

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE,
SALUDA, VIRGINIA:

Present: Wayne H. Jessie, Sr., Jamaica District
Peter W. Mansfield, Saluda District
Reginald A. Williams, Sr., Harmony Village District
Lud H. Kimbrough, III, Pinetop District

Present by Electronic Means: 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 Jessie called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Chairman Jessie led the group in prayer; Mr. Walker led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Attendance was taken by Ms. Muncy with the following roll call: Supervisor Williams – Present; Supervisor Koontz – Not Present; Supervisor Mansfield – Present; Supervisor Kimbrough – Present; and Chairman Jessie – Present. Chairman Jessie announced that Supervisor Koontz would not be able to attend the meeting in person today, but he wanted to attend the meeting electronically. He said the Board must follow the rules and procedures established for electronic participation due to a personal matter. The Chairman asked Supervisor Koontz, who was attending by Zoom, to state the reason for his attendance electronically. Supervisor Koontz stated that he had scheduled a visit with his family in Pennsylvania this week. The Chairman stated that the Board needed to have a majority vote to approve Supervisor Koontz' participation by electronic means.

A roll call was taken by Ms. Muncy to approve Supervisor Koontz' participation by electronic means: Supervisor Mansfield – Aye; Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; and Chairman Jessie – Aye. The vote was unanimous to allow Supervisor Koontz to participate electronically. Chairman Jessie asked for the minutes to reflect why Supervisor Koontz was participating electronically and to reflect his location. Supervisor Koontz identified his location as 711 Juliana Street, Bedford, Pennsylvania 15522-1929. Supervisor Koontz was now a voting member of the Board and there was a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Jessie said that the agenda would be amended to add Greg Chambers, Habitat for Humanity, at the end of the Agency and Staff Reports. He said the Recognition of Service for Alvin Wake may be performed slightly later in the meeting rather than at the scheduled time at the beginning of the meeting.

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

The Consent Agenda included approval of minutes from the July 6, 2021 Regular meeting; disbursements dated July 7, 2021 – August 3, 2021, numbered 97987 – 97991 and 98021 – 98155, totaling \$1,001,527.72; and payroll dated July 15, 2021, numbered 97992 – 98020 totaling \$497,228.86.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Jessie opened the public comment period at 3:04 p.m.

Clark Waring said that the Board had recently voted to remove the Confederate monument from the courthouse grounds with no explanation as to why this inanimate object, with a loving message inscribed on it, is offensive. He read the inscription to the Board, saying it was nothing but a thoughtful, caring message remembering a loved one. He said the NAACP had been hijacked by the left – Marxist Socialist agitators – and was being used to destroy America. He said the removal of the monument would not advance or improve the well being of anyone, black or white. He said America and the NAACP had real problems to solve instead of wasting time on a benign monument erected 100 years ago. They should be focusing on the crime issues, such as the ones in Chicago. He said that neither history nor sin could be erased. He said the monument reminds the citizens not to repeat the same mistakes. He said that the monument should never have been an issue, but now that it is, the voters of Middlesex County should decide the outcome.

Katie Carnes said she was addressing the Board because it had voted 3-2 to remove the historical monument from the Middlesex County courthouse grounds. She said it would be a huge mistake to try to erase history and pretend it never happened, because then, you cannot learn from it. Middlesex County was one of two counties on the entire Middle Peninsula that was able to protect its courthouse and its historical records from Union soldiers that wanted to burn it down. She learned last week, from the National Historical Society, that the majority of the courageous soldiers protecting the courthouse were black men, and many died protecting the courthouse property and grounds. The monument at the courthouse represents the valor of those soldiers and the sacrifices of the women of Middlesex County during the war. She said the will of the people is crystal clear and Middlesex County needs to show a unified front to recognize the truth, the suffrage, and the economics of that time by memorializing the facts and the sacrifice of everyone involved. The existing monument should not be removed or altered in any way. It is a registered

historical monument on historical land. Ms. Carnes suggested to Supervisor Williams last week that a permanent, dedicated, educational showcase be placed at reading height next to the monument to provide an opportunity to learn about the events of the war and of all the suffering and lives that were lost. The showcase would serve three purposes. First, it would acknowledge the events of the past. Second, it would honor the lives of all men that were lost. Third, it would state the type of community Middlesex is today. She said the Board should never have taken a vote on this important issue without hearing the voices of the people they represent. She commended the few Board members that voiced hesitation or concern for voting on this matter without actively seeking the opinion of the residents of the County. She said that, over the last two weeks, she has spoken to hundreds of residents, black and white, and only one person has said that they wanted the monument removed. She said it was time for certain Board members to open their minds to hear the voices of the people they represent without being influenced by outside organizations or their own personal agenda. She said if the Board decided to move forward with the current 3-2 vote to remove the monument, she would file for a court order to grant a voter referendum by way of special election pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 24.2-682 and 24.2-684 so every voter in Middlesex County would be given the opportunity to use their voice by casting a legal vote to decide the matter. She said she prays the majority of this Board will do the right thing and represent the voices of their constituents.

Michael Knez said he spoke to the Board last month regarding the removal of the monument, explaining his reasons for its removal. He said that by being elected to the Board, each member pledged to put loyalty to the highest principles, and to put loyalty to the County, as a whole, over loyalty to individuals, districts, or particular groups. He said the inscription does seem benign, to honor valor and patriotism. The soldiers were patriotic and courageous, but they were fighting for a regime that held that white people were superior to black people, and that white people had the right to own black people as property. He said that is what the monument stands for. It stands for superiority and says that whites are back in control. He said it needs to be gone.

Hal Muller addressed the Board, saying that his family came to this country in the early 1900s. His grandmother was an indentured servant from Hungary. Family members were put in Auschwitz, and Auschwitz still remains. It is an emblem for the Jews to remember and say that it shall never happen again. He said if he were a black man with a young child, he would take the opportunity to explain to him what happened in the mid-1800s and to say to him to never let that happen again. He said that taking an inanimate object and destroying or moving it, when there was no malice or forethought when it was put there, is not the right way to go. He said there was a previous Board member that served for 40 years that retired and put an article in the newspaper saying the Board should never give the people a right to vote because then, the Board would never have the County the way they want it. He said he certainly hopes they do not follow in his footsteps. He told the Board that the monument issue was a decision for the people in the County to make, not them.

Bridget Weinberg (Soucek) said that generations and generations of her family were from Virginia, and there were Confederate soldiers in her family. She said that all white

people say that the Confederate statues are part of history, placed to commemorate fallen soldiers. Some argue that statues are benign symbols of the past. She said that, in reality, the memorials were installed as symbols of white supremacy when black Americans' civil rights were aggressively under attack. They were erected during the period of lynchings and dehumanization of black Americans. Monuments spiked after southern states enacted sweeping laws to disenfranchise black Americans and segregate society. Monuments were built as part of an organized strategy to reshape and whitewash Civil War history. This effort was largely spearheaded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy with a goal of preparing future generations of white southerners to respect and defend the principles of the Confederacy. They also rejected any school textbook that said slavery was the central cause of the Civil War. The Daughters praised the Ku Klux Klan and gave speeches that distorted the cruelty of slavery and defended slave owners. The statue represents racial superiority and hate. Removing the statue would not be rewriting the past or erasing history; it would be confronting the truth of the statue and removing the symbol of white supremacy. Rather than fighting to keep the statue, the County should be working towards repair and accountability. Doing the right thing requires courage and requires one to act boldly and follow their moral compass.

Monica Sanders stated that the war was originally over states' rights. The North wanted to buy cotton cheaper, and the South wanted to sell it and make more money to send to England. She said that, actually, very few people had slaves. However, she said that slavery still exists today because children and young women are being taken from their homes and put into a slave system. She said it is reprehensible. She stated that they are tortured, eaten, beaten, starved, and used for sex. She said someone had made a courageous attempt to end this kind of pedophilia and satanic worship and hopefully, much of it will end.

Ricardo Davila asked who the players were in starting the movement to have the statue removed. He wanted to know what individuals or groups were behind the movement. He came to the courthouse grounds to see the Juneteenth celebration. He said that at the Juneteenth celebration, he saw the NAACP, and representation for Black Lives Matter (BLM) and Antifa, the sister organizations of the NAACP. He questioned whether something more insidious was going on. He wondered why all monuments, not just Confederate monuments, were being removed. Monuments to Lewis and Clark, Columbus, and others are being removed. He wanted to know if the Board members voting for the removal represent and hold in esteem the values of these organizations. The monument is a memorial to the dead and to the people of Middlesex County. He read the inscription on the monument for the Board. He said the citizens and the Board must work together to find a solution to this issue.

Chairman Jessie closed the public comment period at 3:32 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Chairman Jessie read the resolution that was prepared on behalf of Mr. Alvin Wake. His daughter, Sharon Wake, accepted the plaque recognizing 36+ years of service on the Planning Commission. Mr. Wake began serving on the Planning Commission in November 1985 and retired from service in June 2021. The Board expressed its sincere thanks and appreciation for Mr. Wake's service.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Kathy Thrift, Treasurer, addressed the Board, saying that she was holding a real estate auction at the Historic Courthouse tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. She said that there are 30+ properties being sold.

Mae Burke Diggs, Commissioner of the Revenue, responded to a question posed by Supervisor Kimbrough regarding the BPOL tax revenue. He said that the BPOL tax revenue had declined for two years in a row. He said the decline is disturbing and he does not want to see that trend continue. Ms. Diggs said she would research that and get back to him with that information. She said she had a change to her report that was submitted for the Board packet; the report was due before all the June numbers were in. She said Meals Tax was actually \$202,174.49 and the Transient Occupancy Tax was actually \$100,139.48.

AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

Schools:

Dr. Tracy Seitz, Superintendent, addressed the Board regarding several supplements. Ms. Karen Murray, Finance Director, was also present. Dr. Seitz said the first appropriation was for a quarterly payment from Sun Tribe for buying back credits as agreed to when the solar panels were installed. The next appropriation was for the carryover balance from FY21 for the Textbook Fund. Another appropriation was for the carryover balance from FY21 for the Food Service Program. She reminded the Board that the Food Service Program is a self-sufficient program that is separate from other funding, and it has its own bank account. She said they were able to use CARES funds to supplement that program when the school shut down in August 2020. She stated that a grant had been received from River County's Community Foundation for the Compass Academy for \$50,000. Dr. Seitz said that a High School Innovation Grant had been received for \$38,000. She said it was actually received last year, but, because of COVID, they were unable to do the things they had planned to do with the money. The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) recognized that and gave an extension to all of the schools that received that grant to carry that money until December 31, 2021.

A motion to approve Budget Supplement Requests FY21- 02 – 06 was made by Supervisor Mansfield, seconded by Supervisor Koontz, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Mansfield – Aye; and Chairman Jessie – Aye.

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3-071-018991-2000	(\$24,040.00)	4-071-064200-5101-900	\$24,040.00
3-073-041060-0001	(\$5,109.66)	4-073-061100-6020-200-100	\$5,109.66
3-072-041060-0001	(\$181,606.75)	4-072-065100-6002-900	\$181,606.75
3-071-018990-3002	(\$50,000.00)	4-071-061100-8200-310-100-600	\$50,000.00
3-1-041060-0001	(\$38,000.00)	4-071-061100-1520-310-100	\$5,000.00
		4-071-061100-1620-310-100	\$22,000.00
		4-071-061100-3000-310-100	\$5,000.00
		4-071-061100-5500-310-100	\$6,000.00

Dr. Seitz gave a report on the CARES funding that had been received as well as numerous grants. She said the first round of CARES Act funding received was almost \$300,000. Those funds were used for support staff, adding support staff at all three schools. They were also used for cafeteria payroll, and Verizon Wireless data plans and iPads. The second round of CARES Act funding and several grants were used for nutrition salaries and additional supplies. Not only were they serving out of the kitchen, but they also prepared meals for pickup by parents. LTE-enabled Chromebooks were purchased and sent home with families. Those funds were also used for PPE for all of the schools and buses. The third round of CARES Act money was for just under \$200,000 and was used for some unemployment claims due to COVID, additional technology support as well as hotspots, Google Voice, Chromebooks, and Mi-Fi. Water fountains in the schools were also changed over to filling stations. They also installed the bipolar ionization at St. Clare Walker. The County used part of its CARES funding to install it in the other two schools. She said ESSER 2 funding for the school system had been received for \$1.2 million. Some of the things that money was used for were after-school programs, tutoring, summer programming, and additional furniture to increase social distancing. The funds were also used to replace the chiller at St. Clare Walker. It was recommended that it be replaced instead of repaired because it was 28 years old. So, the chiller replacement will be coming off of the CIP. A new ESSER grant is now available in the amount of \$2.7 million and the administrative team is working on that application.

Supervisor Williams said that the previous Superintendent, Dr. Gretz, had said several months ago that it looked like the school would have about \$600,000 to return to the General Fund. Dr. Seitz said she was not sure where he got his information from, but at this point, it looks like there will be around \$130,000 available to return to the General Fund.

Dustin Harris, Operations Director, explained an opportunity the school had received to apply for grants for two electric school buses through DEQ. The school had been awarded the grant funds and was given a one-week turnaround to accept them, with the deadline being today. The electric buses would replace regular diesel buses that were aging out, with 2006 buses being the cutoff. They identified two buses of that age to replace with the two new electric buses. DEQ was willing to pay the difference between the purchase of two electric buses versus two diesel buses. The original quote for the two electric buses was \$875,080. Dominion Electric wanted to get involved and they agreed to pay for all the charging costs, the charging infrastructure and installation, as well as for the 10-year warranty on the batteries totaling \$170,000, leaving the total cost at \$704,280. The

DEQ reimbursement will be \$512,346, leaving an all-in investment of \$191,934 for two electric buses, which would be \$95,967 per bus, which is cheaper than a diesel bus at \$105,000. Ms. Murray said this would not be for the current year, but action would need to be taken to add it to the CIP, which would be worked on this fall for the next fiscal year.

Several Board members asked Mr. Harris various questions about electric buses.

A motion to approve the purchase of two electric buses from the DEQ Clean School Bus Program was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Koontz, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Mansfield – Aye; Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; and Chairman Jessie – Aye.

Airport – Changes to Bylaws:

Jamie Barnhardt, Airport Committee Chairman, said that at a recent regularly scheduled Airport Committee meeting, a motion was made to be able to conduct electronic meetings. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote to request that the Board of Supervisors allow the Airport Committee to change their bylaws. If approved by the Board, the Airport Committee will vote to allow electronic participation at their next meeting.

A motion to allow the Airport Committee to change their bylaws to allow for electronic participation at meetings was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Mansfield, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Mansfield – Aye; Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; and Chairman Jessie – Aye.

Wings, Wheels and Keels Grant:

Betty Muncy stated that she had made application for this \$10,000 grant back in May, but unfortunately, the state does not act on it until July or August. The County has not been officially awarded the grant, but she asked the Board to accept the grant upon receipt from the state, if awarded.

A motion to accept the \$10,000 grant when it is received from the state was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Kimbrough, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Mansfield – Aye; Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; and Chairman Jessie – Aye.

Habitat for Humanity:

Greg Chambers, Vice President of the local Habitat Chapter, addressed the Board, asking them to waive all construction and building fees in support of a six-house subdivision being built by Habitat for Humanity. One of the selected housing recipients had family that had donated land for the project.

A motion to waive all construction and building fees for the Habitat for Humanity six-house subdivision project was made by Supervisor Mansfield, seconded by Supervisor

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Supplement and Transfer Requests:

Ms. Muncy informed the Board that Budget Supplement Request FY2022-07 was for donations that had been received for the Skate Park project – the remaining balance from last year’s donation, \$289.93, and \$525.00 of a new donation.

A motion to approve Budget Supplement Request FY2022-07 in the amount of \$814.93 was made by Supervisor Kimbrough, seconded by Supervisor Mansfield, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Mansfield – Aye; Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; and Chairman Jessie – Aye.

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3-1-041060-0001	(\$289.93)		
3-1-018990-0012	(\$525.00)	4-1-071010-5005	\$814.93

Citizen Appointments:

Ms. Muncy said that applications had been received for four vacant positions for the Board’s consideration. R.D. Johnson had applied for the Planning Commission, Hartfield District position; he had recently resigned from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Casey Mewborn had applied for the Middlesex Broadband Authority to replace Chris Henley, who had resigned. The Airport Committee had two applicants that wished to be considered for reappointment. Les Hockman and Chris Moffatt were both asking to be reappointed. Ms. Muncy noted that there were several vacancies on other boards and commissions as well.

A motion to approve all four applications for boards and commissions was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Kimbrough, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Mansfield – Aye; Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; and Chairman Jessie – Aye.

Canoe House Beach Boundary Line Adjustment and Fencing Agreement:

Dave Kretz, Director of Planning and Zoning, said that approximately 20 years ago, a boundary line agreement was drafted between the County and two families, the Luck family and the Burke family, alongside the Canoe House property. The drafted agreement included a lot line agreement and on the Luck family side, there was going to be an adjustment of the lot line. The agreement was executed by all the property owners but unfortunately, it was never recorded. The fence was erected on the agreed-upon line. Everyone is in agreement on the existence of the property line and the physical location of it, but the recordation never occurred. The boundary line agreement has been redrafted to accommodate new owners. The fence agreement states that the County will maintain the

fence in working condition. Both agreements have been vetted by the families and by county staff. The Board would need to take action to send the boundary line adjustment to public hearing and to do the proper advertising since it involves County property. The fencing agreement would not be signed until after the public hearing.

A motion to send the boundary line adjustment involving County property to public hearing was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Mansfield, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Mansfield – Aye; Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; and Chairman Jessie – Aye.

Timmons Group – Topping Sewer, Final Design Fee:

Mr. Walker reviewed the scope and fee schedule and contract from the County's sewer engineer for the Topping Sewer Project. The total amount of proposed services is \$320,425 to bring the project to final design and out to bid. Staff was asking for the Board to authorize further contract negotiation and execution of the contract contingent upon final revisions and minor modifications of some aspects of the contract not affecting price. He said that he and Ms. Lewis had a few minor things in the contract they wanted to work on, such as easement acquisition responsibility. He asked the Board for authorization to proceed to the final negotiation in an amount not to exceed \$320,425. This would allow Timmons to work on the final design of the sewer system in parallel with HRSD's policy development on such E1-type systems.

Supervisor Williams asked if that was the total cost of the project or if the Board should expect other expenses. Mr. Walker said that the contract did not include construction inspection services. He said the County has good relationships with several construction inspection firms. An RFP would most likely be put out for that to receive bids.

Supervisor Williams asked about the cost of the water line running from Harmony Grove to Grey's Point Campground. Mr. Walker said there could be an increase in costs due to material shortages and the effects of COVID-19. Material costs are very inflated at this time. He is hopeful that by the time this project goes out to bid and design, material costs will become more in the acceptable normal range as production capacity catches up with demand and material prices come down.

Supervisor Mansfield asked if HRSD was still requiring people to be hooked up to water to gauge how much wastewater was being dispensed through water bills. Mr. Walker replied that it was one of the reasons that HRSD wanted people to be hooked up to the water, so they could track, monitor, control and regulate to some extent. Mr. Walker answered several other questions regarding the sewer system project.

Supervisor Mansfield asked about mandated connections. Mr. Walker recommended that connections should never be mandated. If someone has a failing drain field, he believes the Health Department would highly encourage them to connect, but he does not know if they would require it. If they want to connect to the sewer system, HRSD will require them to connect to water first. He said if the County gets into the sewer business, he recommends that the County have the same requirements. The County can pursue options

for grant funding to provide assistance for low- to moderate-income residents. Again, he said he would never recommend mandated connections, but that was the Board's decision.

Mr. Walker said that funding for the Topping sewer contract is in the budget under a non-departmental line item, the \$854,000 reserve the County had established for the sewer project. Engineering costs for the sewer project are handled through this line item up until the time debt service is obtained for the project. Then any excess money in this line item would cover the debt service on projects as well.

A motion to authorize negotiation and execution of the contract for the sewer system in the Topping area, not to exceed \$320,425, with potential minor modifications and revisions, and contingent upon review of the County Attorney and final revision by staff, was made by Supervisor Kimbrough, seconded by Supervisor Williams, and carried by the following roll call: Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Mansfield – Aye; and Chairman Jessie – Aye.

The Board took a five-minute recess at 4:39 pm.

The Board returned from break at 4:44 pm.

Resolution regarding Organ Harvesting:

Ms. Muncy said that at last month's meeting, several people spoke during public comment about organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience in China and a draft resolution was prepared regarding this topic. She said that the people that spoke last month wanted to present a video regarding the matter. Supervisor Koontz said he wanted to clarify that it is not China, but, in particular, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

Tiny Tang addressed the Board; she had Lena Lee with her. Ms. Tang said Ms. Lee was a survivor of Falun Gong persecution; she was forced into a labor camp at 19 years old. She thanked the Board for considering the resolution to educate County residents and the medical community about the practice of state-sponsored organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience in the People's Republic of China. This immoral practice has been underreported, and the CCP has been working tirelessly to hide the situation from the rest of the world. If the resolution is passed, it will help Middlesex County residents and healthcare professionals make an informed decision when considering options for organ transplant. She presented the Board with a petition with over 100 signatures from County citizens who signed the petition in support of the resolution.

A brief video was played showing what Falun Gong stood for and how the CCP felt threatened by it. The CCP would not tolerate Falun Gong and it overruled the government support of Falun Gong. A nationwide CCP campaign against Falun Gong and the persecution of its followers began in July 1999. From 2000 to 2008, it is estimated that 65,000 Falun Gong followers were murdered to extract their organs for transplant and this practice is continuing today.

Supervisor Mansfield said that he did not feel that the County should be involved in this kind of resolution, saying that it is an international problem that should be solved at a much higher level. Although he appreciated Ms. Tang and the effort on a humanitarian basis, he will not vote in favor of the resolution.

A motion to approve the resolution regarding organ harvesting was made by Supervisor Koontz, seconded by Supervisor Williams, and carried 4-1 by the following roll call: Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Mansfield – Nay; Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; and Chairman Jessie – Aye.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Ms. Ricardi reviewed the updated Virginia marijuana law and how it impacts Middlesex County. The law changed on July 1, 2021; now adults over the age of 21 can legally possess up to one ounce of marijuana for personal consumption. It is still illegal to sell marijuana. One cannot consume marijuana in a public place or consume or possess marijuana on school grounds. Up to four plants can be cultivated at one's home and each plant must be tagged with the grower's name, drivers license number and a note that it is for personal use. She said the state is working on creating a system for retail sales in the future, possibly by 2024. Counties may use a referendum process to allow voters to determine if they want to forbid or allow retail stores within their County. There is a six-month window for the Board to decide if they want to allow the voters to vote on whether to allow or forbid marijuana retail stores. If the Board decides to hold the referendum, it is a one-time shot. The question will be asked of whether to prohibit retail stores. If a majority votes no, no other referendum will be allowed, and retail stores will be allowed. If the majority votes yes to prohibit retail stores, in four years, another referendum can be held. If a retail store opens in Middlesex County, the County will have the right to levy a tax up to 3% on the retail sales of marijuana. The Cannabis Control Authority will be collecting that tax and remitting it back to the County quarterly.

Ms. Ricardi said that a progress meeting was held on July 26, 2021 to discuss the Cooks Corner renovation. She said that there was a glitch, and the chiller breaker did not fit in the breaker panel board, which required an emergency change order to ensure that everything fit into place. It also required an upcoming complete day of power shutoff. Contractors decided on a flooring layout for the gym and that change order should be coming to the Board, probably at the next meeting. Several people, including staff, have noticed that the gym walls may need to be painted in the future.

Ms. Ricardi discussed redistricting with the Board, saying that based on the 2020 census, redistricting will need to be done to amend the sizes of each of the districts based on population changes that may have occurred since 2010. The census data has not been released to the County staff yet but is expected to be received very soon. Staff will need to analyze the data, and there is a very short timeline in which to get the redistricting done.

Mr. Walker said that, based on the numbers, it appears that the County may be losing some population. However, those numbers may be within the tolerances allowed and

redistricting may not be necessary. If the County is required to redistrict, the Board may want to give some consideration as to how it wants to do so.

Mr. Walker said that the reassessment of the County's real estate tax base is still proceeding, with the bulk of the work being done by October. He recently got an email from the State Department of Taxation advising of training efforts for Boards of Equalization (BOE). The state is recommending, and possibly requiring, that BOEs be trained. Mr. Walker said he would ask Ms. Traner to reach out to the previous BOE members to ask if they wish to serve on the BOE again. The County will arrange for BOE members to receive the state-required training, if needed.

Mr. Walker said he is still waiting to hear from HRSD on their policy changes and whether HRSD would entertain operation ownership of maintenance of a collection system that is fed by E1 grinder pumps. The policy is currently going through the committee phase at HRSD. He is hopeful that when this is forwarded to a Commission meeting in the next few months, this policy will be adopted and HRSD will start accepting these types of grinder systems. He said that grinder sewer systems are substantially less costly to deploy than traditional gravity systems and vacuum systems, especially in areas with a high-water table.

Supervisor Williams asked how much it would cost to hook up. Mr. Walker said the County has not established a connection fee yet, but the Board should probably discuss it once the final bids come back for Topping since that will be the first County-based system. HRSD waives the connection fee for residential customers on an existing drain field. The connection fee for commercial customers depends on estimated flows and other factors.

Supervisor Kimbrough said that there are two layers of fees, HRSD's fee and the County fee. If the County pays to install the system, there is a hookup fee for the County. Supervisor Williams said he had heard that the hookup fee was \$26,000. Supervisor Kimbrough said he does not know where Supervisor Williams would have heard that. The Sewer Committee had been working towards a structure where hookup to the sewer would be roughly the same as hooking up to the water system, commensurate with water connection fees. He said that had not been voted on yet, however. Mr. Walker said that the Board had not established a connection fee for the County sewer system yet, if the County ends up owning it. It is possible that HRSD will own it, operate it and maintain it. If the Board wants to establish a connection fee, he recommends that the Board pursue connection fee policies similar to what the Water Authority did, offering an incentivized rate for connections early on.

COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATE

Ms. Lewis reminded the Board that Mr. Johnson resigned from the BZA, leaving an opening in the Hartfield District. She encouraged the citizenry of Hartfield to come forward and apply. She asked the Board members to reach out to qualified candidates that they know of that may be interested.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Unfinished Business:

Supervisor Mansfield asked that the Board adopt a resolution that he had asked the County Attorney to draw up saying that the Board would like for the County Attorney to petition the Circuit Court asking to have an advisory referendum on the ballot in November 2021, asking the voters if the Civil War Monument on the Historic Courthouse grounds should remain, be removed, or be rededicated to the brave men and women of Middlesex County who voluntarily gave their lives in service to the United States of America. The voters of Middlesex County would give direction to the Board of Supervisors through the referendum. Supervisor Mansfield made a motion to adopt the resolution that would result in a referendum instead of the Board simply making a dictatorial decision. Supervisor Kimbrough said he would second the motion for discussion purposes.

Supervisor Kimbrough said he thinks it is a good idea to ask the citizens for input on this issue through a referendum. He does not know if Supervisor Mansfield's resolution would fully allow those citizens who feel strongly about its removal to be heard. He thought that perhaps two options would be better than three.

Supervisor Mansfield said that he originally had three different resolutions but decided on the one he presented. He said he would be happy to consider any suggestions or changes to it.

Supervisor Koontz said that there are definitely two factions out there. If it were to go to referendum, he believes three options would be too many. On July 1, the state created a long process that allows for significant public comment. There are also other outlets by which the Board could receive communication from the citizens. This issue has not brought the most comments he has heard while on this Board and does not come close to being the most contentious issue either. He said it is hard to know what all 1,600 registered voters believe. He said there are children who are not allowed to vote that must be considered. The earlier resolution that was passed at this meeting addressed slavery and organ harvesting which was not erasing history but addressing reality. He said that Americans have a sizable role in how slavery happened from the 1600s to the 1860s, how segregation then took place, how Jim Crow took place, and how segregation did not stop overnight, and how it has not completely stopped today. The country moved on from segregation to the lost cause, and the lost cause is what erected the monument out front on public grounds. His objection to the monument is not simply personal. He represents some constituents and does not know if it is the majority, but he also represents the children that are being educated in this county. The monument should not be left to stand where any member of the public has to pass by it to get into a place where the Board passes ordinances for everybody. The Pledge of Allegiance spoken in the Historic Courthouse is a pledge to the flag that actually won the war. He said there is no room in his mind for a monument dedicated to intimidation. He believes the process should move forward as is with a public hearing on September 7, 2021.

Supervisor Williams said that just because the majority decides on something, it does not make it right. He said he does not know how the monument got here but he is pretty sure it was not by the citizens voting, because if so, it never would have happened because the County is better than that. He said he had read numerous newspaper articles about the history of the monument. He said the monument stood for a lost cause and as a celebration of the grand effort. He said he was not a politician, but a statesman that ran for the people. He said Ms. Soucek spoke to the Board today and told the truth, that she had Confederate soldiers in her family, and yet, she did not want the statue out there. He said he was here today to make a decision. If the vote at last month's meeting had gone the other way, this conversation would not be happening. People would not be listening to each other and hearing what the other was saying. He said an article in the paper recently said people may be upset by its removal, but someone has to decide. He said the members of the Board were elected Supervisors that needed to make a decision. He thinks that some members are now saying they do not want to make a decision because some citizens in their district are going to be upset. They are being pressured and their vision is getting clouded. Supervisor Williams said he can make a decision and it is very clear what the right one is. He believes the Supervisors should make the decision and that is why they are elected.

Chairman Jessie said that all the Supervisors were going to look at things differently and the community will, too, but they all need to try to work together. He said the monument does not mean the same thing to him that it did to people 111 years ago because times have changed. He said we are not living in the 1900s, it is 2021. He said that the monument had not stopped him from being where he is right now. He said that 80% of the people in the County did not even know the monument was there. He said that the monument was not stopping him from doing anything he wants to do as a representative in the County. He said the Supervisors represent the people of the County and he does not think the five Board members should decide. He believes it should be put on the referendum and let the voters make that decision. He said that even though he is black, the monument does not offend him. He said he had talked to many, many of his constituents and citizens from all over County, both black and white, and the majority of the people said that the monument was part of history and moving it was not going to change history. He said if someone is offended by it, then do not look at it. He said everyone needs to worry about what is going on now, what is going on today, and learn from mistakes. If the monument is left there, a story can be told. If it is moved, a story cannot be told. The County needs to educate and learn from history. He told Supervisor Mansfield that he thought the resolution should be written to either keep the monument or remove it with no other choices.

Supervisor Mansfield said he was just trying to give the people more options on what could be done with the monument if it was left there, modifying it in such a way that it would not be offensive to anyone. He said that, if only given the question of leave it or remove it, he would vote to remove it. He knows that that vote would probably not represent the majority of the people that voted for him, and it would probably not be what they want him to do, but he would have to vote to remove it anyway because he feels so strongly about the hatred it represents and civil rights.

Supervisor Kimbrough said that a referendum would not make their decision for them. It would allow them to gather more input. He said that there are people that are afraid to come and stand at the podium and express their opinion for numerous reasons. The purpose of the referendum is for the Board of Supervisors to get more input for them to make a decision. He said their job requires them to sometimes lead and to sometimes follow. If they just use the referendum as a basis for making their decision, they would be following the voices of those citizens that elected them. But there are times that they need to lead. The future economic development of the County sometimes causes him to take positions that he knows will not be popular with everybody, but he feels he must take them and lead. He feels that, with this monument, the Board may have the opportunity to lead. He said that the country has come so far since the era of illegal discrimination through the civil rights movement and Dr. King. He wants to see the County celebrate that, which would make Middlesex County a leader, and show the children and grandchildren in the future that they can make a difference and a better world. He said for that reason, he is fine with holding a referendum to hear everyone's input, but that is the way he feels, and that ultimately, that is how he is going to vote on this monument.

Supervisor Williams said that he was glad that the vote last month on the monument had caused all of this conversation, because, otherwise, this conversation would never have taken place. He believes the Board should be able to solve the problem one way or the other with no middle ground. The Supervisors sometimes have to make hard decisions and people may not like them, but it has to be done.

Ms. Lewis said that if the Board wished to do a referendum, it had to be presented to the Circuit Court for approval and then presented to the Department of Elections and the Registrar by August 13, 2021.

Supervisor Kimbrough asked Supervisor Mansfield if he would consider modifying his resolution to be either that it is left or removed. Supervisor Mansfield said he would agree to modify the resolution. He amended his motion to include a resolution with only two questions, that he read aloud, with the first question asking if the monument should be removed, and the second question asking if the monument should stay. Supervisor Kimbrough seconded the motion.

Ms. Lewis stated that she fears there could be some confusion with multiple questions on the referendum. She said there would not be an "or" on the ballot. It would read, paraphrased, "Do we remove it? Yes or No". Next question would be, paraphrased, "Do we leave it? Yes or No". She asked Supervisor Mansfield to consider that information and to consider narrowing it to one question for clarity on the ballot.

Supervisor Williams said he wanted to table the motion. Ms. Lewis said the motion had been made and seconded. At this point, he would have to ask Supervisor Mansfield to table the motion instead of amending it again or rescinding it.

Supervisor Mansfield amended the motion to approve the resolution for referendum with only one question on it. Ms. Lewis asked Supervisor Mansfield which question he wanted on it, to leave it or remove it. Whichever question he selected would be on the

ballot. Supervisor Kimbrough suggested that the question should be whether to remove it since it already exists there.

Supervisor Mansfield amended his motion to approve the resolution for referendum with only one question, paraphrased, "Should the Board remove the monument?". The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kimbrough.

Supervisor Koontz asked if the motion was only for the monument, or if it also included the Confederate flag-laden plaques in the Historic Courthouse. Ms. Lewis responded that the exact question that would be on the ballot was "Should the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors remove the Civil War monument on the Historic Courthouse grounds, located at 865 General Puller Highway, Saluda, VA 23149?" She said that that was the exact language in Supervisor Mansfield's proposed resolution.

The amended motion to approve the resolution for referendum with only one question on it being "Should the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors remove the Civil War monument on the Historic Courthouse grounds, located at 865 General Puller Highway, Saluda, VA 23149?" had been made by Supervisor Mansfield, seconded by Supervisor Kimbrough, and carried 3-2 by the following roll call: Supervisor Koontz – Nay; Supervisor Mansfield – Aye; Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Nay; and Chairman Jessie – Aye.

RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors held on August 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.: On a motion duly made by Supervisor Mansfield, and seconded by Supervisor Kimbrough, the following Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Wayne H. Jessie, Sr.	Aye
Peter W. Mansfield	Aye
John B. Koontz, Jr.	Nay
Lud H. Kimbrough, III	Aye
Reginald A. Williams, Sr.	Nay

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO PETITION THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO ORDER AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM PURSUANT TO VA. CODE § 15.2-1812 REGARDING THE CIVIL WAR MONUMENT ON THE GROUNDS OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE.

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2020, the Virginia General Assembly empowered the Board of Supervisors to decide whether the war memorials, to include Civil War statues, should remain on the courthouse grounds; and

WHEREAS, before making any decision regarding whether to remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover the statue, the Board of Supervisors would like to receive the advice of citizens of Middlesex County through a referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the County Attorney petition the Middlesex Circuit Court on behalf of the County for an order calling an advisory referendum for November 2, 2021, on the following question:

- (1) "Should the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors remove the Civil War Monument on the Historic Courthouse grounds located at 865 General Puller Highway, Saluda Virginia 23149?"

Or such other question as the Court may deem appropriate.

A copy teste:



Matt Walker,
Clerk to the Board

A motion to cancel the public hearing scheduled for September 7, 2021 was made by Supervisor Mansfield, seconded by Supervisor Kimbrough, and carried 3-2 by the following roll call: Supervisor Mansfield – Aye; Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Nay; Supervisor Koontz – Nay; and Chairman Jessie – Aye.

Supervisor Koontz said that a sand fence was being installed tomorrow at Mill Creek. The intent of the fence is to build up a sand dune. Grass plantings are planned for November. He said that the County Administrator had asked him to seek consensus from the Board in pursuing VDOT to allow the County to take ownership of the ramp away from the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) since they have ceased managing it.

Chairman Jessie asked what the ramifications would be for taking it over, and what costs would be associated with that. Supervisor Koontz said the cost is unknown and would be unknown until an RFP is written for an engineered solution. An RFP cannot be written unless the County has ownership of the maintenance of the property. The alternative is to leave it with DWR who has made it absolutely clear that they are not going to do anything with it. The sand will fill the boat ramp in again and there will be no long-term solution.

Supervisor Kimbrough said he does not see a downside to taking ownership of the ramp. The County was already doing the maintenance to try to keep it open. If it turned out that the County was unable to maintain it for a reasonable cost, then the County could sell the property. He applauded Supervisor Koontz for all the work he had done on Mill Creek.

Supervisor Koontz clarified that the County would not own the property. He said VDOT would retain ownership of the right-of-way. VDOT never intended to maintain it as a boat ramp; DWR had leased it for that purpose. But in recent years, DWR made it clear that they were no longer willing to fund it in a way that would leave the boat ramp usable. The County would not take ownership of the property, only the ownership of the maintenance of the boat ramp and improvements to the facility to prevent the sand from filling in year after year.

Ms. Lewis asked Supervisor Koontz to clarify that if VDOT continued to own it and the County maintained it, before maintenance measures were done, the County would have to get approval from VDOT. Supervisor Koontz said that would be the case, but approval would not be hard to achieve. He said it was his understanding that VDOT had not stood in the way of anything that DWR did in its maintenance role, and he said he had gotten it cleared twice now and had never involved VDOT. Ms. Lewis said she had questions about operation and getting insurance coverage on a property not owned by the County. She asked whether perhaps the County should just try to own it. Supervisor Koontz said it would cost more money to buy a property that the County really does not need when the only intent is to keep the ramp open and find a more permanent solution that favors the County's

recreational boaters and watermen. Ms. Lewis said she was not implying that the County should buy it; she said that perhaps VDOT would give it to the County since they seem to do nothing with it. Supervisor Koontz said that could be explored if the County takes over maintenance from DWR. If he could get a consensus from the Board to take over maintenance, he could work on getting an RFP out for an engineered solution. The RFP would reveal the actual costs involved. He said the Mill Creek ramp had been added to potential grant funding resources.

Supervisor Kimbrough said that now that he understands that the County would not own the property, but instead, just be obligated to maintain the ramp, he said he would like to try to structure it so that, if the County decides there is no longer a benefit to maintaining it, the County would have the right to stop maintaining it.

Mr. Walker recommended that the Department come to the Board meeting next month to discuss the matter. The Board agreed, by consensus, to wait until next month to hear what the Department has to say before making a decision.

New Business:

Supervisor Kimbrough said Congressman Wittman had told him that the United States Coast Guard (USCG) was proposing to seasonalize Coast Guard Station Milford Haven on Gwynn's Island in Mathews County. Seasonalized means it would either be reduced to six months or perhaps be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. In any event, it would not be active during the winter season, during rockfish season. Watermen are fishing for oysters and other species during the off-season also. Vessels are stopping in the area for service while traveling and cargo ships are constantly going up and down the Chesapeake Bay. He said that the USCG came to a forum yesterday with Congressman Wittman in Mathews. The Coast Guard representatives explained the rationale as to why this was going to take place and explained that it would not affect rescue capability. Many Coast Guard veterans spoke at the meeting, pointing out, many times, the extra danger of not having proximity to the location. The Milford Haven Station covers the York, Rappahannock, and Piankatank Rivers. It goes all the way north to the Potomac River. There are 1,000s and 1,000s of miles of shoreline that are covered by this Coast Guard Station. Having the Cape Charles or Portsmouth stations respond to issues is going to delay the possibility that somebody can get rescued. The County Administrator wrote a letter expressing the Board's concern about this shutdown, asking the Coast Guard to keep the station open. He proposed that the Board of Supervisors prepare a resolution urging the US Coast Guard to keep the Coast Guard Station Milford Haven open year-round. The public input period has been extended by seven weeks so there is an opportunity for citizens to voice their concerns. He said that as important as both the recreational and the commercial boating industry is to Middlesex County, he believes everyone should do everything they can to keep the Milford Haven Station open year-round.

A motion to send a resolution, proposed by Supervisor Kimbrough, to the United States Coast Guard urging them to keep the Milford Haven Station open year-round was made by Supervisor Kimbrough, seconded by Supervisor Mansfield, and carried by the

following roll call: Supervisor Kimbrough – Aye; Supervisor Williams – Aye; Supervisor Koontz – Aye; Supervisor Mansfield – Aye; and Chairman Jessie – Aye.

RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors held on August 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.: On a motion duly made by Supervisor Kimbrough, and seconded by Supervisor Mansfield, the following Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Wayne H. Jessie, Sr.	Aye
Peter W. Mansfield	Aye
John B. Koontz, Jr.	Aye
Lud H. Kimbrough, III	Aye
Reginald A. Williams, Sr.	Aye

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO KEEP THE MILFORD HAVEN STATION, GWYNN'S ISLAND, VIRGINIA, OPEN YEAR-ROUND TO PROVIDE RESCUE OPERATIONS TO MIDDLESEX COUNTY FISHERMEN AND BOATERS IN THE RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, PIANKATANK RIVER, THE WATERS IN SURROUNDING COUNTIES, AND THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.

WHEREAS, Middlesex County commercial watermen and fishermen work and fish in the rivers surrounding Middlesex County and the Chesapeake Bay and vessels stop in the area for service while traveling up and down the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard ("Milford Haven Station") covers thousands of miles of shoreline along the Rappahannock River and the Piankatank River, as well as the waters of surrounding counties, and the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, if the Milford Haven Station becomes "seasonalized" and only remains open for the summer months or six months of the year, Middlesex County commercial watermen and recreational fishermen and boaters would be put at risk during the "off-season" without the means of a timely rescue during some of the coldest months of the year, when hypothermia can occur quickly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors urges the United States Coast Guard to keep the Milford Haven Station open year-round so as to provide support and emergency services to our commercial and recreational fishermen and boaters who use these waters year-round.

A Copy Teste:



Matthew L. Walker, Clerk

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Board Members did not have anything new to report on since the last regular meeting on July 6, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Jessie opened the public comment period at 6:29 p.m.

John Hooper addressed the Board regarding the introduction of Critical Race Theory (CRT) in Virginia and in the County schools. He said he has done much research on CRT and CRT supports pro-racism. He said he is vehemently opposed to any education or

advancement of pro-racism. CRT is based on a Marxist theory. He said that he had learned that the Virginia Department of Education had mandated that the CRT topic be introduced into the curriculum of elementary, middle and high schools this September. He said that he and his teammates had attended several School Board meetings over the last few months. He said that the parents and grandparents in this County have a right to know what the School Board intends to do with implementing CRT. He said that 24 states, so far, had banned the instruction of CRT. He said his team had tried to seek answers from the School Board to no avail. He said that his group had an appointment with Dr. Seitz and Dr. Bishop tomorrow to get some answers. He said that pro-racism is against federal law, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and also Title 20 of the US Code, commonly known as the Title Nine protections against discrimination. He said he had read the brand-new policy statements that Dr. Seitz had signed for the academic year 2021-2022 which states that she will ensure that there is no discrimination and no harassment of any student, faculty, or employee of the Middlesex County School System, based on age, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation. He said that CRT completely violates the school policy Dr. Seitz just signed. He asked that the Board members do some research on CRT and ask Dr. Seitz to come before the Board of Supervisors to articulate her intentions with regard to the introduction of CRT.

Greg Chambers said that Dr. Seitz had spoken to the Kiwanis Club to speak about how she was going to be running the school system. She was directly asked a question about whether any CRT component would be in the curriculum. Dr. Seitz assured the Kiwanis Club members that there would not be.

Hal Muller commended Supervisor Mansfield for his wish to have a referendum regarding the monument removal. He said he had no idea how that vote would go, but it would be the people's choice. But then he also heard from several Board members that they did not need to listen to the people's choice or what they wanted. The Board members said that if the people's choice was not the way that they believed, they would just ignore the people's choice and vote the way they believe because they had been elected to represent them. He said that if the Board members do not listen to the will of the people and vote however they want, then they are not representing the people who elected them. He does not understand how someone can say a referendum is not a binding concurrence between the Board of Supervisors and the people they represent. He would like to meet with those particular Board members and find out how they would put themselves almost as dictators above the will of the people, which he finds repulsive. He said that he thought "the people" were their bosses and the Board was supposed to work for them, but apparently, it works in reverse.

Chairman Jessie closed the public comment period at 6:36 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. was made by Supervisor Mansfield, seconded by Supervisor Koontz,

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

Wayne H. Jessie, Sr., Chairman
Board of Supervisors