

**MINUTES
KING WILLIAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION OF NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

A work session of the Board of Supervisors of King William County, Virginia, was held on the 8th day of November 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building and via Zoom.

Agenda Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moskalski called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 2. ROLL CALL

The members were polled:

Supervisor, 3rd District: Stephen K. Greenwood	Aye
Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 4th District: C. Stewart Garber, Jr.	Aye
Supervisor, 5th District: Edwin H. Moren, Jr. – Vice Chair	Aye
Supervisor, 2nd District: Travis J. Moskalski – Chairman	Aye

Agenda Item 3. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AMENDED MEETING AGENDA

Vice Chair Moren moved for the adoption of the amended agenda for this meeting as presented; Supervisor Hodges seconded motion. The Chairman called for any discussion. The members were polled:

Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 4th District: C. Stewart Garber, Jr.	Aye
Supervisor, 5th District: Edwin H. Moren, Jr. – Vice Chair	Aye
Supervisor, 3rd District: Stephen K. Greenwood	Aye
Supervisor, 2nd District: Travis J. Moskalski – Chairman	Aye

Agenda Item 4. PRESENTATION

4.a. The RAFT – Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool – Elizabeth Andrews, VCPC and Dr. Wie Yusuf

Ms. Andrews gave an overview of the RAFT program and said the team partnered first with the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission and then each individual community. The study was done at no charge to the communities but was funded by several grants.

Work on the study began in 2015 and the Commonwealth of Virginia is in the process of developing a Coastal Resiliency Master Plan.

Dr. Yusuf spoke on the risk of future flooding in King William County and explained the various maps shown in the presentation.

Ms. Andrews pointed out that there is a video embedded in her slide presentation and suggested it be placed on the County website for people to watch. [Presentation has been posted to News Flash section and added as a menu item on the Planning page of the County website.]

Ms. Andrews referenced the King William County Scorecard Report and said the County scored very well with a 57, which equals moderate resilience. She then outlined the County's top opportunities to improve resilience.

A community workshop is being planned for January, 2022 and the team would like a member of the Board of Supervisors to attend as well as be a liaison between the RAFT team and the County and get input from County staff and the community.

Supervisor Hodges asked if West Point was looked at separately from the rest of the County. Ms. Andrews said yes.

Supervisor Garber asked what sort of overall achievement would help lower people's flood insurance rates. Ms. Andrews said rates are affected by FEMA's community rating system. She mentioned a non-profit, Wetlands Watch, who helps community's improve their scores in order to lower insurance rates.

Chairman Moskalski said this is something for the County to look into as flood risks increase. Ms. Andrews said the RAFT works closely with the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission which works for the benefit of all their members.

Vice Chair Moren asked at what point do you stop trying to mitigate risk and start relocating people out of harm's way, such as the problems in New Orleans. Ms. Andrews said the point is to plan and prepare so getting to that point doesn't come as a surprise. Chairman Moskalski said we have an opportunity to be proactive and not end up in a situation where areas are beyond repair.

Supervisor Hodges asked about raising houses. Ms. Andrews said that is a temporary solution and doesn't address other issues such as road flooding, sanitation systems, and weak stormwater infrastructure.

Ms. Andrews reiterated that she would like a member of the Board of Supervisors to act as a liaison and advocate for RAFT.

4.b. VPPSA Community Partner Information - Steve Hudgins, Interim County Administrator

The full interactive presentation from VPPSA was played.

Chairman Moskalski said the Board was interested in seeing the impact of adding the service hours back into the contract which were cut for budgetary reasons. He said he is unaware of another viable option available besides VPPSA.

Supervisor Garber asked the contract length. Mr. Hudgins said ten years. Supervisor Garber asked if the contract was bid out. Mr. Hudgins said he didn't know as that happened before he joined the County. Supervisor Garber said he thinks the County should bid it out or we're at VPPSA's mercy. Mr. Hudgins said we're at their mercy but we're also on VPPSA's Board of Directors and all member localities have to agree to terms and pricing.

Vice Chair Moren would like to hear more about some of the things discussed with Mr. Magnant from VPPSA such as the number of tires allowed and other things brought up at a previous Board meeting. He said the Epworth station seems to have improved somewhat since that discussion.

Supervisor Garber said the Central Garage site is a bad location and is dangerous. Vice Chair Moren suggested an additional day open might be helpful in alleviating the problem.

Supervisor Hodges said he thought the sites were not enforcing the tire maximums and asked about the requirement to cut them in half. Chairman Moskalski said he believed you cut them in half if they were going in the landfill but did not cut them if they were being recycled.

Supervisor Hodges asked about disposing of chemicals. He said the community often doesn't hear about special collection events until they're over.

Supervisor Greenwood said an additional location for Central Garage needed to be investigated in a safer area.

Mr. Hudgins said there was a plan to add on to that site at one time but it wouldn't have provided much additional space and would be cost prohibitive.

Supervisor Hodges asked if the Central Garage site was closed every Tuesday. Mr. Hudgins said yes. Vice Chair Moren said Epworth was open on Tuesdays.

Chairman Moskalski said there is still a desire to do something additional in Central Garage. Mr. Hudgins said VPPSA is unable to offer curbside service only to Central Garage, they would have to offer it to everyone in the County.

Chairman Moskalski said special taxing districts could be created but that was a whole different option and discussion. He said VPPSA had already talked with some of the HOAs in Central Garage and asked them to approach private services.

Agenda Item 5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.a. Resolution 21-81 Proposed Central Garage Water Storage Tank Location – Sherry Graham, Director of Planning

Chairman Moskalski noted that a line needed to be added to Resolution 21-81R before line 18, “and WHEREAS, the King William County Board of Supervisors held a duly advertised Public Hearing on November 8, 2021 to receive public comment;”.

Chairman Moskalski opened the Public Hearing period. There being no speakers, the Public Hearing period was closed.

Ms. Graham presented several pictures of the proposed site at the Board’s request.

Ms. Graham said the Manquin water tower location gives them the ability to loop the system rather than dead-end the line which is better for the system.

Vice Chair Moren asked if the land was being donated or if the County would need to purchase it. Mr. Hudgins said it has been offered as a donation to the County.

Vice Chair Moren asked if there will be a platform for antennas. Mr. Hudgins said yes, that can be requested and is required for lightning protection. The County could also rent space on the platform to recoup some of the expense.

Vice Chair Moren asked what material the storage tank would be constructed of. Mr. Hudgins said originally an all metal tank was designed however, since the cost of metal is now very high, a metal-concrete mix is being considered.

Vice Chair Moren said the tank should have some graphics to show off King William County. Ms. Graham said that was discussed. Vice Chair Moren suggested maybe a design contest could be run.

Supervisor Hodges asked what other materials it could be made from. Mr. Hudgins said the bowl would be metal and could be supported by steel or concrete based on material cost.

Supervisor Hodges noted the dates on the Resolution were incorrectly listed as the 25th day of October and needed to be changed to the “8th day of November”.

Supervisor Greenwood made a motion to approve Resolution 21-81R with the two changes noted above. Supervisor Garber seconded the motion. The chairman called for any discussion. The members were polled:

Supervisor, 4th District: C. Stewart Garber, Jr.	Aye
Supervisor, 5th District: Edwin H. Moren, Jr. – Vice Chair	Aye
Supervisor, 3rd District: Stephen K. Greenwood	Aye
Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 2nd District: Travis J. Moskalski – Chairman	Aye

Agenda Item 6. WORK SESSION MATTERS

6.a. Fire & EMS Department Update – Stacy Reaves, Fire Chief

Chief Reaves said new COVID-19 case rates are going down a little in the county. There were some staff at the fire house who had to quarantine due to exposure. He continues to recommend vaccination and isolation. He also said the flu vaccine is available and recommends being vaccinated. Chief Reaves said the Three Rivers District (which includes King William County) is still in Status Black. This means EMS responders have to call VCU to determine ambulance destinations.

Supervisor Hodges asked why we were still in Status Black if rates are declining. Chief Reaves said due to saturation of hospitals and available staffing. Hospitals are also experiencing a great need for staff and existing staff is exhausted.

Supervisor Greenwood asked if we are being asked to help other localities. Chief Reaves said yes. West Point has a mutual aid agreement with New Kent, King William County does not but EMS has mutual aid agreements through PARA. Chief Reaves said it is in the best interest of all counties to have mutual aid agreements with each other and said they are normally engaged in life-threatening situations.

Chief Reaves said offers for the seven positions funded through ARPA have been sent out. Candidates are now undergoing physical agility tests. Candidates are also asked to sign an agreement stating they will reimburse the County for training costs if they leave voluntarily within a certain period of time.

Supervisor Hodges asked if that agreement would actually be enforced in those situations. Chief Reaves said yes. Supervisor Hodges said it is the local governments causing the problems by trying to lure employees away by offering more attractive pay. Chief Reaves said the verbiage of the agreement has been vetted by King William County Human Resources, VRSA, and the County Attorney. He said new hires are obtaining their firefighter and EMT certifications for free and an agreement to ensure citizens benefit from this investment is necessary and standard.

Chief Reaves said the department continues to work on updating SOPs for all stations and are ensuring the procedures work for all involved.

The transition to the ESO system is on time but still not going as quickly as he had hoped. He said keeping all three departments consistent with each other while also keeping them separate is tedious but progressing on time as planned.

The third ambulance is out of service and will not be repaired at this time due to the cost of repairs. He said the intention is to sell it and currently, it would not pass state inspection. The new ambulance has been built and final inspection is scheduled for December 13th. It will be delivered after striping and will hopefully be on the road by the end of December.

The second ambulance is going in for inspection and might be out for a week, bringing Station 1 down to one ambulance for a short period of time. He said they are not holding off on the inspection because there seems to be an electrical problem.

The pre-build on the engine is on time. Chief Reaves does not have any pictures yet. He said the parts are all being built at the same time so it will come together quickly. He said the County got lucky with the timing of the apparatus orders and new orders are currently experiencing extreme delays.

The VDEM EOP exercise is scheduled for December 10th. They are continuing to work on getting the EOC fitted. Desks were donated from another locality and will be in Station One. The necessary technology is a long-term goal.

Supervisor Hodges asked if there was a generator at Station One. Chief Reaves said yes. It will run the majority of the EOC. The department will be asking for funding through a FEMA grant for an upgraded generator in about a year.

Chairman Moskalski pointed out that the COVID booster shots are out and have been approved for 5-11 year-olds as well.

6.b. Resolution 21-82 Proposed Changes to Virtual Meeting Procedures – Steve Hudgins, Interim County Administrator

Mr. Hudgins presented options to address hacking, distractions, and verbally and visually offensive content and comments during live-streamed public meetings. Staff recommends not allowing the public to unmute and offer public comment via Zoom or other electronically broadcast meetings.

Other options include requiring Zoom participants to authenticate, which means they must have a valid free Zoom account, requiring participants to register for the meeting through Zoom, and requiring those who wish to speak during Public Comment and Public Hearings to preregister on the County website. These options are simply precautions and do not fully eliminate the possibility of online users making offensive comments.

Supervisor Hodges asked if these precautions would protect against spoofing and hacking. Mr. Hudgins said it would help.

Chairman Moskalski said he does not want the disruptors to win and discourage people from participating. Rather than eliminating allowing online users to unmute and offer

comment, he would like to try the authentication and registration options. Supervisor Hodges agreed.

Supervisor Garber asked if part of it was Zoom issues. Mr. Hudgins said no, it is because we allow people to unmute and offer comments.

Chairman Moskalski said we can be more vigilant to try to prevent it.

Vice Chair Moren said people also need to understand that we are doing our best.

Chairman Moskalski said the Resolution was not necessary and this could be done by directive. The directive is to add additional safeguards to meetings by requiring Zoom authentication and registration and by requiring those wishing to speak during Public Comment and Public Hearing periods to register on the County website. (Resolution 21-82 was not passed due to the actions being made by directive.)

6.c. Opioid Settlement Discussion – Steve Hudgins, Interim County Administrator

Mr. Hudgins said two proposed nationwide settlement agreements have been reached which would resolve all opioid litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors and one manufacturer. The Commonwealth of Virginia has already opted into these settlement agreements will received funds based on how many localities also join. The County must opt in by Resolution to both the settlement and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Mr. Hudgins said King William County has not been immune to problems caused by the opioid crisis. Mr. Matthew Kite, King William County Commonwealth's Attorney, said the impact has been tremendous on police and emergency services. He said that while many users never come into contact with the authorities, those that do tend to be the worst of the worst. He said in his ten years as Commonwealth's Attorney for King William County, he doesn't remember the opioid crisis not having an impact in various forms. He said there are reports of it being added to cocaine and marijuana. He said these settlements are civil penalties and the funds can be used for training and other programs. He sees no reason why the County would not participate. He said there is a lack of qualified, certified treatment providers and these settlements address a true drag on our community.

Supervisor Garber said two young people in his district recently died from overdoses.

Mr. Kite said we can't arrest and incarcerate out of this problem. The work of treatment is significant and there is a nationwide lack of qualified treatment programs.

Mr. Hudgins said the County must opt in via Resolution by January 2, 2022.

Chairman Moskalski said to bring the required Resolutions forward at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

6.d. Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund (AFID): Infrastructure Grant for the Expansion of Processing Capabilities for Two Goat Dairies in King William County -Steve Hudgins, Interim County Administrator

Mr. Hudgins said a local business, Bees Knees Farms, has requested the County apply for an AFID grant for up to \$25,000 from the State which would support the expansion of their farm and Riverwatch Farm, both locally owned, licensed goat dairies. Given the strong demand for their products, the likelihood of success for this project is strong. Staff requests the Board make a motion that King William County fully support Bees Knees Farm's and Riverwatch Farm's AFID grant application. County support would include submitting the grant application, writing a letter of support, and endorsing a local match. Bees Knees will perform the grant writing if the county provides a local match of approximately \$5,594.00. The local match amount was \$6,670.00, however King & Queen County has partnered with them and committed to \$2,231.00. Mr. Hudgins said the farms qualify for a 2 to 1 match because King William County is considered an economically distressed region.

Supervisor Garber asked what is meant by a reimbursable grant. Mr. Hudgins said the farms have to pay for the improvements first and then submit an application to be reimbursed from the grant award.

Supervisor Garber asked if others came forward wanting to do a similar thing, would the County treat them all the same. Mr. Hudgins said it's something that could be budgeted for in the future, possibly through the EDA, and suggested the County could put a maximum amount in the budget in the future to address these types of projects. Once the maximum was met, the County would not consider additional projects until the next year if it were again funded in the budget.

Vice Chair Moren said this was a perfect project for the EDA. He said not everyone could write a grant and asked who would oversee it. Mr. Hudgins said the owner of Bees Knees Farm has experience writing grants and has already written this one.

Supervisor Garber asked if someone else came forward who doesn't have grant writing abilities, how would the County help them.

Vice Chair Moren said he'd like there to be some publicity about this project in the community.

Supervisor Hodges asked how their products were distributed. Mr. Hudgins said mainly through farmer's markets and direct sales.

Supervisor Greenwood asked why the farms don't put some money up for the project. Mr. Hudgins said the grant gives the County the opportunity to help the businesses.

Chairman Moskalski made a motion to that King William County fully support Bees Knees Farm's and Riverwatch Farm's AFID grant application by submitting the grant application written by Bees Knees Farm, writing a letter of support, and endorsing a local match of

\$5,594.00. Supervisor Garber seconded the motion. The chairman called for any discussion. The members were polled:

Supervisor, 3rd District: Stephen K. Greenwood	Aye
Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 4th District: C. Stewart Garber, Jr.	Aye
Supervisor, 5th District: Edwin H. Moren, Jr. – Vice Chair	Aye
Supervisor, 2nd District: Travis J. Moskalski – Chairman	Aye

Agenda Item 7. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' REQUESTS

Supervisor Hodges said the King William County Sheriff's Office firearms training should be done twice per year and costs about \$4,000.00. He would like this to be included in budget discussions. He asked where he could find the new census data. Mr. Hudgins said he would send what he had to Supervisor Hodges.

Supervisor Greenwood said COVID boosters and flu shots were available from Walgreens and urged people to get vaccinated.

Vice Chair Moren said some County school bus drivers spoke to him about the need for additional signage going east and west on Route 30 in Central Garage for those turning right. He said VDOT needs some additional turn signs for safety. He also mentioned Thursday is Veterans Day and thanked those who have served.

Supervisor Garber asked how the schedule for electing Board of Supervisors members was determined. He said he thought it would benefit the County to stagger the elections so the entire Board would not expire at the same time. Chairman Moskalski said he did not think the Board could make that decision at this time because the next election isn't for two years. He said he's not sure there's enough advantage to it, in his opinion. He said he wasn't sure this Board could force that decision on the next one. Supervisor Hodges said Prince George did it and could be asked how they went about it. He said he also thought it would have to be done after the next election since the current four members were elected to four-year terms.

Agenda Item 8. ADJOURN OR RECESS

Supervisor Hodges made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Greenwood. The chairman called for any discussion. The members were polled:

Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 4th District: C. Stewart Garber, Jr.	Aye
Supervisor, 5th District: Edwin H. Moren, Jr. – Vice Chair	Aye
Supervisor, 3rd District: Stephen K. Greenwood	Aye
Supervisor, 2nd District: Travis J. Moskalski – Chairman	Aye

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Travis J. Moskalski, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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