

MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK

Regular Meeting
November 16, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened. A Regular Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 16, 2011, in the Board Room, York Hall, by Chairman George S. Hrichak.

Attendance. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Walter C. Zarembo, Sheila S. Noll, Donald E. Wiggins, George S. Hrichak, and Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.

Also in attendance were James O. McReynolds, County Administrator; J. Mark Carter, Assistant County Administrator; and James E. Barnett, County Attorney.

Invocation. Rabbi Scott Gurdin, Temple Sinai, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Chairman Hrichak led the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO YORK COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Chairman Hrichak introduced Mr. Denis Morhiser, newest member to the York County Stormwater Advisory Committee, and presented him with a Boards and Commissions Handbook and a York County pin.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Chairman Hrichak congratulated Katherine E. Mounts, Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, for her 20 years of service with the County, and presented her with her service pin and certificate.

COMMENDATION OF FORMER BOARD OF BUILDING CODE APPEALS MEMBER

Chairman Hrichak presented a bound and sealed copy of Resolution R11-110 to Wayne D. Harbin for his service on the York County Board of Building Code Appeals.

ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Mr. John Montoro, partner for the firm of Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland, presented the report on the findings of the County's Fiscal Year 2011 audit, and communicated the required audit comments. He stated the County received an unqualified opinion on all aspects of the audit, an unqualified opinion on the assessment of internal controls and compliance, an unqualified opinion on compliance with specifications for cities, counties, and towns, and an unqualified opinion on major federal programs of grants received. Mr. Montoro noted there was one significant change to the format of the report this year in that a new statement had reclassified the balances in the general fund balance going from three to five classifications. He encouraged the Board to read the notes that describe what the new classifications mean. He also noted that there were some estimates to the numbers, so not everything was firm; but they felt there was good support for the estimates that were made. Mr. Montoro stated there were no significant audit adjustments noted during the audit.

Mr. McReynolds thanked the auditors for their efforts and for working with County staff. He then recognized Ms. Sharon Day and her staff from the Division of Budget and Financial Re-

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porting. He noted the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting along with the Distinguished Budget Award would be presented at a later meeting.

HISTORIC TRIANGLE COLLABORATIVE

Mr. Clyde Haulman, representing the Historic Triangle Collaborative, gave a presentation on the Historic Triangle Vision Study. He stated over the years, a number of individuals and organizations had asked questions about the long-range vision for the Historic Triangle. He noted the problem had been that there had not been an effective or efficient mechanism for doing a long range vision. He stated that with the simultaneous comprehensive plans coming about this next year, the question of a long range vision had become even more important. He explained how the study project began and the criteria that were used to select the project participants. He then spoke about the components of the implied vision of the report. He stated to encourage a broader, more inclusive community conversation regarding a long-range vision for the community, the report had been sent to the Regional Issues Committee, York County Board of Supervisors, James City County Supervisors, and the Williamsburg City Council, along with the Planning Commissions of the three jurisdictions. He stated the Historic Triangle Collaborative, working with the participating organizations, had worked to arrange a joint meeting of the governing Boards of the three jurisdictions. In conclusion Mr. Haulman stated he hoped this report would provide a spring board for broad-based inclusive community conversations out of which a relevant, long-range vision for the Historic Triangle could emerge.

Chairman Hrichak stated he believed the joint meeting was already on the schedule for January 9. He then asked if any specifics had been given on the collaboration between government and business.

Mr. Haulman stated the report came from across the spectrum, and it had been noted there was a lot of collaboration currently taking place; but there was a sense from the participants that more could be done.

Chairman Hrichak noted Hampton Roads was talking about doing the same with businesses and governments.

Mrs. Noll stated apparently the Regional Issues Committee had not been not a part of this collaborative effort.

Mr. Haulman stated this study had been done with the idea that after it was completed it would be given to the Regional Issues Committee as a way to start a conversation and be a catalyst to its discussions on the long-range vision. He stated he had briefed the Regional Issues Committee, the Williamsburg City Council, and tonight the York County Board of Supervisors, along with several other presentations. He stated he hopes to do more as this moves into the simultaneous comprehensive planning process.

COLONIAL HISTORIC NATIONAL PARK

Mr. Dan Smith, Park Superintendent, gave an update on the Colonial Historic National Park and the Yorktown Windmill Project. He then briefed the Board and citizens on the next project they would be doing in conjunction with the Watermen's Museum to construct a reproduction of a tobacco press and hogs head at the Archer Cottage. He also spoke of a major African-American study of Yorktown that will be released in the spring.

CITIZENS COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. James Trimble, 313 Hodges Cove Road, addressed the Board asking for a detailed description of the impact any proposed changes or restrictions being considered this evening would have on the citizens' property. He also asked what the fiscal impact would be to the citizens of the County. He then asked who would be the beneficiary to the lifestyle changes in York County.