



Mathews County Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting
Harry M. Ward Auditorium
Mathews High School
9889 Buckley Hall Road
Mathews, VA 23109

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Reverend Dede Parish of Beulah and St. Paul United Methodist Churches provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Board of Supervisors Members Present: Michael Rowe, Chairman
 Paul Hudgins, Supervisor
 Jackie Ingram, Supervisor
 Amy Dubois, Supervisor

Board of Supervisors Members Absent: Melissa Mason, Vice-Chair

Staff Present: Mrs. Melinda Conner, County Administrator
 Mr. Thomas Jenkins, Planning and Zoning Director
 Ms. Andrea Erard, Esq., County Attorney
 Mrs. Caroline Oxley, Communications Manager/Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: On Motion of Amy Dubois, seconded by Paul Hudgins, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 2-2-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Amy Dubois – aye; Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram – nay; to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye

Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Nay
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Nay
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

The Board proceeded to have discussion about making changes to the agenda, including adding Sheriff Barrick to the agenda to discuss the Public Safety Radio system. Chair Rowe noted that there was a motion on the table. The motion failed 2-2-0.

MOTION: On Motion of Amy Dubois, seconded by Paul Hudgins, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to amend the agenda to include Sheriff Barrick under Departmental reports.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. David Schlosser, commented on the appearance of the female Board of Supervisors members. Mr. Schlosser claimed that Chair Rowe made a similar comment previously and accused Chair Rowe of misconduct. Mr. Schlosser asked Chair Rowe to step down from his position on the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Grace Van Buskirk, 435 Gayle Lane, read definitions for sexual harassment. Ms. Van Buskirk played an audio recording clip of Chair Rowe. Ms. Van Buskirk accused Chair Rowe of misconduct and questioned the actions of the female Board of Supervisors members.

Mr. Mike Walls, Hudgins, VA, requested an additional two minutes of speaking time. Chair Rowe agreed to this request. Mr. Walls passed out handouts to the Board of Supervisors members. Mr. Walls informed the Board that he represents concerned citizens regarding the HITW Aids to Navigation. Mr. Walls expressed his frustration at the Board's inaction regarding this matter.

Mr. Dave Jones, 443 Buckley Hall Road, spoke about the Compensation and Classification Plan and questioned the Commissioner of Revenue's staff salaries. Mr. Jones accused Chair Rowe of misconduct. Mr. Jones asked for Chair Rowe to step down from his position on the Board of Supervisors.

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Jackie Ingram, the Board of Supervisors voted 2-2-0 as follows: Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram – aye; Michael Rowe, Amy Dubois – nay; to remove Michael Rowe from his position on the Board of Supervisors. The motion failed.

A. Submitted Written Comments

County Attorney Erard read aloud a written submitted comment by Ms. Louise Witherspoon, Port Haywood, who questioned the presence of Confederate flags on the Historic Court Green.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Secondary Six Year Plan (VDOT)

Ms. Joyce McGowan, Residency Administrator, presented the Secondary Six Year Plan (VDOT) for the advertised public hearing. Ms. McGowan informed the Board that there were no changes to the Secondary Six-Year Plan in 2020 and that the presented plan is identical to the 2019 Secondary Six Year Plan. Ms. McGowan reviewed the Secondary Six Year Plan available in the Board's agenda packet and reminded the Board that the plan reflects construction and/or reconstruction and that it does not reflect maintenance.

Supervisor Hudgins requested that Ms. McGowan add Route 618, Cardinal Road, to the Secondary Six Year Plan for repaving purposes.

Chairman Rowe opened the Public Hearing.

There were no speakers. Chair Rowe closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Jackie Ingram, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe; Paul Hudgins; Melissa Mason; Jackie Ingram; Amy Dubois – aye; to approve the Secondary Six Year Plan as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Dubois motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion died for lack of a second. Chair Rowe suggested that the Board consider each item individually.

A. Meeting Minutes

1. March 23, 2021 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Supervisor Hudgins stated that there was a typo on the March 23rd, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes, Chair Rowe informed Supervisor Hudgins that while there was a typo on tonight's agenda misidentifying the March 23, 2021 meeting minutes as the March 27, 2021 minutes. The minutes now considered for approval have the correct date listed in the document itself. Supervisor Hudgins insisted that his copy included a typo. Supervisor Hudgins additionally stated that he did not reference the considered applicant's name, Mrs. Sue Thomas, during the Appointment section of the meeting and instead, referred to the "applicant".

MOTION: On Motion of Amy Dubois, seconded by Paul Hudgins, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to amend the March 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes to reflect the correct meeting date of March 23, 2021 and to retract Paul Hudgins use of Mrs. Sue Thomas' name.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

2. April 12, 2021 Board of Supervisors Reconvened Closed Session Meeting

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Jackie Ingram, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to approve the April 12, 2021 Board of Supervisors Reconvened Closed Session Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

3. April 12, 2021 Board of Supervisors Budget and Tax Rate Public Hearing Meeting

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Jackie Ingram, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to approve the April 12, 2021 Board of Supervisors Budget and Tax Rate Public Hearing Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

B. School Bus Request

1. Tour de Chesapeake 2021

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Jackie Ingram, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to approve the Tour de Chesapeake school bus request as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

C. Supplemental Appropriations

1. Sheriff

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Amy Dubois, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to approve the Sheriff’s office supplemental appropriations as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

REPORTS AND REQUESTS OF BOARDS, DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES

A. Mathews County Sheriff’s Department

Sheriff Barrick thanked the Board for passing the Compensation and Classification Plan and informed them that he has since received several interested applicants for vacant positions in his office. Sheriff Barrick informed the Board that his office now must comply with the Marcus Act Requirements which addresses mental health no later than July 1, 2021, and that his office is already in full compliance with the Marcus Act Requirements. Sheriff Barrick spoke about his office striving to become ADA compliant through facilities upgrades. Sheriff Barrick said that he hoped to implement the new Public Safety Radio system soon, to coincide with other facility updates in his department. Sheriff Barrick stressed that the Regional Public Safety Radio System is vital for Mathews County and urged the Board to move forward with his recommendations for the Public Safety Radio System and join the Regional Group.

Supervisor Dubois motioned to authorize County Administrator, Melinda Conner, and County Attorney, Andrea Erard, Esq., to move forward with the lease purchasing agreement and for Mathews County to join the Regional Authority. Supervisor Hudgins did not agree with this and stated that he did not have all of the information regarding the system. Supervisor Hudgins stated that he wanted the Board to approve the final numbers themselves. Sheriff Barrick reminded Supervisor Hudgins that the cost of the Public Safety Radio system was previously presented to the Board. Sheriff Barrick urged the Board to move forward with the lease purchasing agreement and Regional Group today. The motion died for lack of a second.

B. Mathews County School System: Mrs. Nancy Welch, Division Superintendent

Mrs. Nancy Welch, Division Superintendent, reviewed the April monthly updates to the Board which are available in their agenda packet. Mrs. Welch announced that Mathews County Public Schools staff and students would return to a five-day school schedule in the Fall 2021 semester.

Supervisor Hudgins questioned the number of positive COVID-19 cases present in Mathews County Public Schools since their reopening. Mrs. Welch replied that any positive COVID-19 cases among staff and students originated outside of the school. Mrs. Welch stressed the effective cleaning and disinfection efforts made by Mathews County Public Schools staff.

Mrs. Welch stated her support of Sheriff Barrick and the Public Safety Radio System. Mrs. Welch urged the

Board to move forward with this today and to not hesitate on this vital system.

1. Resolution: Appropriate Additional Funds to the Cafeteria Fund

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Amy Dubois, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to approve the Resolution to appropriate additional funds to the Cafeteria Fund as presented. A copy of this resolution in its entirety is included in the approved minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

2. Resolution: Appropriation of CARES Act Award to the FY21 School Budget

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Jackie Ingram, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to approve the Resolution to appropriate the CARES Act Award to the FY21 School Budget as presented. A copy of this resolution in its entirety is included in the approved minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

3. Resolution: Transfer of Funds Among Categories in FY21 School Budget

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Amy Dubois, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to approve the Resolution for the Transfer of Funds Among Categories in the FY21 School Budget, as presented. A copy of this resolution in its entirety is included in the approved minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

C. Virginia Department of Transportation: Ms. Joyce McGowan, Residency Administrator

Mrs. Joyce McGowan, Residency Administrator, referenced the Board's agenda packet which included VDOT's monthly update. Mrs. McGowan informed the Board that Route 208 would be repaved this year and that surface treatment updates would also begin shortly. Mrs. McGowan noted that maintenance on the Gwynn's Island Bridge would be occurring within the next few months. Mrs. McGowan informed the Board that VDOT recently completed a litter removal campaign on the Peninsula's primary roads. Mrs. McGowan informed the Board that grass cutting on primary and secondary roads will occur throughout the summer season along with gravel maintenance. Chair Rowe informed Mrs. McGowan that Willie's Neck Road may require some improvements in the near future.

D. Mathews County Department of Planning and Zoning: Mr. Thomas D. Jenkins, Director

Mr. Thomas Jenkins, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented his departmental updates included in the Board packet and reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendation for the approval of the Utility Scale Solar Facilities statement. The statement reads as follows:

Mathews County faces numerous development constraints due to environmental factors, including poorly drained soils, floodplains, wetlands, and Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act buffer areas. To minimize the impact on the environment, solar facilities should not be located in any of the aforementioned areas. Furthermore, the prevalence of these areas across the County means that developable land is in short supply. Given the large area requirements of utility-scale solar facilities, these facilities should not be located in Mathews County so that developable land is preserved for residential, commercial, or agricultural uses as identified elsewhere in this plan.

1. Budget Amendment Request: Private Aids to Navigation

Mr. Jenkins informed the Board that the Coast Guard recommends that the HITW Private Aids to Navigation marking be improved, as it is currently not properly marked. Mr. Jenkins informed the Board that the placement of a buoy which includes a total cost of \$3000.00 is recommended.

MOTION: On Motion of Amy Dubois, seconded by Paul Hudgins, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to approve the Private Aids to Navigation budget amendment request as presented. A copy of this request in its entirety is included in the approved minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

Supervisor Hudgins asked Mr. Jenkins about the status of the New Point Comfort Lighthouse Project. Mr. Jenkins replied that the project has been progressing nicely and noted that the metal restoration is currently underway. Mr. Jenkins informed the Board that he would be visiting the site this week to receive further progress updates.

Supervisor Dubois asked Mr. Jenkins about his department's new hire, Mr. Adam Rogers, who filled the vacant position of Combination Inspector. Mr. Jenkins stated that his office and the Building Department are happy to

have him on staff. Mr. Jenkins invited the Board to visit the Planning and Zoning Department to meet Mr. Rogers.

E. Mathews County Building Department: Mr. Kevin Zoll, Building Official

Mr. Kevin Zoll, Building Official, was absent.

F. Mathews County Broadband Advisory Board: Mrs. Judy Rowe, Chair

Ms. Judy Rowe, Chair of the Broadband Advisory Board, was absent. Mr. David Blanks, Vice-Chair of the Broadband Advisory Board, provided an update to the Board on Mrs. Rowe's behalf.

1. VATI Grant Broadband Project Update

Mr. Blanks provided an update to the Board about the VATI Grant Broadband Project implementation and informed the Board that the BAB is currently in the contractual phase of this project which will provide 400 homes in Mathews with broadband access. Mr. Blanks reminded the Board that all 8 Smart Data Poles are currently working around Mathews County and that these Smart Data Poles provide free WIFI for all citizens. Mr. Blanks referred the Board and public to the Mathews County website for further information regarding the Smart Data Poles. Mr. Blanks informed the Board that Mr. Jeff Beekhoo of Broadband and Telecom is currently assisting the County with facilitating negotiations for the new Public Safety Radio System for the Sheriff and the Fire Department. Mr. Blanks stressed the vitality of the Public Safety Radio project.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of the FY2022 Budget and Proposed Tax Rates

Mrs. Melinda Conner, County Administrator, presented the proposed FY22 Budget and Tax Rates and reminded the Board that the proposed Budget was balanced. Mrs. Conner recommended that the Board approve the proposed FY22 Budget and Tax Rates. Mrs. Conner reminded the Board that budget amendments would occur, but that the adoption of the proposed FY22 Budget and Tax Rates would be necessary.

Supervisor Dubois motioned to approve the proposed FY22 Budget and Tax Rates as presented. The motion died for lack of a second.

Supervisor Ingram questioned if the proposed FY22 Budget and Tax Rates included the lease purchasing agreement for the Public Safety Radio system. Mrs. Conner confirmed that the proposed FY22 Budget included costs for the Public Safety Radio system. Mrs. Conner reminded the Board that the total cost of the Public Safety Radio does not need to be included in the proposed FY22 Budget due to its lease purchasing option. Supervisor Ingram questioned the specific lease purchasing rates, its total cost, and requested full information regarding the lease purchasing agreement. Mrs. Conner reminded Supervisor Ingram that information regarding the Public Safety Radio system and lease purchasing agreement has been previously distributed to the Board. Attorney Erard provided a summary of the lease purchase agreement to the Board. Supervisor Hudgins suggested having a workshop about this matter. Chair Rowe reminded Mr. Hudgins that Sheriff Barrick has previously presented the proposed Public Safety Radio system and cost to the Board. Chair Rowe asked Supervisor Hudgins what questions he had about this system. Supervisor Hudgins again suggested having a workshop.

Mrs. Conner suggested that the Board consider adopting the proposed FY22 Tax Rates in order for the Treasurer's office to distribute this year's tax bills on time. Mrs. Conner reminded the Board that Mathews County is required by law to adopt a budget each year and that the Board will need to consider the proposed FY22 Budget in their regular May meeting.

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Jackie Ingram, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to approve the proposed FY22 Tax Rates as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

Supervisor Dubois motioned to approve the proposed FY22 Budget as presented. The motion again died for lack of a second.

SUPERVISORS' REPORT

A. Chairman Rowe

1. Board of Supervisors Meeting for May 2021

Chair Rowe requested that the Board move their May regular meeting time from 6 p.m. to 4 p.m. in order to include Attorney Erard. Supervisor Hudgins disagreed and stated that the meeting time should be 6 p.m. Supervisor Dubois stated that 4 p.m. would be agreeable. Supervisor Ingram agreed with Supervisor Hudgins and stated that the meeting should be at 6 p.m. Attorney Erard suggested that the meeting could be held Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6 p.m. as an alternative.

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Jackie Ingram, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to approve moving the Board of Supervisors May regular meeting to Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Harry M. Ward Auditorium.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Absent
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

2. Credit Card Processing Fees

Chair Rowe stated his concern about the credit card processing fees for citizens when paying taxes. Chair Rowe suggested for staff to investigate the fees and explore possible options for removing them in order to save money and time for Mathews' citizens. Supervisor Hudgins asked if the Treasurers' office currently had a credit card system in use. Chair Rowe confirmed that the Treasurer's office does have a credit card system currently in use. Supervisor Dubois stated her support for staff investigating this matter.

B. Supervisor Dubois

1. Historic Court Green Recognition

Supervisor Dubois thanked several citizens for their hard work, dedication, and innovation on the successful

Historic Court Green project. Supervisor Dubois then invited Mrs. Bette Dillehay, Mathews Main Street Committee Chair, to the podium to speak and presented her with flowers.

Mrs. Dillehay recognized the individual and group efforts made by citizens to implement the Historic Court Green project. Mrs. Dillehay noted that about \$65,000 was donated from the Mathews County community for this project. Mrs. Dillehay stated that the Mathews Main Street Committee now has the challenge of maintaining both the Court Green and Main street areas. Mrs. Dillehay thanked the Mathews County citizens who have regularly assisted with the ongoing maintenance with both their time and hard work. Mrs. Dillehay thanked the Board for their support.

2. Mathews County Resource Council

Supervisor Dubois presented the Mathews County Resource Council monthly update available in the Board packet.

3. Tourism Plan

Supervisor Dubois informed the Board that she recently met with Mrs. Emily Allen, Mathews County Visitors Center Director, to discuss working with Virginia Tourism in order to implement an improved plan for Mathews County tourism.

C. Vice-Chair Mason

1. Market Days

Vice-Chair Mason was absent.

D. Supervisor Hudgins

1. No Parking Signs at HITW Boat Ramp

Supervisor Hudgins stated his concerns about lack of signage at the HITW Boat Ramp. Supervisor Hudgins stated that he will gather further information with Vice-Chair Mason and present to the Board at a later date.

2. HITW Parking

3. Meeting of Public Safety Radio Concerning Lease Agreement

E. Supervisor Ingram

2. HITW

Supervisor Ingram questioned the progress for the ongoing HITW permits as well as the analysis of the system. Chair Rowe confirmed that progress on this matter has been made, however, it is slow going.

3. IT Person

Supervisor Ingram questioned if someone had been hired in the IT Coordinator position for Mathews County. Mrs. Conner confirmed that Mr. Michael Lesniak was recently hired for the position and began working this week. Supervisor Ingram questioned the technology for Board meetings. Mrs. Conner and Chair Rowe reminded Supervisor Ingram that the system is currently being worked on by professional technicians and that in the absence of Mr. Huntley, staff has been working hard to overcome technical challenges.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Administrator's Report

Mrs. Conner welcomed Mr. Michael Lesniak, IT Coordinator, to Mathews County staff.

Mrs. Conner reminded the Board that the Compensation and Classification Plan study included every department, including Constitutional Offices and Social Services. Chair Rowe concurred.

Mrs. Conner spoke about the repairs to the Gwynn's Island Bridge and suggested that the County consider working with VDOT during this time to dredge the Hole in the Wall channel. Mrs. Joyce McGowan came to the podium and stated that VDOT currently has a project that will focus on the electrical moving parts of the Gwynn's Island Bridge. This will cause the Gwynn's Island Bridge to be closed to marine traffic for approximately 4 months. Mrs. McGowan stated that VDOT will strive to avoid heavy marine traffic months. Mrs. McGowan noted that this time period would be a good opportunity to partner with the County in order to assist in obtaining the proper permits and helping to facilitate the dredging project. This process would involve constructing an agreement between VDOT and the County to move forward and allow the PDC to be the project manager. VDOT offered to provide funding to assist the County in obtaining the proper permits for this project and help facilitate the project's execution.

Chair Rowe thanked Mrs. McGowan.

Vice-Chair Mason arrived at the meeting at 5:42 PM.

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Amy Dubois, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Melissa Mason, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; for the County to enter into an agreement with VDOT to be administered by the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission whereby VDOT will pay for the cost of obtaining the necessary permits to dredge the Hole in the Wall for the purpose of facilitating the dredging project in advance of the rehabilitation of the Gwynn's Island Bridge by VDOT.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye

Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Aye

Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye

Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye

Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

1. Public Safety Radio Update

Mrs. Conner urged the Board to move forward with the Public Safety Radio system as presented by staff and Sheriff Barrick. Mrs. Conner asked what questions the Board has in order to move forward.

Chair Rowe provided a recap of Sheriff Barrick's request to move forward with the Public Safety Radio System to Vice-Chair Mason. Chair Rowe noted that the motion died for lack of a second. Vice-Chair Mason apologized for her delay to tonight's meeting. Vice-Chair Mason reminded the Board that the Public Safety Radio system information is not new, and that all information has been received by Board members. Supervisor Hudgins disagreed. Chair Rowe stressed the need to move forward with this motion.

MOTION: On Motion of Amy Dubois, seconded by Vice-Chair Mason, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Melissa Mason, Amy Dubois – aye; Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram – nay; to authorize to enter into the Regional Authority and to authorize the County Administrator and County Attorney to negotiate and execute the documents for the lease purchasing agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Aye
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Nay
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Nay
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

Mrs. Conner reminded the Board that the approval of the proposed FY22 Budget will need to be considered at the Board's May Regular meeting agenda.

- 2. Financial Reports**
- 3. Other Departmental and Outside Agency Reports**

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Tim Doss, requested that the Board meet together to air out their differences and to improve the Board's dynamic. Mr. Doss stressed that Mathews government needs to move forward as a team. Mr. Doss reminded the Board that they work for the entire public.

Mrs. Melissa Rauch, called for Chair Rowe's removal from the Board. Mrs. Rauch disclosed personal information.

Mrs. Grace Van Buskirk, agreed with Mrs. Rauch's statements regarding Chair Rowe.

Mr. Mike Walls, thanked the Board for their vote regarding the Planning and Zoning Private Aids to Navigation Budget Request. Mr. Walls invited the Board to join him on the water.

Mr. Dave Jones, appealed to Vice-Chair Mason to work with him regarding County issues.

A. Submitted Written Comments

There were no further submitted written comments.

APPOINTMENTS

A. Economic Development Authority: Request to Appoint Mr. Willie Love

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Amy Dubois, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0-0 to appoint Mr. Willie Love to the Economic Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Love's previous appointment to the Economic Development Authority expiring in June 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Aye
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

B. Library Board of Trustees: Request to Appoint Mr. Alexis Foster

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Melissa Mason, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0-0 to appoint Mr. Alexis Foster to the Library Board of Trustees for a full four-year first term beginning in April 2021 and expiring in April 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Aye
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

RECESS or ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Mason reviewed her Supervisors Report item regarding Mathews Market Days, including an attached letter. Vice-Chair Mason thanked the Social Services Board for all they do for Mathews County.

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Melissa Mason, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0-0 as follows: Michael Rowe, Melissa Mason, Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Amy Dubois – aye; to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael C. Rowe, Chairman – Aye
Melissa Mason, Vice Chair – Aye
Paul Hudgins, Supervisor – Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor – Aye
Amy Dubois, Supervisor – Aye

Michael C. Rowe, Chair
Mathews County Board of Supervisors

Melinda Conner, County Administrator

Caroline Oxley, Communications Manager/Deputy Clerk

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Board of Supervisors Public Comment

Mathews County Board of Supervisors Public Comment Submission

Please enter the required information below before submission.

Date and Time	4/15/2021 9:15 AM
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City	PORT HAYWOOD
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State	VA
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(Section Break)

Public Questions, Comments, and/ or Concerns

Here, members of the public may submit questions, comments, or concerns to the Mathews County Board of Supervisors for their consideration during regularly scheduled meetings. Please note that citizens may submit one (1) comment per meeting, multiple comments for one (1) comment period will not be considered. Public comments must be submitted no later than 9:00 AM on the day of the Board of Supervisors' regular-scheduled meetings, unless otherwise advertised (The Board of Supervisors April Regular Meeting deadline is 9:00 AM on April 27th, 2021), in order to be considered. Late submissions will be included in the following Board of Supervisors' regular-scheduled meeting. Please be aware that incomplete forms will not be included into the record. Complete and submit the general public comment form [here](#).

Answer Below

I would like to know why confederate flags are permitted to remain in the courthouse. They are upsetting to me and do not send a message that Mathews welcomes and respects all its residents and visitors.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The United States is currently experiencing a pandemic, resulting in fewer students attending school each day and the cafeteria fund is is funded independent of the operating fund by federal meal reimbursements, state funds and meal sales revenue, resulting a revenue shortfall for operation of the School Nutrition Program during 2020-2021;

WHEREAS, continuing to provide meals for all students during this time has incurred higher than normal costs due to higher cost of food, materials and supplies and the additional need for “grab and go meals” food, materials and supplies for meals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mathews County School Board hereby requests that the Mathews County Board of Supervisors appropriate a transfer from the current Mathews County Public Schools Operating Budget in the amount of \$245,000 to the Cafeteria Fund to cover the approximate revenue shortfall. This will not require any additional local funds and will be absorbed by the Mathews County School Board FY21 Operating Budget.

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John L. Priest

Chairman

Mathews County School Board

April 20, 2021

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mathews County Public Schools has received or encumbered Federal Grant Funds awarded for specific purposes under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF) Act;

WHEREAS, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors must appropriate all revenue and expenditures to Mathews County Public Schools budget annually;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mathews County School Board hereby requests that the Mathews County Board of Supervisors appropriate the following amounts to the FY21 Operating Budget from the 2020-2021 CARES Act award:

\$76,608.00 to Technology for Wifi & Mifi Access (GEER-VISION Sub Grant)
\$ 7,506.00 to Instruction for Assessments (Assessments Sub Grant)
\$163,099.24 to Technology for Student Chromebooks & Laptops (LEA Activities Sub Grant)

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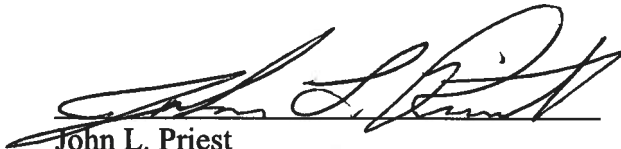
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, certain expenditures beyond the control of the Mathews County School Board and the administration will exceed the amount budgeted; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain positive balances in some categories of the 2020-2021 School Budget as required by the Code of Virginia and the annual appropriation method used by the Mathews County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, it can be reasonably predicted that certain categories will need funds to maintain a positive balance before the end of this fiscal year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mathews County School Board requests that the Mathews County Board of Supervisors grant permission to transfer funds, when necessary, from categories in the 2020-2021 School Budget in order to maintain a positive balance in each category.

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