BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES **JUNE 17, 2008**

At a continued meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, beginning at 5:14 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Gordon Building, 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia. Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; Teri L. Pace, Vice-Chairman; Zack Burkett; S. Teel Goodwin*; Lee H. Frame, Jr. Also present: Julie G. Jordan, Assistant County Administrator; Deborah S. Kendall, Director of Strategic Planning; David B. Grover, Director of Community Development; and Donna D. Curry, Chief Deputy Clerk. Absent: William C. Rolfe, County Administrator; and Todd G. Patrick, County Attorney. *(Supervisor Goodwin entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m.)*

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

RE: SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR ZONING CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Milt Herd of Herd Planning & Design, Ltd. briefly reviewed the proposed scope of services associated with the Zoning Ordinance revision.

Discussion ensued including: contract terms; process and schedule; substantive elements (zoning maps, amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision Ordinance, and design standards); and the number of individuals to serve on the Steering Committee.

Mrs. Pace noted that she had distributed a listing of key points that she had prepared for the Board's consideration to assist with the revision of the Zoning Ordinance.

The Board took a short break at 6:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

At this time, Sharon Pandak of Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner, PLLC, joined the discussion regarding revisions to the Subdivision Ordinance relative to the revision of the Zoning Ordinance.

RE: REVIEW OF THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

Sharon Pandak of Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner, PLLC, briefly reviewed changes to the Subdivision Ordinance.

RE: RECESS

The Board took a short recess at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:18 p.m.

RE: REVIEW OF SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE CONTINUED

Discussion concluded with Ms. Pandak regarding revisions to the Subdivision Ordinance.

RE: ADOPTION OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION

Deborah S. Kendall, Director of Strategic Planning, stated that, as Supervisor Frame mentioned at the June 10, 2008 meeting, the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) is asking all localities to adopt a resolution in support of the enactment of a significant transportation funding package intended to address the transportation needs of the Commonwealth. She briefly reviewed the model resolution sent out by VACo which had been slightly modified to note the specific financial impact on construction projects in the VDOT Culpeper District. She concluded by saying that VACo has asked that the resolutions be forwarded to the Governor and to local legislators in advance of the June 23, 2008 special General Assembly session on transportation.

The Board requested that “Hampton Roads” and “Northern Virginia” be deleted from the resolution.

Mr. Frame moved, seconded by Mrs. Pace and carried, to approve the following resolution as revised:

A Resolution in Support of
a Significant Transportation Funding Package
to Address the Documented Transportation Needs of the Commonwealth

WHEREAS an efficient transportation network is crucial to sustainable economic growth, a cleaner environment and enhanced public safety and quality of life in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS the Commonwealth faces a documented transportation funding shortfall including a recurring and inflating road maintenance funding shortfall resulting in the Commonwealth Transportation Board eliminating and reducing programmed project spending totaling $1.1 billion in the new six-year transportation program; and

WHEREAS in Fiscal Year 2008 the Virginia Department of Transportation is transferring almost $400 million from road construction funds to support road maintenance activities; and

WHEREAS the eliminated and stalled project monies include primary, urban, and secondary construction funding reductions to regions and localities of up to 44 percent for Fiscal Year 2009; and

WHEREAS funding for new highway and bridge construction is diminished as the annual road maintenance shortfall continues to escalate and the estimate to repair the Commonwealth’s 1,700 deficient bridges totals more than $3 billion; and

WHEREAS regions of economic importance to the Commonwealth confront major transportation funding challenges in addition to those shared by all other areas of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS the Virginia Department of Transportation maintenance shortfall will result in the loss of $174.4 million for construction projects in the VDOT Culpeper District during the next six years; and

WHEREAS transferring state general funds to transportation neither adequately supports documented and recurring transportation infrastructure investment needs, nor serves to protect the Commonwealth’s additional core services including public education, health care, mental health and retardation, and public safety; and

WHEREAS Virginia has the nation’s seventh lowest motor vehicle sales tax rate and the Commonwealth last enacted dedicated, new, significant and recurring annual statewide revenues for transportation in 1986, including the last increase in Virginia’s modestly low gas tax rate of 17.5 cents per gallon; and

WHEREAS since 2006 the Commonwealth has enacted significant reforms to improve the coordination between transportation and local land-use planning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Orange hereby calls on the Governor of Virginia and the Virginia General Assembly during the forthcoming transportation special session to enact a significant transportation funding package to include dedicated, new, significant and recurring annual revenues to address the Commonwealth’s documented transportation infrastructure needs.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor of Virginia and the Virginia General Assembly are urged to enact dedicated, new, significant and recurring annual revenues to eliminate the road maintenance shortfall; increase funding directed to interstate and primary highways, urban and secondary roads, and transit projects; guard against the transfer of general funds to transportation; and address the unique transportation needs of specific regions of the Commonwealth.

Ayes: Johnson, Goodwin, Pace, Frame. Nays: Burkett.

RE: AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL BOARD ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairman Johnson stated that Supervisor Frame has volunteered to take his place on the School Construction Committee. He explained that the purpose of the committee is to review change orders for the entire school project. If the committee approves the change orders, then they move on to the School Board and Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Mr. Frame stated that the School Board is looking to hire a project manager to oversee the school project. He noted that any funding changes would come back to the Board of Supervisors. He concluded by saying that he will keep the Board abreast of the status of the project.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Frame moved, seconded by Mr. Goodwin and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m.