

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY,
VIRGINIA HELD IN THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING AT
150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: VICE CHAIRMAN J.M. HIGGINS
R.S. FORD, A.W. LEWIS, JR., R.R CAMPBELL
LATE: CHAIRMAN D.W.HINTY, JR.(ARRIVED AT 5:45 P.M. AND LEFT
AT 7:26 P.M.)
CLERK TO THE BOARD: S. H. SUTER
COUNTY ATTORNEY: V.L. HUFFMAN

Call to Order

Vice Chairman John Higgins called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
He advised that Chairman Hinty had an emergency to take care of involving
his work, due to power outages.

Supervisor Campbell delivered the invocation and led in the Pledge of
Allegiance.

Recognitions and Presentations

Recognition of Service of Emergency Management Director Robert
Foreman

Supervisor Lewis read aloud the following Proclamation to Emergency
Management Director Robert Foresman:

PROCLAMATION

**ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RESIGNATION AFTER MORE THAN TEN YEARS AS EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT / HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COORDINATOR, THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS HEREBY PROCLAIMS THAT:**

WHEREAS, Robert Foresman was hired as Rockbridge County's first Emergency Management and
Hazardous Materials Coordinator in May, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, Robert updated and modernized the County's Emergency Operations Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Robert served on and led many emergency preparedness committees during his employment, including the Rockbridge Area Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) and Rockbridge Regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), both of which he chaired; and,

WHEREAS, Robert coordinated and managed many weather-related emergencies which impacted the entire region, including high winds, severe flooding, mudslides, tornado, severe winter storms, tropical depressions and hurricanes; and,

WHEREAS, these emergencies included a severe winter storm in December, 2009 and the infamous Derecho of 2012, both of which received Federal Disaster designation; and,

WHEREAS, Robert also worked closely with Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement to manage many site-specific emergencies including: a severe public water outage in the Town of Goshen in 2007; a 2009 aviation crash in the northeast section of the County; the 2012 Rich Hole Fire which consumed over 15,000 acres of woodland; and, large scale vehicle accidents such as a 2013 incident on Interstate 81 involving 41 vehicles and 17 patients; and,

WHEREAS, Robert additionally provided many forms of assistance to County Volunteer Fire and EMS agencies, such as coordinating the County's first EMS and hazardous materials cost recovery program, coordination with the American Red Cross and other service agencies, and procurement of critical supplies such as foam to assist departments in fighting fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED: That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Rockbridge, Virginia, does hereby express appreciation to Robert Foresman, for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of the Rockbridge region, and offers sincere best wishes for the future.

Adopted this 13th day of February, 2017.

David W. Hinty
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Spencer H. Suter
County Administrator/Clerk to the Board

Supervisor Lewis moved to adopt the Proclamation. Supervisor Campbell provided the second, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Campbell, Ford, Higgins
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Hinty

The Board members present took a photo with Mr. Foresman accepting the Proclamation.

Citizens Comments

Stephen Coffey of the Natural Bridge Magisterial District spoke on behalf of the South Rockbridge congregation of Jehovah Witnesses. He thanked the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the congregation about the proposed Fancy Hill Collection Center. He thanked the County Administrator, Director of Solid Waste, and Recycling Coordinator for their patience in sharing, explaining, and answering questions for himself and William Mack, also of the Natural Bridge Magisterial District, about this matter. Mr. Coffey stated that he and the congregation wanted to go on record stating their concerns about the impact the collection center will have on the use and operation of their place of worship. He shared that they had not been more outspoken about this because they did not know until the past Friday that a public hearing would not be required for the site. He stated that they are sure the property value of their place of worship will decline upon the building and operation of the collection center. Mr. Coffey shared that anyone could call it what they want, but it is what it is, a dump site that will definitely have a negative impact on their property. He shared a concern about safety, because of the traffic increase during their worship hours. He stated that additional traffic will become a hazard and that members would have to wait to enter and exit Kingdom Hall. He shared further concerns over airborne odor and contamination, which he predicted would surround the county property and impact his group's use and operating

activities. The building has four (4) windows facing the proposed site, and that noise is likely even without large trucks entering and exiting, he said. Should there be trees planted to block some of the view, it would take many years for the trees to fully block the collection site. He feared that wind could blow debris from the site and that vermin could be attracted. He noted that the Kingdom Hall is used almost every day by members and that it would be disrespectful and an insult to consider locating a dump site next to a place of worship. He asked the Board what were the chances they would consider locating a dump site next to their place of worship. Mr. Coffey, on behalf of the congregation of Kingdom Hall, opposed a collection site next to Kingdom Hall in the Fancy Hill area.

William Mack of the Natural Bridge district expressed his agreement with Mr. Coffey's statement, along with the other members who signed the citizen's comments sign-up sheet.

Paul Estabrook of the Natural Bridge Magisterial District, co-owner of Virginia Gold Orchard, noted that the proposed site will be across from his pear farm. He too shared his surprise that there would be no public hearing for the public's input; however, he reminded the Board that he had shared his concerns on multiple occasions throughout the process. He stated that his neighbors and the Stonebridge Farm also oppose this site. Mr. Estabrook noted that this proposed site is in the tourism corridor and asked the Board to reconsider. He summarized that he has concerns over environmental issues, reduction of property values, and the danger to his crops from airborne contaminants.

Chairman Hinty arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Joseph Vita of the Walkers Creek Magisterial District identified himself as a Jehovah's Witness. He agreed with Mr. Coffey's statement. As a real estate broker/appraiser, he shared his objection of the Fancy Hill project and made himself available should the Board have any questions about the property value of Kingdom Hall.

Sara Coffey of the Natural Bridge Magisterial District stated that she could already hear noise from V-DOT trucks and feels that it will impact their property and their ability to enjoy their home [which sits across I-81]. She shared that there is already litter around Kingdom Hall from the highway, and she expressed the feeling that the impact of the collection center will not be desirable at all. She stated that she is not in favor of the proposed site.

Darin Clark of the Walkers Creek Magisterial District agreed with all comments. He is also a member of this congregation.

Ronald Rudy, of South River District and a member of Kingdom Hall, agreed with Mr. Coffey's statement. He shared that having the collection site there would not only lesson the value of Kingdom Hall, but the whole concept of pure worship.

Josh Clark of the Walkers Creek Magisterial District and a Jehovah's Witness, agreed with Mr. Coffey's statement.

Steve Painter, of Lexington and a member of Kingdom Hall, agreed with Mr. Coffey's statement.

Robert Satterfield, of Natural Bridge District and a member of Kingdom Hall, agreed with Mr. Coffey's statement.

Brian Painter, of Buffalo District and a member of Kingdom Hall, stated his full agreement with Mr. Coffey's statement.

Esther Thompson, of Natural Bridge District and a member of Kingdom Hall, shared that she felt safe going to their meetings because it is a nice quiet location.

Barbara Nowlin shared that her husband helped building Kingdom Hall 40 years ago. She stated that it is located in a beautiful setting overlooking the orchard, and that putting a dump there would destroy the area. She then agreed with the prior statements.

Donna Stalnaker, member of Kingdom Hall, agreed with Mr. Coffey's statement and Mr. Vita's statement regarding the value of nearby properties.

Shawn Toia identified himself as a former member of the South Rockbridge Kingdom Hall and stated that the trash would impact the beauty of the location.

Elizabeth Ramsey, member of Kingdom Hall, agreed with Mr. Coffey's statement.

James Clark, member of Kingdom Hall, agreed with the prior statements.

Vice Chairman Higgins asked that it be on record that a number of members from Kingdom Hall did not speak but agreed with Mr. Coffey's statement.

Marilyn Shaner Buerkens of the Buffalo Magisterial District opposed the Fancy Hill proposed location for a collection center. She stated that it is incongruous with her thinking that the county would take farm land out of use to collect trash, especially to collect recycling, even though she recycles herself. She stated that, at one of the prior meetings, she was told that there would be public meetings to talk about this site;

however, there have been not published meetings on this process. She then shared her concern about traffic and the possibility of someone getting hit from behind when trying to turn into the proposed facility off a 55 mph highway. Ms. Buerkens then asked the Board to do something about truckers parking along the southbound I-81 exit ramp 175, and littering.

Vice Chairman Higgins asked Chairman Hinty if he wished to take his seat as Chairman. Supervisor Hinty responded that he would need to leave the meeting early, and so he asked Supervisor Higgins to continue chairing the meeting.

Items to be added to the Agenda

Supervisor Campbell stated that he might want to discuss a matter related to Schools.

Approval of the January 19, 2017 Joint School Board Minutes and the January 23, 2017 Minutes

Supervisor Ford moved to approve the January 19, 2017 and January 23, 2017 Minutes. Supervisor Lewis provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Ford, Lewis, Campbell, Hinty, Higgins
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

County Financial Package/Approval of Appropriation Resolution

Finance Director Steven Bolster reviewed his Monthly Memorandum:

Section I - Commissioner of the Revenue

Activities for Month:

1. Business License renewals and business personal property (due March 1st).
2. Processing Tax Relief for Elderly and Disabled applications (due NLT April 1st).
3. State income tax business increasing (due NLT May 1st).
4. Produced Personal Property supplement for 2016; presenting to Treasurer for billing.
5. Producing Real Estate tax supplement for 2016.
6. Producing Public Service supplement for 2016.
7. Reconciling monthly DMV additions and deletions to gain accurate data.
8. Working with Board of Equalization regarding the reassessment.

Section II - Treasurer

Activities for Month:

1. Debt Set-off very active.
2. Compensation Board budget complete for FY 2018.
3. Compare files for non-payment of dog tags (past due after January 31st).
4. Collecting Business, Professional and Occupational License Tax (due NLT March 1st).
5. Sent out Personal Property Supplement bills - multiple years (due NLT March 3rd).
6. Sent out Public Service Supplement bills - multiple years (due NLT March 10th).
7. Sent out Real Estate Supplement bills 2016 (due NLT March 10th).
8. Sending vehicle decal notices February 29th (due NLT April 15th).

Section III - Director of Fiscal Services

Information Items:

1. FY 2018 scheduled budget-related meetings
 - February 8th: external agencies presented FY 2018 funding requests
 - February 14th: Finance Committee

- February 16th: Finance Committee
- February 22nd: draft FY 2018 budget presentation
- March 13th: FY 2018 draft budget update (work session)
- March 16th: Joint Meeting
- March 27th: FY 2018 (work session)

Mr. Bolster then reviewed the Revenues Verses Expenditures Chart and presented the County's Appropriation Resolution.

Supervisor Ford moved to pay the bills. Supervisor Lewis provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Ford, Lewis, Campbell, Hinty, Higgins
 NAYES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY,
 VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING,
 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA,
 ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

On motion by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, the Board, by record vote, adopted the following appropriation resolution and payment of bills for the month as follows:

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, that the following appropriations are, and the same hereby is made, for the period ending **June 30, 2017**, from the UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS of the **GENERAL FUND** and expended as follows:

4-11-81080-7003 Computer Equipment.....	\$1,996.00
4-11-99010-6501 Transfer to School Funds (Ops).....	\$11,000.00
Total General Fund Appropriations	\$12,996.00
Current County	
11 - General Fund	\$461,795.23
94 - Central Stores	\$6,715.32
372 - Construction Project Fund	\$77,482.70
372 - Capital Purchases Fund	<u>\$10,322.53</u>
Total County Bills	\$556,315.78

Current Fiscal Agent	
80 - Regional Jail	\$103,328.09
92 - Drug Fund	<u>\$9,025.55</u>
Total Fiscal Agent	\$112,353.64

TOTAL ALL BILLS **\$668,669.42**

Convene Solid Waste Authority (SWA)

Solid Waste Authority Financial Package/Approval of Appropriation

Resolution

Vice Chairman Higgins convened the Solid Waste Authority at 6:06 p.m.

Mr. Bolster presented the SWA Appropriation Resolution.

Supervisor Campbell moved to pay the bills. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Campbell, Ford, Lewis, Hinty, Higgins
 NAYES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, HELD
 AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING,
 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, VIRIGNIA,
 ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 AT 5:30 P. M.

On motion of Supervisor Campbell, with second by Supervisor Ford, the Authority, by record vote, adopted the payment of bills for the month as follows:

Current SWA	
19 - SWA-Landfill	\$217,619.06
20 - SWA-Recycling	<u>\$6,974.96</u>
TOTAL SWA BILLS	\$224,594.02

Vice Chairman Higgins closed the Solid Waste Authority and reconvened the Board of Supervisors meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Update from the Economic Development Committee

County Administrator Spencer Suter briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "At its organizational meeting on Jan. 9, the Board approved creation of a Board Economic Development liaison position from among the members of the Board of Supervisors. The stated intent was to have one Board member act as a Board liaison to staff, thus forming an ad hoc economic development committee. The Board member would work with staff to develop idea and initiatives centering on economic development - to bring back to the full Board. Supervisor Lewis was recommended to fill this position and he accepted. Over the past 30 days, Supervisor Lewis, Community Development Director Sam Crickenberger and I have met on several occasions to discuss economic development challenges and opportunities. Our meetings resulted in a summary report and list of recommendations for the full Board to consider. The time and effort required to enact each recommendation varies, but each is intended to further the cause of economic development in the County."

He then briefly reviewed the Board Committee Report:

Topics of Discussion:

- 1) Overall Communications - It was determined that staff is sometimes at a disadvantage with regard to conversations board members may be having with existing or potential new businesses, regarding new

investments in the county. From time to time, staff is caught off guard by not being included in the discussion.

Recommendation: Please ensure that senior staff be brought into the discussion early on.

2) Business incentive policies - It was discussed and determined that our new business incentive policies should be revisited. The thought is that they are a bit restrictive as written, and if loosened up, could allow us to assist more businesses. However, upon comparison with the policies and processes of other localities in our region, it was determined that our policies are sufficient as stated.

Recommendation: Leave policies as they are and utilize flexibility that the documents offer.

3) Market targets / strategies - It was discussed and agreed that the County needs to develop specific markets which we should be proactively targeting. Upon completion, we should develop and implement a targeted marketing strategy. Some targets discussed include:

- Agritourism/Farm Breweries/Wineries/Cideries/Agribusiness/Food Industry
- High Tech small business
- IT/Data Center

- Advanced Manufacturing
 - o Drone/UAV
- Warehousing
- Biomedical
- HVAC Manufacturing
- Medical Services

Recommendation: Discuss and refine the list of target industries.

Develop, fund and implement a targeted marketing strategy.

- 4) Marketing - Once target markets are solidified, we need to actively, aggressively, consistently and relentlessly seek businesses to grow or import.

Recommendation:

- a. Revisit branding - Currently using branding suggestions resulting from Rockbridge 20/20. Discuss continuance of regional branding or addition of Rockbridge County specific branding.
- b. Website - Create dedicated site - Polished and upgraded. Model after successful sites. Ensure frequent update.
- c. Increase marketing budget
 - i. Potentially travel for trade shows
 - ii. Stock marketing materials (Rockbridge logo/theme merchandise for prospects)

5) Lack of Product - It was discussed that we have a significant lack of product in our area, much less in our span of control (we don't own anything). Differing merits of "shovel ready", "pad ready", and building ready were discussed. We noted that there is now a significant amount of funding available (set aside/restricted) by the EDA and BOS. In addition to specific incentive packages for new or expanding businesses, such funds could be used for:

- Buying product
- Improving infrastructure (water/sewer/gas)
- Necessity for public/private partnership in infrastructure investment

Recommendation: Develop and implement a plan of action for potential use in long term investment.

6) Workforce Development - We identified multiple challenges and opportunities in the area of workforce development:

a. Challenges

i. Skill gaps in workforce

1. Soft skills

2. Current needs - Electricians, welders, fabricators

3. Future needs - Will depend on development of target markets

ii. Size of workforce/pool

b. Opportunities

- i. Workforce development board - Draft strategic plan complete and under review.
- ii. Short term - Assist businesses in finding/recruiting target skills. Work with DSLCC to provide targeted training.
- iii. Mid/Long term - Partnership with DDLCC, VMI, W&L, SVU for target market skill development

Recommendation: Develop and implement a plan to proactively address challenges and take advantage of opportunities, as noted above.

7) Potential GO VA Projects - We discussed the timeline for the GO VA regional council formation and our understanding of project qualification guidelines:

- Regional letter of intent due Feb. 17 (C. Chenery submission)
- July 1 - Planning funds made available
- Approx. Jan. 2018 - plans/projects could be considered by regional commission
 - o Partnership for each project must include:
 - At least 2 governmental entities
 - At least 1 higher education partner
 - At least 1 private partner
 - o Projects must be submitted by a private entity.

We discussed the necessity of being "ready" with projects to submit for consideration under the new GOVA program.

Recommendation: Further refine the list of potential projects. Work with potential partners to solidify the best possible projects to present for GO VA consideration.”

Community Development Director Sam Crickenberger noted that, with regard to the local workforce and skills gap, Dabney Lancaster and Buena Vista have scheduled a March 8th meeting with local manufacturers to see how they can better address gaps via cooperative efforts between the community college and local high schools. He also noted that he had sent the Board a draft copy of the Strategic Plan, which has to be approved by the State, and asked the Board to consider providing comments to the plan.

Supervisor Lewis shared that the members of the Economic Development Committee have done their part and asked the Board to share their ideas and make recommendations as they value the Boards opinion.

Supervisor Ford recommended scheduling a work session on this item to further discuss.

Vice Chairman Higgins stated that this Board is very pro-business, and by consensus of the Board, this item was added to the next work session.

Natural Bridge Speedway Reports

Mr. Crickenberger presented the Natural Bridge Speedway reports. The Supervisors had no questions.

Vice Chairman Higgins then reorganized the items left on the Agenda.

Resolution for the State and Federal Governments to Prioritize Resolution of Radio Tower Leases Issues

Mr. Suter advised that he along with Supervisors Campbell and Ford, had recently met with state officials and a representative of Senator Kaine in Richmond. Since then, the state has received new legal language from the Forestry Service in the form of a revised licensing agreement, one that been used successfully in crafting tower agreements in other states. Thus, there was no resolution presented at this time.

Solid Waste Collections Discussion/Update by Solid Waste Committee

Vice Chairman Higgins stated that the Solid Waste Committee had presented the Board with the information to come and that this would be the first time he had seen the information.

Director of Solid Waste Jeremy Garrett, speaking on behalf of the Solid Waste Committee, briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "On January 26th 2015, the Board received a presentation from SCS Engineers of the completed Solid Waste Strategic Plan that addresses the following:

- Collections
- Transportation
- Disposal
- Recycling

On February 23, 2015, the board held a work session to receive more detailed information and to discuss any concerns over moving forward with plan implementation. The Strategic Plan received unanimous general support from the Board, and staff has worked to implement many of the recommendations regarding Transportation (hauling), Disposal (landfill),

Recycling and CIP budgeting for Collections (previously approved). Additionally, on September 26, 2016, the Board authorized staff to enter into a design contract with SCS Engineers to proceed with the development of the new Staffed Collection Centers. There have been several concerns issued regarding implementation and operations of the Collections system that must be agreed upon before staff can proceed. The Solid Waste Committee has worked to develop solutions that should address the outstanding concerns, and it is my hope that after viewing my presentation the Board may be able to discuss and give a clear directive to proceed." He then reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that specified details of changes following the Strategic Plan Implementation. (The PowerPoint presentation is filed in the office of the Clerk to the Board.)

Supervisor Campbell stated that he feels that the County is behind in some areas of implementing the collection process, and he feels it is time to act on this. He stated that this was all supposed to fall in line with the lined landfill, which is almost complete.

Supervisor Ford recommended all collection sites be closed on Sunday mornings until morning worship services are over, as for example Kingdom Hall has a 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Supervisor Campbell stated that it has been discussed that sites be opened at 1:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Mr. Garrett advised that Kingdom Hall also meets on Tuesday evenings, which fits into the plan for sites to be closed on Tuesdays, since that is the lowest usage day of the week.

Supervisor Ford advised the Kingdom Hall members that there is a collection center next to a Presbyterian Church in his district on

Greenhouse Road. He confirmed that there have never been any negative impacts to the church's activities or worship services. Supervisor Ford stated that he was unaware if the collection center went in before or after the church.

Mr. Garrett confirmed that the church was built after the collection center.

Supervisor Ford stated that he had been in contact with the Pastor of the church and had never received negative comments.

Mr. Garrett shared that there are no odors at their collection sites as the waste does not stay on-site long enough to putrefy. He also shared that there is no water build up in the waste containers.

Vice Chairman Higgins stated that he needed more time to study this as he was not a member of the Solid Waste Committee and therefore did not have enough time to consider the information.

Supervisor Campbell stated that certain parts of this plan need to be acted on at this meeting because we are already behind schedule.

Vice Chairman Higgins reiterated that he needed more time to look at this, as this was the first time he had seen it.

Chairman Hinty asked what it would hurt if the Board took two weeks to look at this before acting on it.

Mr. Garrett stated that one of the reasons the strategic plan is so important is that once the new cell is operating, the county cannot control what is going into the new landfill from the unmanned dumpster sites. He noted that he would provide the Board with any additional information needed, should they wish to delay action for two weeks.

Chairman Hinty stated that the Buffalo Creek dumpsters must be removed due to illegal dumping.

Supervisor Campbell reiterated that the two week delay would cause trouble in that the advertisements in the local paper for the closures would need to be in by March 1.

Supervisor Lewis asked about the requests pertaining to the operational budget, changing of hours, revised holiday schedule, brush collection and bulky items.

Mr. Garrett replied that those requests will benefit services except for brush. He stated that the plan was to eliminate brush services unless they were provided at all sites.

Supervisor Lewis asked if it would help if the operational changes he mentioned could be acted on tonight.

Mr. Garrett stated that the operational changes had no effect on the time element.

Supervisor Lewis asked if there were a scientific explanation to Mr. Estabrook's concern about residue harming his plants.

Mr. Garrett shared that this is one of the reasons staff has suggested not collecting brush. In addition, he shared, he would like more input from Mr. Estabrook and/or his wife. He stated that there would be a very small chance that the compactor would produce any harmful residue, as it compacts in small quantities in an enclosed container.

Supervisor Lewis asked if by eliminating brush collection staff felt it would eliminate any possibility of the spreading of plant pollination.

Mr. Garrett replied in the affirmative.

Recycling Coordinator Tracy Shafer advised Supervisor Lewis that, at the proposed Fancy Hill site, staff is looking at adding only closed-top containers to prevent any exposure, and that the only opened container would be for glass.

Vice Chairman Higgins asked Ms. Shafer if she was aware of any contaminants that could harm Mr. Estabrook's crops.

Ms. Shafer replied that she knew of none at this time. She confirmed that there have not been problems at any other sites. She further stated that, during the summer, collection attendants use a disinfectant antibacterial soap to clean all the pads on the bottom of the compactors.

Vice Chairman Higgins asked Mr. Estabrook if he was aware of anything that could be in a dumpster that could contaminate his orchard.

Mr. Estabrook replied that there are many such things.

Vice Chairman Higgins asked for facts about such things.

Mr. Estabrook explained that Virginia Gold Orchard is a research site working with the USDA and others to develop ways to avoid diseases and insects that might infest their crops. He stated that their orchard is regulated by the FDA and if the county were to squeeze garbage, something would come out and become airborne. He claimed that all it would take is one puff of the airborne chemical to cause his crops to be contaminated. He stated that his website is nationally known and he would have to share on his site that his business was shut down because of the County's waste facility.

Chairman Hinty advised that V-DOT, which uses the adjoining property to the proposed Fancy Hill site, has many hazardous chemicals signs

hanging around their facility. He asked Mr. Estabrook if any of those hazardous chemicals have affected their crops.

Mr. Estabrook replied that V-DOT is extremely careful with their containments.

Vice Chairman Higgins asked Mr. Estabrook for any documentation from the USDA or Virginia Tech that could prove that this collection site would contaminate his crops.

Mr. Estabrook stated that, years ago, he did a research paper jointly with the USDA on fire blight carried by fruit, brush, and leaves. He stated that people with contaminated fruits and brush do don't dispose of them properly and will bring them to the dumpsters to be disposed of.

Supervisor Lewis asked Mr. Garrett about containing the squeezed refuse at the site.

Mr. Garrett replied that there is no liquid or other residue from squeezing refuse at any sites. He added that the pear orchard is at greater risk from contaminants that might blow out of packer trucks passing by on Rt. 11.

Motion 1

Supervisor Campbell moved to authorize staff to proceed with the Operational Budget, to be submitted to the Budget Committee for review, and to adopt the proposed Unstaffed Closure Schedule as listed in the documentation so that public notifications could be run on February 15th. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote by the Board:

AYES: Campbell, Ford, Lewis
NAYES: Hinty, Higgins
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Director of Solid Waste Jeremy Garrett asked for action by the Board regarding hours of operation and brush containers.

Motion 2

Supervisor Campbell moved to authorize staff to proceed with operational changes, revise the hours of operation by adding Sunday hours from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., revise the holiday schedule, authorize staff to proceed as directed with brush collection, and to authorize staff to provide bulky item containers at each collection center. Supervisor Ford asked Supervisor Campbell to specify his motion regarding brush containers. Supervisor Campbell stated his motion included removal of brush containers. Supervisor Ford made the second to the motion, and it carried by the following roll call vote by the Board:

AYES: Campbell, Ford, Lewis, Hinty, Higgins
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Added Items

Relative to his earlier statement, Supervisor Campbell indicated that he had decided not to bring any additional items forward at this time.

Chairman Hinty left the dais at 7:26 p.m.

Staff Reports

Supervisor Lewis moved to accept the Staff Reports as presented. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Ford, Campbell, Higgins
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Hinty

Board Comments

Vice Chairman Higgins stated that Chairman Hinty had suggested adding Committee Reports to the meeting Agenda for the 2nd meeting each month, as the Supervisors are on many different committees.

Supervisor Lewis recommended the Board look into using a Consent Agenda.

Adjourn

Supervisor Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Ford, Campbell, Higgins
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Hinty