attractive position with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and will be leaving his position at King William County in the near future.

Supervisor Hansen said it is his understanding that the County Administrator will fill the position of the Emergency Director in the interim.

Mr. Griffin stated he is going to try and fill this position quickly. He is ready to move forward with advertising the position. He added that some have already come forward expressing interest. He will probably ask some Board members to assist in the interview panel.

Chairman Greenwood said he is sorry to see Mr. Bruce leave the County.

Mr. Bruce thanked the Board and stated he has enjoyed his time here at King William County and added that it has been a learning experience.

Supervisor Moskalski also thanked Mr. Bruce and said he was asked to do a tall job with inadequate resources and feels he did the absolute best he could. He gave us a lot of good options to look at, unfortunately we decided to not take up some of those options. He appreciates the work he has done and wished him luck.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – SPEAKERS: ONE OPPORTUNITY OF 3 MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL OR 5 MINUTES PER GROUP ON NON-PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS

Chairman Greenwood opened the Public Comment Period. He read the following statement: King William County has been in existence for over 300 years and as such this Board is a legislative body that is here to conduct the serious business of the people of this community and to do so with dignity. This is not a sporting event therefore the behavior appropriate at a sporting event such as clapping, cheering, shouting out loud or any other disruptions are not appropriate in this Board Room. He expects all to conduct themselves accordingly and if not there is an officer here to escort those off of the premises. He also reminded folks to be respectful and to address all comments to him, the Chairman. He said the elected officials before you

were elected by the people of their districts. Public comments are to be for three minutes on non-public hearing matters, noting that no public hearings are scheduled to be heard tonight, and within the purview of this Board. If you are speaking on behalf of a group you are allowed five minutes. He will operate the timer and will verbally alert speakers to wrap up their comments when 30 seconds is remaining on the timer; he will sound the gavel when the time has expired and call for the next speaker. He noted it was brought to his attention he has not been strict enough and that is the reason for reinforcing the rules.

Chairman Greenwood called Mrs. Sandra Gwathmey Taylor to come forward for a presentation of a resolution recognizing her mother, Mrs. Essie Gwathmey, on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Sandra Gwathmey Taylor addressed the Board, with her sister Mrs. Gwathmey Barnes, and thanked them for the resolution of recognition of their mother, Mrs. Essie Gwathmey, on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Supervisor Moskalski read aloud Resolution 16-13 previously adopted by the Board of Supervisors on February 22, 2016.

Continuing, Chairman Greenwood called for anyone that would like to speak during the public comment period to come forward at this time.

1. Michelle Grant, of the 3rd District, spoke in support of Arts Alive. In her opinion, her children have benefited and enjoyed participating in the camps and programs offered by the agency. She urged the Board to continue supporting Arts Alive.

2. Eugene L. Campbell, Jr., of the 2nd District, has attended the meetings and has listened to the Board comments and suggestions of cuts to the proposed budget. During the March 11, 2016, budget work session only a few thousand dollars were found here and there, but nowhere close to the proposed cut of \$630,000 made by Supervisor Ehrhart; essentially a five cent tax reduction. While he commends Mr. Ehrhart for proposing a tax cut, in his opinion, it is not possible with the proposed budget. He has reviewed the document by line item. He supports the funding for the schools; fire and rescue; Sheriff's department; etc. He questions the need for almost \$50,000 for dues, subscriptions, education, and memberships. He noted this does not include the \$16,000 for the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission

membership, nor the Airport Authority membership. Although he feels some of this is justified, he also feels those items deserve another look. He cannot quite get his hands around the \$400,000 for the libraries; there may be justification for this amount but he has not seen a breakdown. Overall he feels county staff has done a good job compiling the proposed budget that decreases the tax rate while maintaining the level of service citizens expect. He spoke of the talks of eliminating the forestry land use exemption and feels the agricultural exemption will be next. There are those thinking the windfall of the additional revenues will solve all of our problems, he questioned will it. He feels some have blinders on and are not looking at the overall picture and the affects this will have on the county. Land use taxation has a very useful purpose, keeps our county rural and supports the number one industry in King William County. He said without land use the tax burden would spread so rapidly landowners would be taxed out of existence and forced to sell. He wonders who will buy then, developers? He said people say they move to the county for wide open spaces, fresh air and the beautiful setting. In his opinion, if you eliminate forestry and agriculture use the county will no longer be rural. He ended by inviting all to the 75th Annual Ruritan Fish Fry on April 12th.

3. Ms. Bailey Tyme, of Aylett, is a member of the King William High School class of 2014 and now a broadcast journalism student at Virginia Commonwealth University. She spoke of the importance of the arts, specifically Arts Alive. She attended the Arts Alive Missoula Theater Camp for eight years in a row as an actress and an assistant director. Although she does not study theater in college, she is a published journalist, has made the dean's list every semester, and is the president of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at VCU. She feels she has been able to succeed not only because of the education she received from King William Public Schools but also because of Arts Alive. She feels theater education is important, participation in drama academics improves SAT scores, improves school attendance, and reduces the dropout rate. She urged the Board to continue to support Arts Alive and to not cut their budget request.

4. Christie Reynolds, of the 4th District, is a freelance musician who works out of her King William home, and she is also a professional pianist and organist. She is a music educator teaching all grade levels at private schools, West Point High

School, and the University of Richmond. She praised Arts Alive and the work they do which includes leadership skills and confidence they teach to the students. Arts Alive fills a niche that students otherwise would not be exposed to. She supports Arts Alive and the work they do and urged the Board to continue funding the organization.

5. Elis Ollson, of the 1st District and family land owner in the 2nd District, complimented the budget presented online because it includes the continuation of land use assessments. He said land use encourages the long term preservation of forest and farmland which are good for the local economy, environment, and King William County. According to Smart Growth America new residential development demands more in services than it contributes in taxes and existing residents typically foot the bill. Twenty years of the cost of community services studies by the American Farmland Press found that residential land requires \$1.25 in services for each \$1.00 of revenue it produces. Working and open land costs .37 cents for each dollar of revenue produced for the locality. In another study the Trust Republic Land has found that, study after study, property values for homes adjacent to open space and forest land are increased by approximately 20%, so forest land increases the value of neighboring property and property taxes. Forest land does not burden the schools, the Sheriff's Department, Parks and Recreation, or Fire and EMS. Forest land does not need well water, wastewater treatment, septic tanks, sidewalks, curbing gutter, or other County services. In fact, forest land helps recharge the aquifer which provides drinking water for all of us and processed water for industries, and creates jobs. Farmland and forest land have helped communities balance their budgets and is not just vacant land waiting for development. In regards to the environment there have been many studies, according to Purdue University, runoff is twenty times as great for commercial developments as forest land. More runoffs mean sediment, pathogens, nutrients, pesticides, metals, oil and petroleum products, and road salt, all get into the Pamunkey, Mattaponi, and York Rivers. We all know trees fight pollution, and vast trees are the best way to take carbon dioxide out of the air. This is an environmental benefit that applies to everyone, not just the landowner growing the trees. He questioned if land use goes away what a landowner is going to do other than pay more taxes. As he sees it there are a couple of options, one is either develop your land or sell it to a developer which means that additional development of forests means more

school age children, teachers, classrooms, citizens, and services. Option two is to place the land in a conservation easement, this will reduce the land value and associated property taxes on the land forever. The County loses not only the tax revenue but also the opportunity for smart development including industry on that land forever; forever is a very long time. He asked the Board to continue to carefully weigh the long term consequences of its actions and develop a clear plan for economic growth and taxation.

6. Ms. Rachel Gruber, a registered voter in the 5th District, has always known she wanted to be a performer. She likes to entertain and make people smile, and has been involved with the Children's Theater through Arts Alive since she was 10 years old. Throughout high school she has performed in several shows and because of her experiences she is a performer at Kings Dominion for a second year. She also has a choice to study professional theater and will be attending Radford University in the fall to pursue that goal. She strives to be on Broadway one day. She asked the Board to not cut the funding to Arts Alive in order to give others opportunities.

7. Charles Piersa, of the 2nd District and speaking as President of the Farm Bureau, said cutting the budget for the schools is destroying the future, children are the future who will develop and prosper in this County. He said it is possible that one day the President of the United States could come from this County, he feels the Board wants to kill the future and said that is stupidity.

Supervisor Ehrhart called for point of order.

Chairman Greenwood said the speaker is not out of order and further clarified the speaker is not picking on anyone specifically.

Mr. Piersa thanked the Chairman and continued. He spoke about the forest land use and said he agrees with the previous speaker. He said on the other hand, if forest exemption is eliminated there will be no more big trees or they will not be kept long enough to make a profit. He feels the number two industry in the State of Virginia will be destroyed and that will mean loggers and saw mills in King William County will be forced out of business. In other words, this would be a short term fix for a long term problem. He said you have to look at other ways of trying to solve the problem. He wonders about the future in 20 years, when all that is being talked about is for today. He feels this is not the solution and the Board needs to look deeper and harder. He is

disturbed that it was reported tonight that 1/3 emergency calls are missed. He said one day we are not going to be so lucky, someone is not going to make it because there is no service there. He feels the Board had the opportunity to provide service that is needed.

8. James Mickens, of the 2nd District, wonders if the Board has had an opportunity to think about the number of people that were here in support of the school budget at the February Board meeting. He arrived here and both halls were packed on both sides. He wanted to speak in support of the school budget but did not feel like fighting through the crowd. He pointed out that the State of Virginia has spent \$1.5 billion in jails and prisons in the State; at a cost of \$31,000 per prisoner to the tax payers. On the other hand, the cost for a child to go through school is \$10,500. He wonders if it goes unnoticed that it is necessary to spend money on the frontend rather than on the backend. He feels citizens should be put in the position to continue to contribute to the economy instead of taking away.

9. Wilson Sprenkle, of the 2nd District, pays taxes on residential, forestry and agriculture land in King William County. He wanted to reiterate that logically, forestry and agriculture land, uses very little resources from the County.

10. Dave Slack, Service Forester representing the Virginia Department of Forestry, for King William and King and Queen Counties addressed the Board. He wanted to raise a couple of points and said in view of the department, land use taxation is an important incentive for forest land owners in the Commonwealth that incentivizes retaining their land and working forests. Forest management is a very long term proposition and is multi-generation in many cases. Trees are a crop that require an extended period to reach maturity and harvestable age and land owners who have forest lands face expenses every year during that period. Most of the forest land in King William County is privately owned. How those land owners feel about the forest land and the options that are available to them and the choices that they make, based on these options, determines the sustainability of the forested land base and those choices in directly and directly affect the environmental and the economic benefits that the County derives from having the forested land. The use tax value in many cases will help provide land owners with financial incentives to retain and keep that land as working forest land contributing to the economy rather than converting it to

a non-forest use. He and a co-worker were asked to develop some financial analysis looking at prices and other data based around the local statistics here in King William County. He suggested that the Board perhaps at another meeting allow them to make a presentation to further discuss those figures and the analysis.

11. Betsy Mountcastle, of the 2nd District, is a past President for Arts Alive and spoke in support of the organization. She thanked the Board for the past support they have provided to Arts Alive. She is very passionate about the performing arts and appealed to the Board to continue the level of support they have so generously done so in the past.

12. Bruce Johnson, of the 2nd District, said his family has farmed in King William County probably as far back as the early settlers. He is proud to be a resident of King William County. He spoke in support of the continuation of the land use and forestry use taxation. He believes Mr. Olsson, who spoke earlier, articulated the reasons why this taxation is so important. He said there is some form of land use taxation in all 50 states in this country and does not feel all states would allow this use if it were not important. He said it is important for the preservation of the environment for everyone in the community, not just for the individuals that own the property. In his opinion, unfortunately if land use is eliminated people like him who have been in agriculture all of their lives would be driven to a couple of alternatives. One would be to simply sell the land to most likely a development situation which would continue to encourage more services and costs. The other alternative, which a lot of people are already doing, and he respects that 100%, would be to put the land in a conservation easement, which are in perpetuity, absolutely legal and a way to have land taxed. He feels it would be very short sided to do away with land use and keep encouraging these types of easements. Although, he is not against easements in anyway, he might even consider one for their operations. He explained what it will do is take the land out of any potential to enhance our County in some way or other mechanisms down the road. He asked the Board to think long and hard, he realizes it is a difficult situation when you are talking about cutting schools, which he does not want cuts there. He asked the Board to preserve land use.

13. Earl Wilson, of the 1st District and President of Arts Alive, clarified the operating budget for Arts Alive last year was \$116,000, he failed to include the camp

and scholarships in the number he provided earlier. He said this year their operating budget is expected to be \$121,000. He expressed that the support of King William County is needed.

There being no other persons to appear before the Board, Chairman Greenwood closed the Public Comment Period.

RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Chairman Greenwood opened the Board of Supervisors comment period.

Supervisor Ehrhart appreciates the conduct and decorum tonight and thanked everyone for coming out. He feels there is no one in this County that can dispute the fact that homeowners have not been generous. He referred to the town hall meeting last week, held in Mangohick, and said he pulled the numbers presented from the Weldon Cooper Institute, which they recently sent to him. King William County is the 11th highest county in the State, and the highest rural county in the State, for real estate taxes. The counties that rank above are Loudon, Arlington, Prince William, all the more affluent counties; the closest one is Chesterfield which was .96 cents. He said look at the services that Chesterfield has to offer in terms of Parks and Recreation, Emergency Services, Schools, everything that people are saying are valuable here, compared to King William. Some folks have made reference to looking at 20 years from now, he said let's look 20 years in the past if we are going to look 20 years in the future. We did not have budgets dealing with fire and EMS and we did not have budgets for our schools that were going up millions of dollars over the last 4 to 6 years. There is a constant demand for more and more, so people want to look ahead but they do not want to look at where we are and why we are where we are now. He speculated on what we did have 20 years ago. We had certain exemptions in place, can we continue to keep those exemptions in place and have people clamoring and demanding we want our schools to be like Hanover. We want our parks to be like Chesterfield. We are not those places, yet people want those things, there has to be a way to get there. This Board has been scratching their head to try to do that, we do not have consensus on how to do that; however there are options on how to do that. He said reference was made to the importance of EMS, which one of you would trade a special program in the school for a paid EMS staff to save the life of your daughter or grandfather, or someone living near you down the street. These are the kinds of

decisions that have to be wrangled with. We cannot continue to balance a budget on the citizens and homeowners in this County. There is an expression that the more things change, you know meaning the more services we want the more programs we want, the more things remain the same; in his opinion that is where we are at now. People want more changes but they do not want to change the funding and the way that we accomplish that, so we cannot continue to do this on the backs of homeowners. He said again, King William County is the 11th highest in the State and highest rural county in the State, in real estate taxes.

Supervisor Hansen said as many have discussed we have looked at the School Board budget for next year. The School Board has told us that they are getting approximately \$630,000 from the State this year, a one-time grant. The School Board has told us with regards to their plans on that \$630,000, they are going to hire 5 new people. He wonders where we are going to get the money next year when they do not have that \$630,000 grant for these 5 people, we are going to get it from you and from me? He said that means a four cent increase on your property taxes, that is the only place we can get it. He asked if anybody thinks we are going to layoff those five positions, he does not think we are. He said so if you are looking at another four per cent increase on your property taxes then support taking that \$630,000 grant, that is fine, but you are going to see a four cent increase in property taxes next year, because nobody on this Board is going to look at laying off those 5 positions they are looking at. About the farm exemption, tax exemption, this has been talked about for a long time. He said many citizens of our county have given us a lot of opportunities and ideas but no one has come with how we are going to cut the taxes. He said it is very, very difficult to cut anything. Some are asking 5 per cent, no one has come up with any ideas as far as cutting that 5 per cent. He speculated on where we are going to get the money to pay for these taxes and pay for the county needs. He said we are looking at the exemption of the forestry exemption, no one is talking about agriculture, just the exemption of the forestry. In closing, he said homeowners in this county are not sharecroppers, this isn't 100 years ago when you could tell some itinerant person well you are only here to pay your taxes and then move on. He said when you call for an emergency response from a Sheriff's deputy, who wants to come to your home or wants to go to the scene of an accident we cannot provide him with a decent living for

his family or a decent insurance. He could turn around and say I love those trees but by gosh I cannot support my family with that. He said the average pay for a Sheriff Deputy on the road is \$34,000. He said the forestry exemption is the one place that we can go to help them get a decent salary. Again, we are not sharecroppers, homeowners are not, and it is time for you to pay your fair share.

Supervisor Hodges said we have a long way to go. He is listening to all citizens and said that input will probably persuade him on how he votes. He has not heard any citizens voicing that they want to eliminate land use. He appreciates all that attend the meetings and the input.

Supervisor Moskalski said the tax rate that is talked about so often is a number that is just out there. He said if you look at varying statistics you can make varying cases for where we sit in the realm of taxation by locality. If you look at the median property tax bill King William County is pretty much average with our neighbors, we are high compared to some neighbors, and we are above average compared to other neighbors. He feels what is important to keep in mind is that when you look at a rate and when you look at these pennies that are talked about on a tax bill and you look at what those pennies do in a budget document, you see again tonight what he has said over and over again, that these pennies make a difference in people's lives. He said things that can be done collectively and as a good and conscientious governing body can improve the quality of life for people. He has always advocated for and will continue to advocate for this. He said a penny off the rate this year that is great but we did not solve fire and rescue, we could have solved it with a penny, and this does not seem like good government to him. He said we always scrutinize the line item of our community partners every year. He spoke of the amount of money that we actually give to these community organizations and how they leverage it in programs that make a difference in people's lives. Such as the young ladies that spoke tonight about Arts Alive and for the services seen at Quin Rivers. He encourages everyone to go to Take Back the Night one year and just hear the stories of these women that are served by Quin Rivers, who is asking for \$4,000 in the budget, and how their lives have been changed and they have been helped out of bad situations. He said \$4,000 in a budget is one thing but when you look at people, that makes a difference, it is easy to sit up here and kind of ignore that and get bogged down in a document.

Continuing, he said we have to get our facts straight here. He pointed out the schools have not gone up by millions of dollars from FY09 to FY16, they are down almost a million dollars. He pointed out that the \$630,000 is not one time money and he knows that has been explained before, so he cautioned those to be careful with facts. He is happy to debate on facts but he will not stand for false information. He said regarding fire and rescue and the articles ran in the Tidewater Review. He said with the exception of probably the first and last article, he does not know what service that performed for anybody but it sure did drag a lot of good people through some very dark mud. He said if that was the goal, congratulations. He said that when a public official writes a letter refuting criticisms and claims made against him it might be good to publish it. He said fair an open debate is part of a healthy democracy, we should encourage that. The Board is aware problems need to be solved, not to minimize those problems, look at Brussels and places like that and you thank God they are not our problems. He expressed how small these things seem, a penny on the rate. He has not changed his tune in 5 years and is not going to change any time soon. He thanked all for attending the meetings and said it is good to see a healthy attendance tonight and hopes to see it continue in the future.

Chairman Greenwood also said it is nice to see a huge crowd and that everyone had a place to sit tonight and not in the hallway. He thanked everyone for the polite decorum tonight. He said he wants to state his position, he is the only one on this Board that has pushed for cuts for the last four years and has not gotten them. He has his differences and likes, with fellow Board members, but they are all working together, and with the School Board. He does not believe King William County should be the highest rural county for the services that are provided, even though the services are nice. He agrees with Mr. Campbell and his question why we are paying \$400,000 for library services; we are renting one building and the other is provided by the Town of West Point. He hopes that something can be cut during the deliberations but said all of the cuts cannot come from the schools. He said hopefully no drastic cuts will have to be made. Once again, he said he has always wanted cuts, this year some of us want drastic cuts, he said he is not going to go for that. Hopefully we can all work together and come up with a compromise that everybody is happy with. He reminded everyone the public hearing for the proposed budget and tax rate are scheduled for

next Monday, April 4th. He is sorry to see Mr. Bruce is leaving the County. He thanked other staff members for all of the work they do for the County.

RE: APPOINTMENTS

No appointments were considered by the Board.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before this Board, Chairman Greenwood adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

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Stephen K. Greenwood, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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