

VIRGINIA: AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016, AT THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, 116 W. HICKS STREET.

PRESENT: HON. BERNARD L. JONES, SR., CHAIR; HON. WELTON TYLER, VICE-CHAIR; HON. BARBARA JARRETT-HARRIS, HON. FREDERICK A. HARRISON, SR., HON. JOHN W. ZUBROD. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEMBERS; DR. CHARLETTE T. WOOLRIDGE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

GWENDOLYN McMILLAN, CHAIR; WILLIAM BROWN, LAVERNE JOLLY, JEAN MOODY, MORRIS TAYLOR, RAY THOMAS; JOAN V. MOORE, IDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Re: Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Bernard Jones, Chair, called the meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors (Board) to order.

Mrs. Gwendolyn McMillan, Chair, called the meeting of the Brunswick County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) to order.

Re: Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mr. Zubrod, seconded by Mrs. Harris, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Harris, Harrison, Tyler, Zubrod, Jones; Nays: None

Upon motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Moody, and unanimously carried, the IDA approved the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Brown, Jolly, Moody, Taylor, Thomas; Nays: None

Re: Use of the former St. Paul's College - John E. Thomasson Student Center

The following suggestions were offered for use of the former St. Paul's College - Thomasson Student Center (Center):

- Mr. Zubrod indicated that the purchase of the facility was a bargain and an asset to the county. He suggested that the boards issue a RFP to conduct a study to determine the best use of the facility. He further suggested that the boards examine the cost to operate the facility.

- Mrs. McMillan agreed that the purchase of the facility is an asset for the county. She recommends the following uses: community meetings/events, reunions, weddings, government offices and other similar events.
- Mr. Harrison provided an overview of the spaces within the facility and indicated that inmate labor was used to repair the roof and to replace soffits, gutters and ceiling tiles. The exterior locks are being changed. Mrs. Moore indicated that she is working with Baskervill to develop a RFP to provide an assessment of the HVAC system.
- Mr. Thomas inquired about the possibility of the Brunswick County Byways Visitors Center relocating to the Thomasson Student Center. Mr. Jones stated that due to grant awards for the Byways Visitors Center, it is not possible to relocate the Byways Visitors Center without the financial implications.
- Mrs. Harris suggested that the boards conduct a cost analysis to operate the facility. She further offered that the facility could be used for recreational opportunities for youth and for community events by citizens so that they do not have to travel outside of the county for a meeting location. In addition, she suggested the establishment of a working committee to examine the use of the facility to include two representatives from each board, the County Administrator and IDA Executive Director.
- Mrs. Jolly agreed that the boards should determine the best use for the facility, listen to the citizens regarding its usage and establish a working committee to examine the use of the facility. She further stated that the boards need to focus on attracting a hotel to Brunswick County to provide lodging for those who may travel to the County to attend a meeting/event at the Center.

Both boards agreed to establish a working committee to examine the use of the facility and to identify their representatives to serve on the committee.

Mr. Jones recommended that the boards allow Brown's Funeral Home customers to use the Center's parking lot during funerals. A committee consisting of Mr. Jones and Mr. Thomas was established to meet with the owner of Brown's Funeral Home to establish parameters for use of parking lot.

Re: Naming of the former St. Paul's College John E. Thomasson Student Center

The Board of Supervisors and IDA Board members agreed to delay the naming of the facility until a use is determined.

Re: Adjourn

Upon a motion by Mr. Zubrod, seconded by Mrs. Harris, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

Ayes: Harris, Harrison, Tyler, Zubrod, Jones; Nays: None

Upon motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Moody, and unanimously carried, the IDA adjourned.

Ayes: Brown, Jolly, Moody, Taylor, Thomas; Nays: None

Hon. Bernard L. Jones, Sr. Chairman

Dr. Charlette T. Woolridge, Clerk