

At a Worksession of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Gordon Building, 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia. Present: James K. White, Chairman; James P. Crozier, Vice Chairman; R. Mark Johnson; and Lee H. Frame. Absent: S. Teel Goodwin. Also present: R. Bryan David, County Administrator; Thomas E. Lachenev, County Attorney; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE AND ADOPTION

Roger Wilson, Assistant Chief of Operations, explained that the first Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA in 2005 and was subsequently approved by all of RRRC's member localities. He added that, following the initial adoption, the Plan was updated and adopted again in 2012. Mr. Wilson indicated that, at this time, RRRC had updated the Plan on its five-year cycle and was presenting the revisions for consideration and adoption.

Patrick Mauney, Executive Director of RRRC, reviewed the Hazard Mitigation Plan's Executive Summary with the Board, highlighting the definition of hazard mitigation, the purpose of a regional plan, development of the plan, the types of hazards recognized in the plan, the analysis of each hazard, various mitigation strategies, and next steps. He noted the involvement that staff from Orange County had in providing data and updating the Plan.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the differences in the mitigation strategies across the various member localities; the ability to update the Plan at the local level or outside of the five-year cycle; the use of "Natural Disaster" mitigation versus "Hazard" mitigation; updates to the FEMA flood plain mapping; use and application of the Plan following adoption; and items included in previous versions of the Plan that had since then been completed and removed.

On the motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Crozier, which carried by a vote of 4-0, with Mr. Goodwin being absent, the Board adopted the following resolution, as presented:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2018 RAPPAHANNOCK-RAPIDAN REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the County of Orange, like any jurisdiction, is vulnerable to an array of natural and human-caused hazards that can result in loss of life and damages to public and private property; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Orange County Board of Supervisors to protect its citizens and property from the effects of natural hazards to the furthest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the County of Orange, with assistance from the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission and other jurisdictions within the region, has gathered information and prepared the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) have reviewed said plan, inclusive of the County of Orange information prepared with input from appropriate local and state officials, and has approved the plan, pending the completion of local adoption procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 12th day of February, 2019, that the Orange County Board of Supervisors hereby 1) adopts the 2018 Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and 2) agrees to take such other official action, as may be reasonably necessary, to carry out the proposed actions included in the County of Orange section of the Plan.

Ayes: Johnson, White, Crozier, Frame. Nays: None. Absent: Goodwin.

RE: CLERK'S OFFICE RENOVATION UPDATE

Rose Deal, Project Manager, updated the Board on the progress of the Historic Clerk's Office renovation and reuse project, which would house the Departments of Economic Development and Tourism. She explained that the Board had previously authorized the process of pursuing a USDA Rural Development Loan and the first step in the process was to coordinate a Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR) and a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) estimate, both of which had been completed by Wiley|Wilson. Ms. Deal provided a copy of the reports to the Board.

Ms. Deal further reviewed a breakdown of the financing options for the project, which included the USDA loan and two (2) commercial bank loans. Assuming a project total of \$785,000, she presented estimated figures for each of the financing options.

Lastly, Ms. Deal stated the next step of the USDA loan process included the completion of an Environmental Assessment, which was estimated to cost \$9,200. She noted funding was available for the Assessment in the capital budget. Ms. Deal requested consideration of the Environmental Assessment, adding that a decision related to financing was not necessary at this time.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: requirements of the Environmental Assessment; the benefit of using the USDA loan with a higher interest rate and more intense application process; concerns with the length of the USDA loan; why the historic components, such as the fireplaces, were removed from the project plan instead of being maintained; concerns with the high project cost; programming the project through the CIP; and paying off the USDA loan early without penalty.

By consensus, the Board requested staff confer with Vice Chairman Crozier regarding an updated floor plan and design for the historic Clerk's Office reuse project for Economic Development and Tourism, understanding the design would be presented again at a future meeting.

RE: ADJOURN

The Board concluded its Worksession and continued to its Regular Meeting at 4:44 p.m.

James K. White, Chairman

R. Bryan David, County Administrator