BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

BOARD RETREAT, SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010

The Orange County Board of Supervisors, held a Board Retreat on Saturday, January 23, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room, 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia. Present: Lee H. Frame, Chairman; S. Teel Goodwin, Vice-Chairman; Shannon C. Abbs; Zack Burkett; and Grover C. Wilson.

RE: BOARD RETREAT

Supervisors agreed to conduct the next review of the Comprehensive Plan directly and provide a marked up version for public review. At the May 25th board meeting, Supervisors will set up a schedule for going through the Comprehensive Plan.

After completing the Comprehensive Plan review, the Supervisors will go through the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance in detail. The Planning Commission should continue work on the draft Zoning Ordinance update in accordance with current guidance. The Supervisors asked if we could suspend Herd's work on the Zoning Ordinance for now.

Discussion on the long term water supply plan led to the consensus to keep this on the back burner. The Supervisors would not commit to leave the current water supply CIP funds untouched for other needs.

On conservation easements, Supervisors agreed to look at land use rules (size and revenue requirements) and to ask if there were any county application fees associated with easements.

There was discussion on the consolidation of the Planning and Zoning Department with the Building Inspection Department with no consensus.

Supervisors were interested in development of efforts to improve customer service to the citizens.

The issue of hiring a new County Attorney was discussed with the timing of announcing and hiring a permanent attorney in time for a good turnover with our current attorney. There was some discussion of a part time attorney but no consensus to do this.

Discussion of tipping fees for the towns did not lead to any consensus. However, there was consensus that commercial trash from the towns should be subject to tipping fees. With regard to recycling, there was no consensus on mandatory recycling but agreement that signs should identify the costs of waste disposal and encourage recycling.

On the issue of charging recreational vehicles at the $2.09/$100.00 tax rate instead of the $3.27/$100.00 tax rate, there was consensus.

Discussion on the management of Booster's Park was deferred until the County Administrator could participate on Sunday.

Reorganization of the Planning Commission discussion would be deferred until all Supervisors had reviewed the County Attorney's memorandum on this topic.

Each Supervisor will review the previous County Administrator's contract and provide comments to the Chairman.

The Supervisors agreed to provide recognition to various individuals and groups who serve the citizens of Orange County, and Supervisors would nominate such groups and individuals for recognition.

The Supervisors concurred in having an invocation at each board meeting as long as it did not conflict with court rulings.

The Supervisors agreed to brighten up the Board room with artwork from the schools with the details on selection to be left to the School Board.

The possibility of shifting County offices to alleviate the parking problem at the Sedwick Building was discussed with no consensus for any near term action because of budget constraints.

Additional topics for Sunday's retreat session include economic development, turn lanes into Ellwood and the Wilderness Visitors Shelter, specific personnel, and continued staggered Supervisor terms.

The meeting was recessed at 3:30 p.m. and continued to Sunday, January 24, 2010 beginning at 9:00 a.m.