

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE,
SALUDA, VIRGINIA:

Present: Wayne H. Jessie, Sr., Jamaica District
Don R. Harris, Saluda District
Reginald A. Williams, Sr., Harmony Village District
Lud H. Kimbrough, III, Pinetop District
John B. Koontz, Jr., Hartfield District

Matthew L. Walker, County Administrator
Betty S. Muncy, Assistant County Administrator
Ann Marie Ricardi, Assistant County Administrator
Heather W. Lewis, County Attorney
Susan C. Traner, Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendance was taken by Ms. Muncy with the following roll call: Supervisor Williams – Present; Supervisor Koontz – Present; Supervisor Harris – Present; Supervisor Jessie – Present; and Chairman Kimbrough – Present. There was a quorum. Supervisor Williams led the group in prayer; Mr. Walker led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, was made by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Koontz, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Harris – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Jessie – Aye; and Chairman Kimbrough – Aye.

The Consent Agenda included approval of minutes from the February 1, 2022 Budget Work Session, February 1, 2022 Regular Meeting, February 4, 2022 Budget Work Session, and the February 15, 2022 Joint Budget Work Session with the School Board; disbursements dated February 2, 2022 – March 1, 2022, numbered 99509 – 99630, totaling \$444,811.61; and payroll dated February 15, 2022, numbered 99418 – 99440, totaling \$502,081.78. Check numbers 99441 – 99508 were voided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Kimbrough opened the public comment period at 3:03 p.m.

Lewis Briggs spoke to the Board regarding the monument, saying it needed to be taken down or moved. He said the question surrounding the removal of the monument should never have been put on the ballot as a referendum. The Board had already voted three to two to take it down. It was obvious which way the majority would vote.

Lottie Roane said she was petitioning the County to take over the maintenance of Raven Road. The condition of the road is concerning on many levels, but the main concern is the ability of fire, rescue, and ambulances to get to her home in a timely fashion in the event of an emergency. The Postal Service has quit delivering mail several times due to the condition of the road. There is a sinkhole at the beginning of the road. The school bus will not come down the road. VDOT is well aware of the issues. As a taxpayer, she feels it is time for the County to take the burden off of the homeowners for the road.

Chairman Kimbrough closed the public comment period at 3:11 p.m.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Traci Wright, Deputy Treasurer, addressed the Board on behalf Ms. Thrift, Treasurer, who was unable to be present. She said the Treasurer is concerned about the possibility of outsourcing the payroll process. She strongly recommends that this topic be thoroughly discussed and thought out before a decision is made. Outsourcing payroll will generate extra work for the Treasurer's office. Ms. Thrift had spoken with other localities about payroll outsourcing and was told that it had not been considered due to the tremendous amount of work created for the Treasurer's office, which would be time consuming and labor intensive.

AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

VDOT:

Lee McKnight, Residency Administrator, said he would be working with Mr. Walker in April on the Secondary Six-Year Plan. He said paving was about to begin on Routes 3 and 33 in various locations and routine maintenance will be performed in those areas beforehand. He said the Deltaville shared-use path project had encountered right-of-way and utility issues. He is hoping that the issues and scoping will be resolved and completed by June. He said that there are two options in terms of street acceptance of Raven Road through the state system. One option is through the Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements (SSAR) where the citizens would have to bring the road up to current state standards using private funds. The second option would be the rural addition program, which would be prioritized by the Board of Supervisors through the Secondary Six-Year Plan. That option would require a myriad of intricate details and requirements to be met.

Supervisors Koontz and Williams spoke with Mr. McKnight about the speed limit issue on Regent Road, asking if anything further would be done. Mr. McKnight said the "55" speed limit signs would be installed within the next two weeks. In terms of any other plans VDOT has, Mr. McKnight said that VDOT's job was completed. Supervisor Koontz said his constituents had made it clear that they are not satisfied with a 55-mile per hour speed limit

on Regent Road and they want VDOT to do more. He asked what recourse the County had to ensure that VDOT did another study or took more action. Mr. McKnight said Virginia Code required that a traffic engineering investigation be conducted, and it had. The speed limits are determined by those studies. Much discussion was had about trying to get the speed limit reduced on Regent Road. Mr. McKnight said the best thing the County can do to reduce the speed limit is enforcement. Hopefully, police enforcement of the speed limit will deter speeders and cause everyone to be more cautious while traveling that road. The study revealed that there is a speeding issue on certain stretches of the road but putting a 45-mile per hour speed limit sign up is not going to reduce the speed of people already going 72 miles per hour. He said that only law enforcement would do that. Supervisor Koontz asked Mr. McKnight to provide him with a copy of the traffic engineering study to review.

Supervisor Koontz asked Mr. McKnight to have an inspector check Courthouse Road and Raven Road to see if any improvements could be made that could alleviate the issues on Raven Road.

Supervisor Koontz asked Mr. McKnight to add the Norris Bridge to his monthly report that he provides to the Board of Supervisors. He would like the status of the bridge noted monthly as well as any mention of an infrastructure bill or other funds to help with repair or replacement.

Schools:

Dr. Seitz, Superintendent, reviewed the high school renovation project, saying that there would be a community stakeholder's meeting on March 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. She said she was looking forward to seeing Supervisors Koontz and Williams at the meeting. She said she had been successful in getting two items on the Capital Improvement Plan covered by ESSER funds. ESSER funds will pay for the paving projects at the schools and the overflow parking lot at the elementary school, so approximately \$565,000 will be removed from the CIP. She said that ESSER funds were also obtained for air quality equipment for the replaced HVAC at the elementary school. A check had been received for \$216,000 for the air quality equipment, which she was returning to the County.

Mr. Walker commended Dr. Seitz and her staff for leveraging so many state monies by applying for grants so often.

Supervisor Harris asked Dr. Seitz if the lighting project in the school's CIP for \$250,000 was for all the schools. Dr. Seitz said that the CIP had \$500,000 for the lighting projects; \$250,000 was for the middle school in the coming year, and \$250,000 the following year for the elementary school. She said it is assumed the lighting at the high school will be included in the high school renovation project.

Health Insurance Renewal:

David Rowe, Banker's Insurance and Benefits Consultant, said that his presentation would reflect a small increase in the County's health insurance renewal, primarily due to

prescription drug utilization. The County participates in the Commonwealth of Virginia's program which allows the County to have a much greater buying power that is pool-rated. The County's renewal, if the current plan is continued, will have a 10.7% increase. Last year, the County received a 1.2% decrease for the renewal. Mr. Rowe provided an analysis of the County's current insurance. The Key Advantage 500 plan is offered at no cost to employees. For the Key Advantage 250 plan, the County pays the employee-only cost, and the employee can buy up to the next level plan, paying the difference. Both plans offer medical, dental, vision, and prescription coverage. The Key Advantage 500 plan offers the employee a \$500 deductible, while the buy-up plan offers a \$250 deductible and a richer hospital benefit. The majority of employees are enrolled in the County-funded Key Advantage 500 plan. Fifteen employees have bought up to the Key Advantage 250 plan.

Mr. Rowe said the annual cost to the County would go up approximately \$64,800, which is about a 10.7% increase. The increase was 11.7%, but the Commonwealth pulled a percent for every group in the program out of their reserve fund and gave it back to the member groups. The increase came about because the County's demographics are worse than the pool they are a part of, meaning the County may have older employees or a higher female count than the average over other members of the pool. He reviewed other program scenarios, such as keeping the same medical, vision, and pharmacy plans but changing to a preventative-dental-only plan rather than offering such things as fillings, periodontal work, crowns, bridges, dentures and orthodontics. The preventative-dental-only plan would save the County about \$15,000. Employees on the County-funded plan could buy up to the comprehensive dental plan for \$17 a month. For employees choosing the buy-up plan, the preventative dental plan would cost them \$65 a month and the comprehensive dental plan would cost \$82. He reviewed another plan that offers everything that the Key Advantage 500 plan offers now, except it would be a \$1,000 deductible rather than a \$500 deductible. Employees could buy up to the Key Advantage 500 plan for \$102 a month. The \$1,000 deductible plan would save the County about \$32,000.

Supervisor Kimbrough asked Mr. Rowe how many people actually meet their deductible, saying that if very few people meet their deductible, it might make sense to go with a high deductible plan. Mr. Rowe said he does not have access to any of that data for a group of less than 100 participants. He said that a survey of the employees was done last year asking if they would like to participate in a high-deductible plan, and it was overwhelmingly shot down by the employees. Mr. Rowe said the County's insurance renewal must be processed no later than March 25, 2022. Ms. Ricardi said the draft budget was based on the assumption that the County would continue with the two current options of the Key Advantage 500 or 250 plans.

Some discussion was had by Mr. Rowe, the Board, and staff on the pros and cons of a high-deductible plan and health savings accounts.

The Board agreed, by consensus, to continue on with the same plans that are in place today, making no changes to the insurance coverages at all.

Airport Project:

Jeff Gore, Project Manager, gave an update on the Hummel Field realignment extension project, saying it remains on course with state agencies. DEQ has scheduled a public hearing on the environmental review on March 30, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for a public information session, followed by the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing is the last administrative hurdle to get through before being able to get the project licensed by the Department of Aviation (VDOA). The end of the 90-day comment period is approaching. DEQ will then have to compile their report and submit it to the Department of Aviation by May 5, 2022. VDOA will decide at that time if they are ready to make a decision on whether to issue the project license or whether more mitigation requirements need to be met. He said he had been working with the contractor and his attorney dealing with some real estate matters that are part of the deal. No construction can begin until the VDOA issues the project license, so it will hopefully be early summer when the construction begins.

Mr. Gore said that the County has an opportunity to bring into the project a very experienced attorney to help guide this project to fruition. Mark Flynn is the recent Director of the Department of Aviation and has been a local government attorney for 40 years. He has worked on airport projects around the state, and he is also a licensed pilot. Mr. Flynn is now working in private law again and is doing airport-related work. Mr. Flynn could drive the project home, and Mr. Gore would step back and deal with the Department of Aviation as needed. Mr. Flynn would not be able to represent the County to the Department of Aviation, due to the state conflict of interest laws, for a year. There would no additional cost incurred by the County. He presented two proposed agreements, one for him, and the other for Mr. Flynn, outlining their duties and the costs for each. Mr. Flynn would be doing the majority of the work at this point.

A motion to authorize the County Administrator to sign both agreements, one for Mr. Gore and one for Mr. Flynn, was made by Supervisor Jessie, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Harris – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Jessie – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; and Chairman Kimbrough – Aye.

Resource International Landfill Update:

Bob Hundley, Project Manager at Resource International, said the Resource International goal has always been and continues to be helping Middlesex County exit post-closure care. The primary piece of post-closure care deals with groundwater monitoring and landfill gas. He reviewed photographs highlighting the site improvements that had been made. He reviewed the procedures for obtaining groundwater samples. He said that many of the landfill gas extraction wells were nonproductive, so they had to examine them to determine what was wrong with them. Some of them were very full of water and some had a significant amount of sediment in them. An investigative probe is located on the northern portion of the landfill where the majority of the landfill gas problems are. The landfill gas extraction wells have settlement issues occurring around the wells themselves and that water eventually works its way down the well pipe. The pipes are connected to a vacuum pump that sucks the gas out of the landfill and exhausts it. County staff obtained clay and

packed those settled areas with it to prevent water from seeping down around the well and filling the well with water. Mr. Hundley reviewed a map of the landfill's site plan. The groundwater is directed downhill to the southern portion of the landfill and the creek. Surface monitoring points are used to sample the water in the creek. The samples have never had any sort of exceedance. He indicated on the map the area of primary concern for groundwater monitoring, saying it is close to the property line. The goal is to be below the Groundwater Protection Standard (GPS), which most of the wells are. If that goal cannot be met, post-closure can possibly be met by using the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act (UECA). A UECA can be placed on the landfill, but there are certain conditions that must be met to do that. The landfill must have steady state trends at all of the groundwater site sampling wells or a three-year downward trend. The problem is that the County owns almost to the creek, but not quite. The UECA would require the County to own all the way to the creek as well as approximately 50-feet on the other side of the creek. Trying to own those other properties would be a complicating factor as several property owners would be involved, not just one. If the County were to pursue that, the County could terminate groundwater monitoring at a savings of approximately \$85,000 a year.

Mr. Hundley said that several gas extraction wells were not performing as they should as they had water and sediment in them. He identified several approaches that the Board could consider, saying that landfill gas vent wells would be the most practical approach. They could be placed near the mostly-nonfunctioning wells, and they would allow wells to vent passively. They would be screened the entire depth of the vent well. If the vent wells are able to extract gas and prevent it from getting to the nonfunctioning wells, the County would be in a position to turn off the extraction system, which is what DEQ requires before allowing any post-closure exit with respect to landfill gas. DEQ requires that the landfill be gas-free at the probes for three years without an active extraction system running. The benefit of the vent wells would be to vent the gas and not be part of the active extraction system. If additional extraction wells were added, the system would be running until the landfill became gas free. The problem is, if the new extraction wells do not get the gas out, the County will still have a compliance point problem surrounding the original extraction wells.

Many questions were asked by the Board and much discussion was had by the Board, staff, and Resource International. Mr. Walker emphasized that the landfill poses no public health threat.

A motion to authorize four vent wells, not to exceed a total of \$20,000, to address the landfill gases in the most cost-efficient way, recommended by the experts, was made by Supervisor Koontz, seconded by Supervisor Jessie, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Jessie – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Harris – Aye; and Chairman Kimbrough – Aye.

HRSD:

Jeremiah Burford, HRSD, gave a presentation on the Cooks Corner service area pump station and gravity sewer system, which will be advertised over the next two or three weeks. HRSD ran into some issues with DEQ, so they are still working through some

grants, funding availability, and requirements for the project. HRSD is working to find out exactly what needs to be done to make sure the project qualifies for the various grants that are available for shovel-ready projects. Mr. Walker said that the Governor's Infrastructure Financing Conference should be attended by the Chairman of the Board, as well as the Chairman of the Water Authority and Chairman of the EDA, to be certain to know what to do to be in line for some of the Infrastructure Act funds. Mr. Burford said the current estimate for the project is \$2.5 million, which is up from \$1.7 million, the cost estimate from 2017, before the pandemic, which caused inflation and increased costs of construction material, volatility, and construction cost, as well as various other items. When the project is ready to go out to bid, it will come before the Board for approval. He is anticipating that it could come before the Board, at the earliest, at the May meeting. The engineering is almost done, but he is waiting to understand how to conform to the requirements of the infrastructure grant program. The grant funding has a potential for principal forgiveness as well as other avenues. Mr. Walker added that the County was already approved for the Clean Water Revolving Loan Act to borrow money for this project.

The Board took a ten-minute break at 5:45 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Bayport Development Right-of-Way:

Ms. Lewis reminded the Board that a while back, the same company that owns both Bethpage and Grey's Point, bought the old Boy Scouts campground, and they are doing a road expansion for that campground project. The developer will get the right-of-way, then transfer it to the County. The County will eventually give the right-of-way to VDOT for them to maintain.

Mr. Grady Palmer, Williams Mullen Attorney for Masons Mark, LLC, addressed the Board, saying that the campground project was approved by the Board in July 2019, and it required rezoning. There was a proffer associated with the rezoning to address safety issues on Bay Port Road. The client agreed to widen Bay Port Road as part of the project. The project required that additional right-of-way easements be conveyed to the County and then be conveyed to VDOT for maintenance. The site plan and VDOT road processes have been completed. The final step is for the Board to approve and accept the deed of right-of-way and easement, provided lawyers do final reviews of the documents. The deed had been changed slightly to reflect that a private company would do the road work, and there would be no County involvement. The only thing in the deed that needs Board review is the rights-of-way that expand the roadway and the slope easements, which need to be cut in to stabilize the new roadway.

Ms. Lewis questioned the County's liability and whether the County would be obligated to develop or build anything. Mr. Palmer said there was no obligation for the County to do anything. A private company would do all the work, and that was spelled out in the deed. The language in the deed also says that VDOT will be taking over the maintenance.

Mr. Kretz, Planning and Zoning Director, added that a VDOT signature would be added to the final plat.

A motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the deed of right-of-way and easement, subject to the County Attorney's final approval, and subject to a VDOT signature being added to the final plat, was made by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Jessie, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Jessie – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Harris – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; and Chairman Kimbrough – Aye.

Latimore Property Purchase:

Mr. Walker discussed the proposed Latimore property purchase, Tax Map #27-51, and reviewed the property location on the map. He said that Tax Map #27-52A is County-owned property. The Latimore property is approximately 5.43 acres, and the proposed contract is for \$95,000. The title work is largely complete, and the County's consultant and engineer, Gordon Jones, reviewed the plat and said it was acceptable.

Supervisor Harris stated that the Board is interested in acquiring this piece of property for the advantage of Route 33 access and to give the County more access to the property that is already owned by the County. Mr. Walker said the acquisition of this property would give the County a considerable amount more road frontage. The acquisition of Tax Map #27-51 would also potentially aid the Board in perhaps selling a portion or all of the County-owned property.

A motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the necessary documents to close on the purchase of the Latimore property, Tax Map #27-51, and for the County Attorney to proceed with the acquisition, was made by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Koontz, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Harris – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Jessie – Aye; and Chairman Kimbrough – Aye.

Citizen Appointment:

Ms. Muncy informed the Board that an application had been submitted by Bev Butler for reappointment to the Planning Commission for another four-year term.

A motion to reappoint Bev Butler to continue serving on the Planning Commission, with a term expiration of June 30, 2026, was made by Supervisor Koontz, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Harris – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Jessie – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; and Chairman Kimbrough – Aye.

Airport Resolution:

Ms. Muncy said that part of the ongoing runway expansion project requires that the County apply for a license modification. She reviewed the list of documents that are required from the County. Some things have already been completed. The Airport Layout Plan has already been adopted. The Department of Aviation already has the copy of the

airport property map with the proposed runway extension, and the County has already submitted its certificate of financial responsibility. The environmental determination will be made after the DEQ public hearing being held on March 30, 2022. One of the items still needed is an official resolution of the Board supporting a runway expansion, as well as a submission of a FAA form that notifies them that the County is expanding the runway.

Supervisor Williams said that the Department of Aviation (DOA) had already approved the Airport Layout Plan, but he would like to amend the plan by removing the terminal building site on the east side of the runway from the drawing. The County is not building a new terminal building. The DOA would have to approve this change. Ms. Muncy said that the drawing had “ultimate” beside “terminal building”, meaning potential, that it could happen in the future somewhere down the road. She said that if the plan was amended, there was a process to go through. The County would have to justify the reason for amending the plan.

Supervisor Williams made a motion to amend the plan by removing the potential terminal building site from it, and then to authorize the Chairman or Mr. Walker to execute the agreement. Much discussion was had by the Board about the plan.

Mr. Gore said that he believed removing a planned structure would be a land use decision. Removal would be at the Board’s discretion. He did not see a legal problem with removing the proposed structure.

Supervisor Jessie said that the potential terminal building could be looked at as a capital improvement. It is planned for the future, but not set in stone. He asked if amending the plan would cause a delay in the project.

Ms. Muncy said she did not believe amending the plan would cause any delay. She said the change could be handled first, by the staff, and then the amended plan could be submitted with the resolution adopted by the Board with the license package application.

A motion to amend the plan and remove the potential terminal building from the east side of the runway, known as the “ultimate General Aviation FBO”, the FBO parking access drive, and related aircraft parking apron, and subsequently to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement, was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Jessie – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Harris – Aye; and Chairman Kimbrough – Aye.

Sports Complex Fee Waiver Request:

Ms. Muncy said that the Sports Complex committee wished to construct a 30-foot by 40-foot lighted, open shed pavilion. They have asked for the Board’s permission to build the pavilion, since the property is owned by the County, and they asked to have the fees waived in the amount of \$223.20.

A motion to authorize the construction of a 30-foot by 40-foot lighted, open shed pavilion and to waive the fees in the amount of \$223.20 was made by Supervisor Jessie,

seconded by Supervisor Koontz, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Jessie – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Harris – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; and Chairman Kimbrough – Aye.

Dog Park Roof Fee Waiver Request:

Ms. Ricardi said that back in September, the Board had approved a contract with River Woodworks to put a roof over the dog shed kennels. It is requested that the building fee of approximately \$100.80 be waived.

A motion to waive the fees for approximately \$100.80 for building the roof over the dog kennels was made by Supervisor Jessie, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and carried 4-0-1 by the following roll call: Supervisor Koontz – Abstain; Supervisor Harris – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Jessie – Aye; and Chairman Kimbrough – Aye.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Ms. Ricardi said she would start putting a report in the Board's packet every month so they could see the progress of the new cigarette tax. The tax was implemented in August 2021. So far, \$110,000 has been collected for the cigarette tax.

Ms. Ricardi reported that the Payroll and Benefits Coordinator had left and moved over to the Sheriff's Office, which left a significant void in the operations, but also allowed for an opportunity to reorganize and have some significant cost savings. She communicated with multiple payroll processors and received quotes from them. The best of the three, and also the one with the lowest quote, was Dominion Payroll. They had extremely strong references. She said the cost is based on the number of employees processed, and the cost for Dominion would be less than \$5,000. She said she had worked to address the Treasurer's concerns of an increased workload. She said the County would receive a .csv file that could be uploaded into the Bright system by pressing two or three buttons, so there would be no data entry. Outsourcing payroll offers the opportunity to reorganize the administrative offices. Some of the duties of the Payroll and Benefits Coordinator are being allocated to either Shanae Hammond or Ms. Ricardi. She said that if the Board approves outsourcing to Dominion, it could save approximately \$38,000 in next year's budget if the staff position is not replaced. It will provide time savings, cost reduction, avoid IRS mistakes and penalties, and there will be a team of experts to rely on. Also, payroll will no longer be stuck on one individual, meaning people can take vacation whenever they choose.

Mr. Walker said that the additional duties being transferred to Shanae Hammond, Accounts Payable Clerk, were being recognized with a small supplemental increase in pay. He said that staff also understands the concerns expressed because change can be unsettling. Staff also understands that pay issues need to be handled carefully and sensitively.

Mr. Walker said the County had been asked by employees on numerous occasions to consider going to a bi-monthly payroll as opposed to a monthly payroll. He said that using Dominion would make it easier to facilitate that if the Board ever wanted to consider it.

The Board agreed, by consensus, to allow Ms. Ricardi to continue pursuing outsourcing payroll with Dominion Payroll.

COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATE

Ms. Lewis said that each Board member had been given an updated Virginia County Supervisors manual. She encouraged the members to read it, saying it would be an extremely helpful tool for them.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Unfinished Business:

Supervisor Koontz said the company that was planting the sprigs and zigzagging the sand fence was on location today at Mill Creek, so that job should now be completed. He said he would keep the Board updated as to whether the project is successful in keeping sand out of the Mill Creek boat ramp. Supervisor Koontz said he met with Lewie Lawrence as a new member of the Public Access Authority. Funding has been secured for at least 55% of the engineering cost for a long-term solution at Mill Creek.

New Business:

No new business was discussed by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Kimbrough opened the public comment period at 6:39 p.m.

No speakers made any public comment.

Chairman Kimbrough closed the public comment period at 6:39 p.m.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Board Members reported on their activities and meetings since the last regular meeting on February 1, 2022.

Supervisor Koontz said he had been reading history books in an effort to understand what Middlesex might have looked like in 1910. He read an article written by Becky Little who was writing for history.com. The article compared the Nuremberg Race Laws adopted by Nazi Germany in 1935 to laws in effect in the United States of America in the early 20th century.

Supervisor Williams said the work on the Whiting Creek's parking lot had been started.

Chairman Kimbrough announced that the first meeting of the Historic Courthouse Committee had been held and they determined that their first step would be to find out how

other courthouses have dealt with the statue situation. One person, who works at the Middlesex Museum, has distributed examples of eight courthouses that have such exhibits. Further research will be necessary; therefore, he would like to request access to the remaining discretionary funds in the Board of Supervisors account. He would like for those funds to be available in the event that research will be needed between now and the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Walker added that there is approximately \$3,000 in the account that could be allocated.

A motion to make the remaining funds from the Board of Supervisors line item available to the Historic Courthouse Committee for their needs was made by Supervisor Koontz, seconded by Supervisor Jessie, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Harris – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Jessie – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; and Chairman Kimbrough – Aye.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn until the work session meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., was made by Supervisor Jessie, seconded by Supervisor Harris, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Jessie – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Harris – Aye; and Chairman Kimbrough – Aye.

Lud H. Kimbrough, III
Chairman, Board of Supervisors